



March 3, 2024 ~ Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- *Have you **checked in** for worship today?*

*please stand as you are able

Welcome & Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

The Ten Commandments

Rev. Allen

Way of the Week #19: Accept and Don't Cast Stones

19. ACCEPT AND DON'T CAST STONES. God's love opens the doors of our church to all people. Just as Jesus did, welcome people as they are. It's not up to us to judge. Love unconditionally, and as Christ has received you, receive others.

Ideas for Action: Approach someone you normally avoid at church for whatever reason. Make a point to speak to them this week.

Music in Preparation for Worship

Joel Krott, Organ

O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Fall

J.S. Bach BWV 622

Introit

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Fall

J.S. Bach

Adult Choir

*Call to Worship

Elder Paul Grossmann

The LORD thundered out of heaven:

the Most High uttered his voice.

He loosed his arrows and scattered them:

he hurled thunderbolts and routed them.

The beds of the seas were uncovered, and the foundations of the world laid bare:

at your battle cry, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.

He reached down from on high and grasped me:

he drew me out of great waters.

He delivered me from my strong enemies and from those who hated me:

for they were too mighty for me. Unite us in justice, LORD, that all might praise your name together.

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Grossmann

*Hymn No. 719

If My People's Hearts Are Humbled

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Grossmann

Merciful God, we humble ourselves in your presence, confessing our unworthiness and our sinfulness in your sight. We have broken your holy law. We have not sought first your kingdom and righteousness. We have been anxious and troubled about many things, and have neglected the things that belong to our peace. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves, or done to others as we would that they should do to us. Most Gracious God, our heavenly Father, who hast given your Son, Jesus Christ, to save your people from their sins; forgive us, we pray; cleanse us from all unrighteousness, and renew a right spirit within us; through the grace of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, Amen.

Time of silent and personal prayer as the Kyrie is sung.

Kyrie

Joel Krott, Organ

Kyrie

Adult Choir; Tyler Kim, Director

Merbecke

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Grossmann

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Anthem

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

O Vos Omnes

Adult Choir

*O vos omnes, qui transitis per viam,
attendite, et videte si est dolor
similis sicut dolor meus?*

All of you who pass by and see me,
behold if there is any sorrow
like my sorrow?

Lamentations 1:12

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer ('debts')

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Offertory

Rev. Spencer



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Offertory Music

Ah, Holy Jesus

Crueger; Arr. Cassler

Dr. Jeremy Reid, Tenor I; Tyler Kim, Tenor II; Dr. Amit Joshi, Baritone; Frank Mitchell, Bass

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Wes Allen

"Making Room at the Table"

Scripture: Luke 14: 7-14 (Pew Bible page 77 NT)

Sermon Series: *Meeting Jesus at the Table*

*Hymn No. 560

May the Mind of Christ My Savior (verses 1-4)

Music in Preparation for Service

Meditation

Arr. Johe

Bell Choir; Jim Cole, Lissa Herman, Melissa McNab, Sawyer McNab, Marion Norcross, Peg Pierce, Vicki Terry; Kathy Gunsallus, Director

Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Dave Fauvell)

Rev. Allen

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9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Paul Grossmann; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Dave Rebuck, Brett Couvillion, James Clinton; **Flower Arrangers:** JoAnn Reynik and Debbie Heller; **Trustee Greeter:** Wendy Dougherty; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Barbara Lewis; **Deacon Greeter:** Deacon Tamara Trzeciak; **Nursery Caregiver:** Chelsea Margerum; **Coffee Hospitality:** Property Staff/ Volunteers*

Worship flowers are given by Nancy Sinunu Kyle and Mike Sinunu to the glory of God and in loving memory of their mother Jean.

**Volunteers are needed to support our coffee hospitality on Sunday mornings and set up and clean up the coffee service area. Please contact Jan Martin if you can periodically assist with this ministry.*

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GROW THE KINGDOM: PICK UP AN EASTER POSTCARD

Invite a friend to worship. New Holy Week/Easter postcards will be available throughout the church on **Sunday, March 10** so you can pick one up and invite someone to Holy Week or Easter events March 28-March 31. There are address lines if you would like to mail it as well. The worship guides for **Sunday, March 17** will have the postcards inserted for your convenience (both services).

[Work of God's People \(See *Connections*, eblast, website and Church Center app for details\)](#)

Copies of the [Lent and Easter Activity Guide](#) are available and highlight the many worship, education, activities, offerings and more offered for Lent, Holy Week and Easter at FPC Moorestown. Download a copy or pick one up at church and in the church office.

YES, we can still take donations of candy and small toys for the [Children's Easter Celebration](#) (Saturday, March 23, 10:30 am). Donate candies that are fun size, nut-free and individually wrapped, small toys, stickers or tattoos that will fit in a standard size plastic egg. **Drop off candy and toys at the church office in the bin marked "Candy Donations" by Wednesday, March 6th.**



NEW: Centering Prayer series; Wednesdays in Lent **Feb. 21-March 20** (6:30-7:00 pm); Join Pastor Stuart for an introduction to this contemplative prayer known as centering prayer. Stuart shares the biblical foundation for this prayer of surrender with direction on how to begin. Classes are 30 minutes and follow Wednesday's Family Dinner. Meets in the **Pastor's Study (note new location)** or via Zoom; See the [Lent and Easter Activity Guide](#) and Church Center event page for Zoom link.

[Per Capita due February 29](#) -- Your Stewardship Committee reminds you that contributions/responses for annual Per Capita were due Feb. 29, and asks members to either (1) contribute their Per Capita payment of \$38.75/member (above one's pledge), or (2) [use the online form](#) to request the church "opt out" of paying their share. The church must pay this assessment for all non-responding members (we paid \$20,973 last year). [See your mail for more information.](#)



THANK YOU for your generous kickoff to our Capital Fund with Capital Sunday – we've received nearly \$45,000 for capital projects. We're well on our way. The Trustees have developed a list of projects that require attention in the upcoming years for \$170,000, of which \$82,000 are High Priority. Because of budgetary restraints no capital funds were budgeted for 2024. Instead, leadership offers the congregation the chance to give to specific projects during a Capital Campaign. Contributions can be made conveniently online or by utilizing Capital Fund envelopes. See our [Church Center event page](#), website and your U.S. mail for ways to give and information.

[PW Winter Gathering rescheduled for Monday, March 11 \(10:00 am\)](#) -- We will enjoy breakfast treats and a guest speaker. Bring white socks for Christian Caring Center. [Sign up online](#) – see you then! All women of the church are invited and welcome.

[Maundy Thursday Drama & Communion](#) – looking for actors and participants to read prepared monologues for "At The Table," a Maundy Thursday drama. Contact Wes Allen or director Alex Wilkie. Come give it a try, we have a spot for you! Service is **Thursday, March 28** at 7:00 pm in Miller Commons

[Adult Spiritual Formation: 1 Corinthians study](#) (10:15-11:15 am, Fellowship Hall) led by Lissa Herman, Lorenzo Eagles and Paul Gordon. Indicate interest online and stop by on Sunday mornings. Runs through May 19.



[Please support FPC Moorestown's February Food Drive](#) collecting food for the Ministerium Food Pantry. Items may be left in the Commons Lobby Feb. 1-29. See event page for a suggested list of items. No expired food please. Accept the challenge to bring 3 items each time you come to church for worship, rehearsals, meetings or activities.

Children & Families: Pick up fish banks for **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering and **Lent-in-a-Box** kits at Sunday School. See *Connections* for more information. One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assists in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.