



November 3, 2024 ~ The Lord's Supper; Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- *please stand as you are able

*Have you checked in for worship today on the Church Center app? Please remember to also **sign** the Friendship pads in the pews and greet those seated near you.*

Welcome & Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

Joel Krott, Organ

Our Father, Thou in Heaven Who Art

Christian Herbig

Introit

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Thy Will, O Lord, Our God, Be Done

J.S. Bach

Adult Choir

***Call to Worship**

Elder Kristen Perkowski

You, and you alone, are Lord. Please protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you.

I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all others."

All my delight can be found in you and among your people, Lord.

When we chase after other gods, we find only confusion, misery, and emptiness.

You, and you alone, are Lord. So come, my friends, and let us worship God!

***Prayer of Adoration**

Elder Perkowski

***Hymn No. 799**

God Himself is With Us

***Seating interlude

continued

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Perkowski

Gracious God, source of all life, Lord of mercy and grace, hear our prayer. We come before you in need of healing: The healing of our bodies and souls, the healing of our relationships, the healing of our pride and fear and apathy. We know that with you, nothing is impossible, not even our healing, not even the restoration of the whole world. We pray that you will heal us, that you will heal our world and our nation, so that we will be freed to serve, love, dream, and be, as Christ calls us. Amen.

(Silence for our personal prayers of confession and surrender.)

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Perkowski

Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God!

God's mercy is deeper than the depths of the sea, and God's grace is wider than the whole of the earth. Confident in that mercy and that grace we'll trust that we're forgiven. Thank you, Lord!

*Gloria Patri

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

Rev. Wes Allen

Way of the Week #4: Always Encourage and Celebrate

Speaker: Lissa Herman

4. ALWAYS ENCOURAGE AND CELEBRATE. Show gratitude and appreciation by regularly acknowledging the good works you see everywhere. Look for signs of spiritual growth and maturity among our members and staff. When you see it, point it out and rejoice. Pass on good reports that you hear about others.

Offertory

Rev. Allen



Thank you for your faithfulness and for blessing FPC Moorestown with your giving, especially in this important stewardship season. Your offerings and donations allow us to sustain our church programs year-round. Donate easily from your device via the Church Center app for your tithes, offerings and other fund contributions. If you're watching via live stream, you can give online right now as well! To mail offerings, send to P.O. Box 868, Moorestown, NJ 08057.

Offertory Music

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Greater Love Hath No Man

John Ireland

Adult Choir; Jennifer Wait, Soprano; Frank Mitchell, Bass

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for a friend. Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.

Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; that ye should show forth the praises of Him hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"The Greater One Among You"

Scripture: Isaiah 12: 1-6 (Pew Bible page 641 OT)

Sermon Series: Bridge Over Troubled Waters

*Hymn No. 522 (verse 1)

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

The Lord's Supper and Home Communion

Rev. Spencer, Elders

The Invitation to the Table

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God. In love, you made us to know and to serve you. However, we turned from you and bent our knees to the gods of our making and of our understanding. We long for you to overcome the pride, stubbornness, and weakness of our lives by the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Therefore, with angels, archangels, and the whole company of heaven, we worship and adore your glorious name, praising you and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

*The Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn No. 522 (verse 2)

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Music in Preparation for Service

Joel Krott, Organ

Our Father, Thou Who in Heaven Art

Telemann

*Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

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Worship flowers are given by Susan Masiko in loving memory of her dad Frank Worthing.

9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Kristen Perkowski; **Communion Elders:** Melody Ransom, Jean Kunkel, Steve Shaffer, Kristen Perkowski; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Patrick McIlroy, Joe Scheideler, Owen Dietz; **Flower Arrangers:** Debbie Heller and JoAnn Reynik; **Trustee Greeter:** Joe Molloy; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Sue Hill; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Helen Dominy and Steve Emerson; **Bagel Pickup:** Lissa Herman or Susan Shaffer; **Coffee Hospitality:** Lissa Herman and Susan Shaffer; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum.

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

NEW: High School Retreat Nov. 15-17 at Lake Champion Young Life Camp, Glen Spey, NY; gr. 9-12. Don't miss this amazing Spirit-filled weekend! Sign up on our event page. **Money is nonrefundable after Friday, Nov. 8.**

Poinsettia Orders – Order forms will be in *Connections* Nov. 3, 10, 17 for this year's poinsettia sales. Poinsettias will be displayed in both worship spaces on Manger Sunday December 15 and available to take home that day. [Download order forms](#) online as well. Plants are \$16 each.

Donate new and nearly new treasures for the Nov. 16 PW Holiday Bazaar (10am-3pm). Drop off donations in the Commons Lobby: gently used jewelry, accessories (scarves, belts, purses, umbrellas, gloves); sporting goods, gift items, holiday and seasonal décor. Contact Edith McFalls with questions or to sign up to help. Sign up sheets are also available in the Commons Lobby.

Wed. November 13: Prayer and Discipleship in India; guest speaker missionary Rev. Cliff Jones following Family Dinner. Come hear how the Holy Spirit is working in India to make disciples. Room 3-4 at 7:00 pm.

NEW: North Carolina Hurricane Mission Teams -- We are forming two mission teams to North Carolina to assist with clean up and repairs after the recent hurricanes. A youth trip is being planned for June/July and a Men's trip is being scheduled for late spring. If you are interested in attending either trip, please email Steve Engle at sengle1017@aol.com.

Consecration Sunday –If you haven't yet submitted your 2025 Estimate of Giving, please complete your 2025 card [online](#), mail to the office or drop in the offering plate. These estimates allow church leaders to accurately budget for fiscal year 2025.

Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes are available in the Commons Lobby. Take a box and choose a child. Fill box with gifts and return it by **November 14th**. Please remember to include a check for \$10 in the box to cover the shipping charges. You may also go online and pay for the shipping too. **PLUS:** We will again be a community drop off location in November. [See online sign up sheets](#) to sign up for a shift or two of fun.

Reservations are being taken for **2025 Sunday flower donations**. Two vases are available each Sunday for \$40 each. What better way to commemorate loved ones or special dates in your life. To reserve your date(s), contact Rumi Sinunu at 856-266-4047 or rts319@gmail.com. You may purchase one (\$40) or two (\$80) vases. Please make checks payable to the church. Payment is requested at the time of ordering.

Women's Morning of Prayer – Join with your prayer sisters on **Saturday, Nov. 23** from 8:00 am – Noon; sign up on the event page for a meaningful morning. Led by Arlita Winston.

Advent Candle Lighters -- During the Sundays in Advent, members of our church family will serve as candle lighters for the Advent wreath. The Worship Team is looking for individuals for both 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services for Advent **December 1, 8, 15 and 22**, as well as four Christmas Eve services on **Tuesday, Dec. 24** at 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 8:30 pm and 11:00 pm. Contact Worship Chair Kevin Fauvell at kevindfauvell@gmail.com or (609) 220-0177 to take part in this Advent worship experience.

Longest Night Worship will be Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. This unique service provides peace to those dealing with grief, illness, anxiety, or depression this holiday season who may not feel the joy or celebration seen in others. If you have someone to invite, contact Alison in the church office (856.235.1688, x113) to have them mailed an invitation letter.