



November 24, 2024 ~ Christ the King (Reign of Christ)

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. Wes Allen

Music in Preparation for Worship

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Now Thank We All Our God

Peeters Op. 69 #1

Introit

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Let All The World

Routley

Adult Choir

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing, My God and King
The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly;
His praise is not too low, His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing, My God and King.
The church with Psalms must shout, no door can keep them out;
But above all, the heart must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing, My God and King

George Herbert

*Call to Worship

Elder Leonard Fitts

Lift your eyes to the heavens and see the Creator's handiwork.
The One who calls the stars by name also calls us to worship.
God's strength is unending, and God's wisdom is beyond measure.
We come, weary but hopeful, trusting in God's promise to renew us.
Wait on the Lord and be strengthened in spirit and heart.
We will soar on wings like eagles, run and not grow weary, walk and not faint.
Let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving!

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Fitts

*Hymn No. 53

Let All Things Now Living

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Fitts

Our God does not grow weary of us, nor does God turn away from our struggles and failings. Let us come honestly before God, trusting in divine mercy and love to meet us where we are.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not always trusted You faithfulness. When troubles rise, we forget Your promises. When we are weary, we neglect to seek Your renewing strength. We have stumbled in fear, doubt, and self-reliance. Forgive us, O Lord, for the times we have failed to wait on You. Renew our faith, lift our hearts, and guide our steps, that we might live as people of hope and strength, reflecting Your love in all we do. Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Fitts

Hear the good news: Our God does not faint or grow weary, and God's understanding is unsearchable. Those who wait on the Lord are renewed, forgiven, and made whole.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri

Anthem

O Give Thanks Unto the Lord
Chapel Choir

William Croft

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Allen

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

Rev. Allen

Way of the Week #7: Celebrate our Unity, Savor our Diversity

Speaker: Ann McBride

7. CELEBRATE OUR UNITY, SAVOR OUR DIVERSITY. Thank God that, like parts of the human body, we're not all the same. Be open to learn from others, regardless of their age, background, experience, or tenure with our church. We make better decisions and grow as people when we consider multiple perspectives. Listen with curiosity to others and consider how to use their ideas.

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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

The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune

Vaughan Williams

Choristers, Chapel Choir and Adult Choir

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Wes Allen

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Scripture: Isaiah 40: 25-31 (Pew Bible page 668 OT)

Sermon Series: Bridge Over Troubled Waters

*Hymn No. 374

Now Thank We All Our God

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Praise to the Lord

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*Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Allen

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Worship flowers are given from Rumi Sinunu to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband Jack with thanksgiving for his life.

Special thanks to the Floral Guild's Debbie Heller and Fran Green for creating today's beautiful Thanksgiving Harvest tablescape.

9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Leonard Fitts; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Paul Lewis, Patrick McIlroy, Steve Emerson; **Flower Arrangers:** Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop; **Trustee Greeter:** Mike Welch; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Barbara Lewis; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Andrew Ehala and Karen Hynoski; **Bagel Pickup:** Jane Murphy or Debbie Rebuck; **Coffee Hospitality:** Jane Murphy and Debbie Rebuck; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum.

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

NEXT WEEK: Longest Night Worship will be Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. This unique service provides peace to those who may be dealing with grief, illness, anxiety, or depression this holiday season. If you have someone to invite, contact Alison Mackey in the church office to have them mailed an invitation letter. Begin the evening with Family Dinner 5:45-6:45 pm.

"2024 Advent Activity Guide" and "Advent Devotional" Available -- Beginning **Sunday, Nov. 17**, pick up a copy of these two Advent publications. The *Advent Activity Guide* details all the activities of the Advent and Christmas season leading us to Epiphany. Download from our website, events page and Friday eblast. The *"Advent Devotional"* offers daily reflections of the season, many from our young people. Would you like a copy of either mailed to you? Let Jan Martin in the church office know at (856) 235-1688.

Men's Winter Retreat --- Men: start 2025 with a men's weekend away in a gorgeous mountain lake setting. Dr. Stephen Henziel-Nelson is our guest speaker. Bring your sons, grandsons, sons-in-law (high school age or older). One of the two cabins will be a youth cabin. Led by Stuart Spencer; online registration due by **Dec. 1** \$150/person.

Advent Candle Lighters -- During 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 worship services for **Dec. 1, 8, 15 and 22**, as well as four Christmas Eve services on **Dec. 24** at 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 8:30 pm and 11:00 pm. Contact Worship Chair Kevin Fauvell at (609) 220-0177 or kevindfauvell@gmail.com to take part in this Advent worship experience.

Advent Kit for Families -- Families are encouraged to pick up an *Advent Kit* in the Commons Lobby, as we prepare ourselves for Christmas. Boxes will be available beginning **Sunday, Dec. 1**. Pick a time when the family can sit down together and follow the devotional guide and family activity. Everything you need is included for you. See *Connections* for information.

Alternative Gift Fair will be available **Nov. 24-Dec. 24**. See tables in the Commons Lobby to purchase your gifts. Gifts begin at \$5.00 and a broad range of gifts is available to assist our ministries. Cash or checks. Fulfillment volunteers are needed to staff the Alternative Gift Fair on Sundays in December. Please contact Donna Leatherman at donnaleatherman@comcast.net or (856) 304-8001 if you can help.

"Miracle of Jesus" Family Christmas Event -- **Friday, December 6th (6:00-7:30 pm)** -- Be transported back in time to Bethlehem and celebrate the birth of Jesus. The citizens of Bethlehem can't stop talking about Jesus and his incredible life on earth. Families can stroll through the exciting shops and sites in any order. All ages will be amazed at the authentic, multisensory experiences. Event is free but please [REGISTER online to attend](#). See *Advent Guide*.

Manger Sunday Dec. 15 - Members are invited to bring **unwrapped** gifts on **Dec. 15** for Manger Sunday. In both services, members will place the gifts in the manger. The gifts will be given to Oaks Integrated Care for their clients to use as gifts for their own families. For those NOT attending, gifts may be dropped off before or after services outside on the steps by the Sanctuary Courtyard (off the Lobby, Blessing Box side) **by 12 noon**. For questions, contact Deacons Susan Shaffer and Mike McNeil. [See our event page](#) for a list of suggested gift items.

Have we received your 2025 Estimate of Giving? If not, please submit this week online at <https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/people/forms/817020>, by mail or call the church office.

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 interested, please email Steve Engle at sengle1017@aol.com.