



Sunday, March 9, 2025 ~ First Sunday in Lent
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

Welcome

Rev. Wes Allen

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

You Are Good

Israel & New Breed

Everybody Praise the Lord

Lincoln Brewster

Wow Moments

*Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Rev. Allen

After He was baptized by John, Jesus went by Himself to the wilderness where He was tempted.

Forty days in the desert, Jesus was tempted to become relevant, spectacular, and powerful.

Today we begin to journey with Jesus through the season of Lent, which brings us to face some of our own weaknesses and temptations.

Let us worship God and walk the journey together, seeking the Holy Spirit as our guide and companion along the way. Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Allen

*Song of Praise

Worship Team

Glorious Day

Passion

Call to Confession

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Brothers and sisters, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(Sit forward or kneel as you are able)

Most merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have not done. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us and forgive us that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

Worship Team

Assurance of Forgiveness *(responsive)*

Fellow travelers on the road to Easter, always remember that there is much more forgiveness in God than we could ever exhaust. Receive from God, through the grace of Christ, the blessing of sins forgiven and a right relationship restored. Trust God. You are loved, and you are forgiven by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May it be so.

*Greeting

Way of the Week

Elder Leonard Fitts

22. REST AND REFLECT. Make time in your week to step back from work, school, and stressful demands. Since Christ has freed us, we no longer have to be obsessively driven. Take a walk, play, nap, meet up with friends, share a meal, or just take some time in solitude.

Ideas for Action: Can you make your Sunday more of a Sabbath day of rest for you and your family? Connect with God using worship music. Unplug from the devices for part or all of the day. Seek the joy of the Lord in creation. Eat a meal together. Be silent with God and pray. Prioritize wholeness and rejuvenation in Christ.

Offering Ourselves to God & Work of God's People

Rev. Spencer



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Song of Praise

Worship Team

Rest on Us

Sermon

Rev. Spencer

Death by Comfort

Scripture Text: [Luke 6:20-31](#)

Sermon Series: *Walking the Way of Jesus*

*Jesus Creed (unison)

"Hear, O Israel, the Lord our Lord, the Lord is One. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. And you shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." Amen.

Communion and Home Communion

Rev. Spencer

Invitation to the Table

*As we approach the Lord and His Table, let us express our gratitude to God for what is important to us at this time, whether that be ordinary or special. In this prayer, the Pastor will say two phrases, each ending with "Thank you, God," to which we all respond, **"Thank you, God."** After that, anyone else may give thanks using the same pattern.*

Words of Institution

The Bread and the Cup *(Please prepare a communion serving for yourself and any who are worshipping with you.)*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

GROW THE KINGDOM! As we commit to growing God's Kingdom, every member and friend of FPC Moorestown is invited into a covenant with four commitments: ***I will pray. I will invite. I will serve. I will give.*** Every member and friend is asked to commit to doing all four. For additional information including commitment forms: <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/grow-the-kingdom/>.

Communion Song

Worship Team

This is Amazing Grace

Phil Wickham

Benediction

Rev. Spencer

11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team:	Wes Allen-Guitar; Kalane Williams-Bass; Carl Wilson-Drums; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Matt Russell-Keys; Michelle Davis, Steve Drzaszcz, Vivian Allen, Elizabeth Sikorski, Cynthia Saint Cyr-Vocals
Audio Technician:	Joshua Leonard
Sound Technician:	Taylor Adair
Live Stream Technician:	Jacob Allen
Visuals:	Alice Conley
Communion Elders:	Pam Engle, Kevin Fauvell, Leonard Fitts, Chery Gaskill
Flower Arrangers:	Fran Green and Karen Mason
Usher:	Dave Barr or JoAnn Reynik
Trustee Greeter:	Matt Moxhay
Welcome Desk:	Jenna Cole and Owen Dietz
Hospitality Table:	Kelly Eagles and Carol Wiggans
Nursery Caregiver:	Chelsea Margerum

Today's worship flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Al Wenzke by Joyce and Family.

Nursery care is provided for children ages 0-5 years old in Room 12.

Check-ins: Check-in is self-check in only on your smart phone. A volunteer is available to assist.



Spring Prayer Retreat, April 1-4: Join a group of friends from a number of churches at Holy Cross Monastery for time away from the crushing pace of life. This three-night, four-day Retreat affords the time to step away from the regular demands of life and enjoy a place of rest and welcome. **Registrations due by TODAY.**

Noah Trip - Thursday, **March 20:** We have arranged a bus trip to Sight and Sound Theatre to see their production of "Noah." We will depart from FPC Moorestown that morning, travel to Lancaster, PA; enjoy lunch at Miller's Amish Country Buffet, followed by the 3:00 PM show; and return that evening to the church parking lot. Cost is \$150 per person. 2 tickets remain. Contact the church office.



Church Has Left the Building - March 30, 9:30 AM: Worship in the Commons followed by service projects for all ages. The Deacons will also sponsor a **Chili Cook-off** at 12:00 PM (after completing our service projects).

On **Capital Sunday** (Feb. 23), gifts for 2025 were submitted during worship—*thank you!* Contributions to the Capital Fund can be made throughout the year using the [online church giving portal](#), Capital Fund pew envelopes, Capital Pledge cards, or by contacting the church office.

Pick up a copy of the **2024-25 Program Guide** to see the many opportunities we have to *Serve, Invite, Pray*, and *Give* throughout the year. They can be found in the narthex, Commons, and on the Welcome Desk in the Lobby.

FPC MOORESTOWN WEEKLY PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES (See Prayer page on website for links)

- **Mondays 9-10 AM** – Jim Cole leading - Prayer Chapel. Anyone needing or wanting to pray for others is welcome to join Jim.
- **Tuesdays 9-10 AM** – Jim Cole leading (Zoom)
- **Thursdays 7:00 PM** – Live stream Prayer Service (*praying for our church and discipleship*)
- **Thursdays 7:00 PM** – Prayer on the Porch – Join our Prayer Team for a time of prayer on the Van Camp Porch (2nd & 4th Thursdays June-Sept.)
- **Sundays 10:00 AM** – After Traditional Worship, Beadles available to pray with or for you (David Room). Jim Cole also available in the Prayer Chapel in Commons Lobby for prayer.
- Submit confidential **online prayer requests** – visit <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/prayer>
- **Fall & Spring Prayer Retreats** to unplug and savor time away in meditation.
- **Prayer Vigils** - sponsored by the Prayer Committee for stewardship, National/World Day of Prayer, etc.