



April 13, 2025 ~ Palm Sunday; One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

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. **NOTE: Worship announcements begin at 8:55 am.**

Welcome & Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Way of the Week #2: Speak the Truth With Love

2. **SPEAK THE TRUTH WITH LOVE.** Speak honestly and directly in a way that clearly reflects love and support for one another. Be courageous enough to say what needs to be said, even when it's difficult. Address issues directly with those who are involved or affected; speak to, not about, others.

Collect

Prayer: Gracious God, in a world often veiled by shadows of deceit and fear, grant us the courage and clarity to speak the truth.. May our words be seasoned with compassion, our tone gentle yet firm, and our intentions rooted in the desire for what is right and just. When difficult truths must be spoken, guide us to choose language that heals rather than harms, that illuminates rather than ignites conflict. Strengthen us to listen with open hearts, even when the truth is challenging to hear. Help us to remember that truth without love can wound, but truth spoken in love can set hearts free. Amen.

Music in Preparation for Worship

Layla Joshi, Organ

Prelude in f Minor

J.S. Bach BWV 534

Introit

Ride On In Majesty

Wolle

Adult Choir and Soloists

* Call to Worship

Elder Paul Grossmann

When God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize him and therefore did not worship him. Today we ask for faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is, that we might worship him in truth. People of God, behold your God!

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We open our eyes to see his glory. We open our ears to hear his wisdom. We open our hands to offer him gifts. We open our mouths to sing his praise. We open our hearts to offer him our love. He is Lord!

* Prayer of Adoration

Elder Grossmann

* Hymn No. 204

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Grossmann

O Lord, we confess that our hands are not clean, and our hearts are not pure. Forgive our unreliable discipleship and keep our faith constant, O Lord. Lead us always to a deeper experience of your love. Enliven us by the familiar but always new story of shame and triumph, suffering and hope that this week reveals. Mold us to the ways of the Servant whose life we honor this morning. Amen.

(Silence for our personal prayers of confession)

Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Annabella Scafario, Soloist

Merbeck

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Grossmann

Our hope is in Christ alone. He calls us to himself, healing our brokenness and making us whole. We turn to him and he saves us by his grace.

Thanks be to God.

* Gloria Patri

Anthems

Hosanna, Hosanna!

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Primary Choir

Sawyer McNab, Piano

Beethoven

Swedish Melody

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Wes Allen

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

Rev. Spencer

Offertory ~ One Great Hour of Sharing

Rev. Allen



TODAY: One Great Hour of Sharing Offering fish banks may be left in the back of the narthex; special One Great Hour of Sharing pew envelopes are available for your convenience or you may give online. Thank you for blessing FPC Moorestown with your giving as we Grow God's Kingdom. 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, Piano

Sanctus

Gounod

Adult Choir; Sam Day, Tenor

*Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus
Dominus Saboth,
Plenu sunt coeli et terra
Gloria tua,
Hosanna in excelsis!
Amen.*

Holy, holy, holy
Lord of hosts,
heaven and earth
are full of Thy glory,
Hosanna in the highest!
Amen.

* Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"You Can't Keep a Rock Quiet"

Scripture: Luke 19: 28-40 (Pew Bible page 83 NT)

Sermon Series: Walking the Way of Jesus

* Apostles Creed (front cover of the Hymnal)

Pastor: With joy and hope, we confess our faith with believers across continents and centuries: I believe ...

* Hymn No. 203

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Music in Preparation for Service

Fanfare and Intrada

Purcell/McGuire

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

* Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

*As you exit the sanctuary, you're invited to take a **palm cross** representing the palms waved and placed in Christ's path to joyously welcome him into Jerusalem, before his arrest Thursday and crucifixion Friday. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of Lent.*

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Worship flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Grace Worthing from her daughter Susan Masiko.

9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Paul Grossmann; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Michael Boone; **Ushers:** Steve Shaffer, Gail Sorin, Bill Pettit; **Flower Arrangers:** Stacy Shaffer and Karen Mason; **Trustee Greeter:** Wendy Dougherty; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Barbara Lewis; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Bobbi Voglesong and Susan Horn; **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)

TODAY: PICK UP orders for Hope Chocolates between services; \$836 was raised for Hope Chocolates and \$130 for our [summer family mission trip to North Carolina](#) for hurricane/disaster relief. 30 volunteer spaces available.

TODAY: Palm Sunday offering April 13 -- [One Great Hour of Sharing](#). Children's fish banks will be collected during both services. Pew envelopes and online giving for One Great Hour of Sharing support Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Committee on Self-Development of People, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

TONIGHT: Youth Choir Concert (7:00 pm April 13, Sanctuary) -- Support our young choir members as Junior Choir, Choristers, and Chapel Choir perform sacred selections from this year. Free will offering.

Flower Deliveries -- The Deacons are looking for a few drivers to help deliver Easter flowers to our less mobile members, contact Gail Sorin or Bobbi Voglesong. Easter is April 20.

➤ **See [Connections](#) for April Easter Break schedule for kids groups, youth groups and Family Dinner.**

[Congregational Meeting](#) -- Session has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation **Sunday, April 27** to elect officers to begin terms June 1, 2025. The meeting will immediately follow the 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship.

[Holy Week & Easter Schedule](#): Maundy Thursday Worship/Outdoor Drama: Thursday, April 17 (7:00 pm); [Good Friday Tenebrae Worship](#): Friday, April 18 (7:30 pm); Easter Worship Sunday, April 20: 6:30 a.m. Sunrise, 9:00 a.m. Traditional, 11:00 a.m. Contemporary. (*See Journey of Lent publication and Lent At-a-Glance event page*)

["Walk with Peter to the Cross"](#) – **Maundy Thursday, April 17 (7 PM)**; Maundy Thursday worship begins with a celebration of the Lord's Supper in Miller Commons. Pastor Spencer leads. After communion, walk with the disciple Peter from the Lord's Table to different outdoor stations that represent where Jesus was denied, accused, judged and finally crucified. Walk with Peter from one station to another, ending at the cross in the cemetery. In the event of rain, the whole service will be held in Miller Commons.



[Calling 2025 Graduates](#) -- Parents: Please submit names of 2025 high school, college and post-graduates by **April 29th** ([see online form](#)) or call Jan in the church office 856.235.1688. Graduate Recognition Sunday is **May 4**.

[Spring Cleaning With Meaning](#) – Imagine seeking medical treatment and upon leaving the ER you're not properly dressed to go back into the world. Pennsylvania Hospital has a donation room for those in need but is in desperate need of clothing. Sami Fauvell works in the ER and is collecting clothes. As you change out seasonal wardrobes please put aside items for this clothing drive. *Look for the bin outside Youth Director Dave's office.* Items of special need: women's and men's pants, jackets and sweatshirts, sneakers, shoes.

NEW: Celebrate the 66th Strawberry Festival in style with a vintage-inspired Strawberry Festival T-shirt! Fundraiser supports the FPC General Operating Fund so back the berries! See link to our [First Presbyterian Church Web Store](#) on our [event page](#), website and Friday eblast. **Sale ends May 18.**



ALPHA, an 11-week Wednesday evening discussion series, begins **April 30**. [Sign up online](#) or with Jim Cole.

Save The Date: [Membership Ice Cream Social](#) **Sunday, May 25**; combined 9:30 am worship; stop in to honor this year's Inquirers Classes, CREDO Confirmants and 50+ Year Members. [RSVP online](#) so we can estimate our needs.