



November 23, 2025 ~ Reign of Christ/Christ the King

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 a.m.***

Welcome & Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Way of the Week #9: Pray First and Pray Again

9. PRAY FIRST AND PRAY AGAIN. Ask *first* for God's guidance and blessing in everything you do. Through prayer, ask for wisdom and for God's will to be done. Pray for others as well, that God's love and blessing would be revealed to them in good times and in bad.

Ways Reflection

From Jean Kunkel

This way of the week is important to me as it is the manner in which I've learned to start my day, recognizing the One who is Sovereign. Praying first directs me to His Word and there I have become quietly aware of His love for me. He sees me exactly where I am and still wants to talk with me and guide me at all times and in all things. Pray again. I am so thankful for this community of believers who pray together, humbly sharing our requests and how we then see miracles, joys, and his mercy, that often increases the faith of those being prayed for and those praying! Henri Nouwen says, "Prayer, then, is listening to the voice of the One who calls you Beloved. It is to constantly go back to the truth of who we are and claim it for ourselves".

Music in Preparation for Worship

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Thanksgiving Medley

arr. Horton

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

Introit

Sawyer McNab, Piano

I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing

Spiritual

God Who Made All Things

Newton

Primary Choir; Kathy Gunsallus, Director

* Call to Worship (Responsive)

Elder Paul Gordon

Christ Jesus, friend of the poor, the meek and the merciful, has been enthroned above all authority and power in this world and in the world that is to come.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, serve the Lord with gladness, come into his presence with singing.

God has placed everything under Christ's wounded feet, appointed the one who wore a crown of thorns as the supreme head of the church, his body.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, come into his courts with praise. Give thanks and praise his loving name!

Let us worship God!

* Prayer of Adoration

Elder Gordon

* Hymn No. 130

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Gordon

Holy God, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not always sought or done your will. We have not lived as grateful children, nor loved others as Jesus loved us. Apart from you, we are nothing. Only your grace can sustain us. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore to us the joy of your salvation now and forever more. We pray together, as your people, in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Silence for our personal prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Elder Gordon

My dear and cherished friends believe and trust this good news. The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, we are forgiven.

May the God of all mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life. Amen.

* Gloria Patri

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev Wes Allen

Anthem

Carol Manion, Piano

I Give You a Song

Amy F. Bernon

Junior Choir; Nicole Snodgrass, Director

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

Rev. Allen

Moment for Mission

Hamilton Banda, Life Coaching Ministries Urban Promise International Malawi

Offertory



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Offertory Music

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Oh Worship the King

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

* Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"Keep Your Fork"

[I believe in] the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5: 1-10 (Pew Bible NT p. 181)

Sermon Series: *Tell Me of Your Strength*

* The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal Inside Front Cover

* Hymn No. 72

To God Be The Glory

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Praise to the Lord

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* Benediction

Rev. Spencer

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

9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Paul Gordon; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Michael Welch, Paul Grossmann, Sherrell Fitts; **Flower Arrangers:** Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop; **Trustee Greeter:** Mike Ramage; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Jim Cole; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Alex Wilkie and Susan Horn; **Bagel Pickup:** Donna Leatherman or Jane Murphy; **Coffee Hospitality:** Donna Leatherman and Jane Murphy; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum and Ava Callahan

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

TODAY: [Church Directory Make-Up Photo Date](#) – Victoria Duffy will return on **Sunday, Nov. 23** to do photography of the Contemporary service and to take more single/family portraits. **Portrait hours will be 10-11 am then 12:30-3:00 pm.** Please SIGN UP online on the Event Page or call the church office.

Fall Adult Education: Nov. 23 church-wide breakfast hosted by adult education classes, bring whatever you can. Fellowship Hall; Five-week Advent series “Journey to Jerusalem” runs **Nov. 30-Dec. 28.** Wednesday evening Advent series “Heaven and Earth” **Dec. 3, 10, 17** (6:30 PM).

THIS AFTERNOON: [Thanksgiving Praise and Pie --](#) Come gather on **Sunday, Nov. 23** for a 3:00 PM service of thanksgiving and praise in the sanctuary featuring singing, Wow Moments, and prayer. Afterwards we'll enjoy delicious pies. Sign up to bring your favorite pie — pumpkin, apple, mincemeat, cranberry etc. And a friend(s)!

[Red Cross Blood Drive:](#) **Monday, November 24 from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM** in Miller Commons. **Register:** Reserve your time online at RedCrossBlood.org and enter First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown. All donors who come to give blood will snag an exclusive pair of Red Cross PAC-MAN socks, while supplies last! Contact Debbie Heller.

[The Longest Night 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. This event will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 7** at 4:00 p.m. and includes communion, special music, and prayers. Wes Allen leads. All ages and faiths are welcome. *If you have someone you'd like to invite to this service, please provide their name and address to Alison Mackey in the church office.*



NEW: [The Alternative Gift Market](#) will be available in person after services on **Nov. 23, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, and Dec. 14.** Visit the table in Miller Commons Lobby and our [online event page](#). You may donate to the mission partner(s) of your choice until **Dec. 24.**

[Poinsettia Orders](#) – Order forms will be in worship guides **Nov. 9, 16, 23** for this year's poinsettia sales. Poinsettias will be displayed in both worship spaces on Manger Sunday December 14 and available to take home that day. Download order forms online as well. Plants are \$16 each. [Orders and payment due by Nov. 23.](#)

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 **Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14 and 21**, as well as four Christmas Eve services on **Wednesday, Dec. 24** at 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm. Contact Worship Chair Kevin Fauvell at kevindfauvell@gmail.com or (609) 220-0177 to take part in this Advent worship experience.

[Family Advent Celebration: Gingerbread Bash](#) -- Family, friends, grandparents and children of all ages are invited to a hands-on holiday event to build something sweet and festive! We'll provide all the supplies—just bring your creativity and holiday spirit. **Children, bring your grown-ups!** This is not a drop-off event. **Friday, Dec. 12** (6:00-8:00 PM, Fellowship Hall). [REGISTER online](#) so we have enough supplies for everyone.

[Steve & Chelsea Margerum Baby Shower](#) --- help Steve & Chelsea prepare to welcome their new son in January! See Church Center event page for all the fun details! They are registered at Amazon.com. Drop gifts off to the church office by **Dec. 14.**