



**Sunday, December 21, 2025** ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent  
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

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**Welcome and Work of God's People**

Rev. Wes Allen

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**Carols**

Worship Team

***We Three Kings of Orient Are  
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel***

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**Wow Moments**

Rev. Allen

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**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Lorenzo, Kelly, Kaitlyn & Luke Eagles

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**\*Call to Worship** (*responsive*)

We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Hear again the words of the prophet Isaiah, "Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed;

**and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.**

The people who have lived and walked in darkness have seen a great light." Come, let us worship God!

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**\*Carol**

Worship Team

***O Come, All Ye Faithful***

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**Lessons and Carols: *Jesus is...***

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**Introduction and Prayer**

Rev. Allen

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**LESSON 1: Jesus is the New Adam**

Rev. Allen

Scripture: Genesis 2:4-9; Colossians 1:15-20

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**\*Carol**

Wes Allen

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***Away in a Manger***

Luther

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**Call to and Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Almighty God, You Who shaped out of nothing all that is,  
**forgive us for returning to You empty-handed and empty-hearted.**

You Who called forth light,  
**forgive our love of the darkness.**

You Who sent Jesus, the Firstborn of all creation,  
**forgive us when we ignore Him. Remake us in the image of Christ,**  
so that the light of Jesus Christ may shine in and through us; for we ask these things through the  
name of Jesus Christ, our newborn Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Time of silence for personal prayers of confession and repentance*

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**Assurance of Forgiveness** (*responsive*)

Through the work of Jesus, God has reconciled us to Himself; and we rejoice with the angels  
proclaiming:

**Glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth. God and sinners are reconciled. Jesus was born so  
that we no longer die and so that we may be born again. Thanks be to God!**

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**\*Greeting**

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**LESSON 2: Jesus is the New Noah**

Kathy Eagles

*Remembrance of Baptism*

Scripture: Genesis 7:1-5; I Peter 3:18-21

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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**\*Carol**

Worship Team

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***What Child is This?***

Lifeway Worship

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**LESSON 3: Jesus is the Son of David**

Jeff Erbig

*Thanksgiving for God's Covenants*

Scripture: II Samuel 7:10-14, 16; Luke 1:30-33, 2:4-7

Prayer of Praise

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***Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus***

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**Way of the Week**

- 13. OPEN DOORS FOR OTHERS TO LEAD.** Encourage others to step into leadership by sharing responsibilities and mentoring. Let go of the jobs you've always done and allow new leaders to emerge. Remember that our youth and young adults are not solely the future of our church but are vitally important for our *present*.

In the 1990's when I retired, I was full of pep and vigor. I was a long-time and hard-working volunteer. I ran the Strawberry Festival for two years, led a team on the Funeral Committee hosting funeral receptions, coordinated the flower donations, worked in the church office every week, and helped out with countless other church activities and events. As the years progressed, other folks came alongside me; and I could see they were faster, more efficient and better than I was. Does age have something to do with it? Maybe. I thought I could do a good job, and I did do a good job. But the time comes when we have to turn things over to those coming behind us. We have to **"open doors for others to lead."** Although I knew there was a time when I couldn't manage things as well, I didn't want to "hang on." It's important to know when it's time to stop. He knows when we're ready to go on to the next life chapter.

Betty Schurmann

## Offering Ourselves to God & Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer



**Throughout December, Christmas Green envelopes are available for your holiday offering to First Presbyterian Church.** Thank you for your faithfulness and 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.

## LESSON 4: Jesus is the Good Shepherd

Rev. Spencer

*Scripture: Psalm 23; John 10:11-17*

The Lord is my shepherd. He takes care of all my needs.

**The Lord is my shepherd. God takes care of all my needs.**

The Lord watches over me. God gives me a home to live in, water to drink, and food to eat. God gives meaning to my life.

**The Lord is my shepherd. God takes care of all my needs.**

The Lord guides me along the right way. Even when I'm walking by myself in a strange place, I don't feel scared because I know that the Lord is with me to help me and give me courage.

**The Lord is my shepherd. God takes care of all my needs.**

The Lord has blessed me with so many things. I will never be able to repay God for His faithfulness and kindness to me.

**The Lord is my shepherd. God takes care of all my needs.**

## \*Carol

Wes Allen

***Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us***

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

Rev. Spencer

## Closing Song

Worship Team

***Go Tell It on the Mountain & Light of Mine***

## Benediction

Rev. Spencer

## 11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

<b>Worship Team:</b>	Wes Allen-Guitar; Kalane Williams-Bass; Lucas Gaspari-Electric Guitar; Carl Wilson-Drums; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Matt Russell-Keys; Steve Drzaszcz, Michelle Davis, Cynthia Saint Cyr-Vocals
<b>Audio Technician:</b>	Taylor Adair
<b>Sound Technician:</b>	Tony Saranchak
<b>Live Stream Technician:</b>	Dalton Ryan
<b>Visuals:</b>	Alice Conley
<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	Stacy Schaffer and Carol Morgan
<b>Usher:</b>	Dave Barr or JoAnn Reynik
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	Cara Dempster
<b>Welcome Desk:</b>	Owen Dietz and Alex Wilkie
<b>Nursery Caregiver:</b>	Chelsea Margerum

**Today's worship flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Edgar & Marie Timmons, Frank Shaffer, Kathleen Shaffer Parry & Frazer Parry by Steve & Susan Shaffer.

**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.



**Alternative Gift Fair** is now available through **Dec. 24**. See table in the Lobby to purchase your gifts. A broad range of gifts is offered to assist our mission partners (cash or checks).

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Schedule:** **December 23** - 3:00 & 7:00 p.m. Outdoor Worship; **December 24** - 3:00 p.m. Family Service, 5:00 p.m. Family Service, 7:00 p.m. Communion Service, and 9:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols. On Christmas Day, there will be a 9:30 a.m. Worship Service.

**Holiday Schedule:** The church campus will be closed Dec. 25-26 and open on Dec. 29-31. The office will also be closed January 1, 2026. *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your church staff!*

**Combined Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.** in the Sanctuary on December 28. There will be no children's Sunday School nor Nursery Care that day. The Adult Spiritual Formation class will meet after the Service.

### **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 (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.