



## January 4, 2026 ~ Second Sunday of Christmas; The Lord's Supper

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. Wes Allen

### Way of the Week #15: Welcome Change

**15. WELCOME CHANGE.** Be curious about new ideas, perspectives, and approaches. Get excited by the possibilities that change can bring. What worked in the past won't always work in the future, for God is doing new things.

### Ways Reflection

From Steve Shaffer

*Though sometimes somewhat difficult and often very challenging, change is inevitable, so **to welcome change** or **a welcome change** means that change can ultimately be for the good, a time for personal development and perhaps a time to escape dull routines, despite the risks. With God's guidance, we can embrace uncertainty and imperfection and enjoy new experiences, which contribute to a meaningful life. Not all change is easy, but I am thankful for the many blessings I have received because I have tried to maintain the attitude that change can be excellent.*

### Music in Preparation for Worship

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

#### **On This Day Earth Shall Ring (Hymn 175)**

Arr. Tucker

Bell Trio Melissa McNab, Sawyer McNab and Peg Pierce; Marion Norcross, Director

### \* Call to Worship (Responsive)

Elder Kevin Fauvell

Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great –  
**God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.**  
Let us worship God today, for God is good –  
**God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.**

*continued*

Let us worship God today –  
**Because we are God's people.**  
Let us worship God.

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## \* Hymn No. 194

***Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring***

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## Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Fauvell

Loving God, help us. When we have run away, when we have turned our backs on love, when we have sought immediate satisfaction and not long-term healing, help us. Merciful God, forgive us. When we have been selfish, when we have been mean, when we have closed our ears to the cries of others, forgive us. Powerful God, heal us. When we are so broken we cannot move, when we don't know how to stem the bleeding of our wounds, when we are too ashamed to seek community, heal us. Give us the courage, the strength, and the hope to accept your grace and hear your call in Christ. Amen.

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## Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Elder Fauvell

My Beloved friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Alleluia! We believe God and trust this promise of forgiveness. Amen.**

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## \* Gloria Patri

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## \* The Nicene Creed

Hymnal Inside Front Cover

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

Rev. Wes Allen

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## Offertory



**Happy New Year!** 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.

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## Offertory Music

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

***Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow***

Hayes

Jennifer Wait, Soprano

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## \* Doxology No. 809

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## Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

***"Saved From Misery"***

**Scripture:** Exodus 1: 8-14, 2: 23-25 (Pew Bible OT p. 48)

**Sermon Series:** Salvation: The Biggest Word

## \* Hymn No. 156 (verse 1)

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### *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

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Rev. Spencer

The Invitation to the Table

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Oh holy God, we give you thanks and praise for the gift of creation and for the gift of the new creation, made known to us in the resurrection of your Son, Jesus. We are humbled by this gift of life, by the hope and wonder this gift brings. And so in joy we join our voices to those of the saints who sing these words forever:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

\*The 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/>.

## \* Hymn No. 156 (verses 2, 3)

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### *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

## Music in Preparation for Service

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Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

*He Is Born*

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## \* Benediction

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Rev. Spencer

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**Worship flowers** are given by Lucy Rorke-Adams to the glory of God and in loving memory of C. Harry Knowles.

## 9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

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**Beadle:** Elder Kevin Fauvell; **Communion Elders:** Kevin Fauvell, Melody Harper Ransom, Jean Kunkel, Dave Rebuck; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Dave Rebuck, Barry Leatherman, Joe Molloy; **Flower Arrangers:** JoAnn Reynik and Fran Green; **Trustee Greeter:** Joe Molloy; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Lori Bell; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Karen Hynoski and Rachel Long; **Bagel Pickup:** Nancy Chumney or Carol Wiggans; **Coffee Hospitality:** Nancy Chumney and Carol Wiggans; **Nursery:** Chelsea Margerum and Ava Callahan

Note: Our liturgy today was Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission."

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

**NEW: Fall Adult Education:** Participate in this six-week series on the Book of Psalms; meets from **January 4-February 8** and is led by a team of teachers.

**Second Saturday Prayer Breakfast** on **January 10 at 9:00-10:30 AM** -- Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast and message from guest speaker and Clerk of Session Rev. Kathy Eagles, sharing about centering prayer. RSVP online so we can accurately plan.

**2026 Offering Envelopes** -- Boxed offering envelopes for 2026 are now available in the Commons Lobby. Please pick up yours to save postage costs. Envelopes not picked up will be mailed in January. Questions? Contact Norman Vandergrift in the office (856-235-1688, x112).

Please see *Connections* and the church calendar for holiday schedules for kids groups, youth groups, Family Dinner and choirs. Family Dinner, Kingdom Kids and Crossing Zone are off for Winter Break, returning **January 28, 2026**. Children's Sunday School returns January 4, 2026. Middle School Youth Group returns **Wed. January 7**. High School group returns **Sun. January 11**. Please contact **choir leaders** for choir holiday schedules.

**2026 Pulpit Flowers** -- Reservations are being taken now for 2026 Sunday flower donations. Two pedestal vases are available each Sunday. What better way to commemorate loved ones or special dates in your life. Each vase is \$50. Contact Jan Martin or [Rumi Sinunu](#) to order.

**Property Team Note** -- Steve Margerum will be away on paternity leave January 1-February 1, 2026. For property team issues during this time, please contact the church office or administrator Earl Gage at (856) 235-1688, x106.



**NEW: Register Online: MLK Afternoon of Service** -- **Monday, January 19, 2026** from **1:00-3:00 PM** at **FPC Moorestown**. Choose from different activity stations for friends and family to support the [Christian Caring Center](#) in Pemberton, New Jersey: decorate placemats, prepare turkey and cheese sandwiches, put together hygiene kits, assemble cleaning supply kits, and write cheery notes. Contact Mark Budka or [register online](#).

**MLK WORSHIP:** Second event: Service **January 19<sup>th</sup> (5:00 p.m.)** to honor Dr. King at Bethel A.M.E, 512 N. Church Street ~ Moorestown, NJ. *Congress designated the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday as a National Day of Service in 1994, making it the only federal holiday observed as such. The holiday is part of the President's National Call to Service initiatives, encouraging Americans to work together to address the nation's most pressing issues.*

**2025 Giving Statements** -- Need to access your 2025 giving record to see where you are with your 2025 pledge? Giving history, pledge and statements may be viewed 24/7 from "Give" on the Church Center app. Statements are also available by contacting the church office at 856-235.1688. Copies of 2025 year-end statements will be mailed to members in January for tax purposes.

**Annual Reports are coming** – ministry area leaders, watch for information. The Annual Meeting will be **Sunday, February 1, 2026**.

***Happy New Year from your FPC Moorestown church staff!***