

March 8, 2026 ~ Third Sunday in Lent

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; The Beatitudes

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Way of the Week #24: Tell Your Story

24. TELL YOUR STORY. God has done and is doing something unique in your life. Has God answered a prayer, provided help, or blessed you? Share it. Ask God for opportunities to share your faith in Christ by words and deeds.

Ways Reflection

From Rev. Mark Budka

Now let me tell you, I love to hear stories. I love to tell stories. Stories are a good part of life. Stories have a pattern: a problem, a prayer, a solution or to be continued. They are bumbling, humbling, sad, and funny. Stories make connections. A moment shared and learning lessons. I want to share this with you, when God wants to say something, he often puts it in a story, in real life, and in a person. Your life is a book that only you can tell. Open your heart and tell your stories as God gives them to you.

Music in Preparation for Worship

Lenten Medley

Arr. Dockery

Sawyer McNab, Flute

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Introit *Make Room Within My Heart*

Adult Choir; Linda Lockart, Director

R. Vaughn Williams

Sawyer McNab, Piano

* Call to Worship (Responsive)

Elder Ginny Weber

Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For the Lord is our God, and we are God's people.

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Listen to God's voice—the Lord is a great God, above all others.

We will listen and follow God's way.

Let us worship the Lord our God.

* Prayer of Adoration

* Hymn No. 465 *Out of the Depths*

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Elder Weber

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. 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 on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Kyrie

Merbecke

Adult Choir; Linda Lockart, Director

Assurance of Pardon (responsive, based on Psalm 103)

Elder Weber

Brothers and sisters, hear this Word of the Lord and rest in this truth: "As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us" If you are in Christ, be assured that God forgives you completely.

Praise the Lord! Thanks be to God!

* Gloria Patri

* The Apostles' Creed (inside cover of the hymnal)

Sharing with Our Young Disciples

Rev. Wes Allen

Anthem *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Adult Choir; Linda Lockart, Director

Arr. Martin

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

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

Rev. Spencer

Prayer Response *Direct My Will, O King of Kings*

Adult Choir; Linda Lockart, Director

R. Vaughn Williams

Offertory



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Offertory Music

What Wondrous Love is This

Bell Ensemble; Marion Norcross, Director

Buckwalter

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

* Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"May the Mind of Jesus Be Yours"

Scripture: Philippians 2: 1-11 (Pew Bible NT p. 196)

Sermon Series: The J-Curve: Dying and Living With Jesus

* Hymn No. 560

May the Mind of Christ My Savior (vss. 1-4)

Music in Preparation for Service

Alberti

Lord, All My Heart is Fixed on Thee

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

* Benediction

Rev. Spencer

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Worship flowers have been given by Jane Murphy to the glory of God and in loving memory of her father Alfred Fisher.

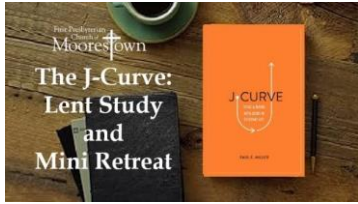
Note: The prelude is a compilation of Lenten hymns: At the Cross, Were You There, and O Sacred Head Now Wounded. The offertory is a compilation of hymns Go to Dark Gethsemane, Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed, and Were You There.

9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Ginny Weber; **Bell Ensemble:** Melissa McNab, Elaine Miller, Peg Pierce, Sawyer McNab; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** TBD; **Ushers:** Michael Welch, Paul Grossmann, Sherrell Fitts; **Flower Arrangers:** Joann Reynik; **Trustee Greeter:** Tad Woolley; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Ginny Powell; **Deacon Greeters/Welcoming Centers:** Deacons Laurie LaMonica and Rachel Long; **Bagel Pickup:** Sarah Dietz or Sherrell Fitts; **Coffee Hospitality:** Sarah Dietz and Sherrell Fitts; **Nursery:** Ava Gandy-Callahan.

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

- [Per Capita Contribution](#) -- Your Stewardship Committee reminds you to please cover your Per Capita share of \$40.00 for every member on the rolls. Information was mailed in January; [2026 per capita payments](#) or option to "opt out," both due by **February 28**.



Lent Small Group Study: See [Church Center event page](#) or Wes Allen for information about our [church-wide Lenten Study](#) on the J-Curve by Paul Miller. The apostle Paul traces a pattern of dying and rising with Jesus which, like the letter "J", goes down into death and then up into resurrection. The J-Curve is so encouraging, so liberating, that once you see it, you can't unsee it! Questions, contact Wes Allen.

Mini Retreat: You're invited to a J-Curve Mini Retreat **March 13-14** at church: Friday, March 13 - 6:30-9:00 p.m. – Miller Commons, snacks and bottled water provided. Saturday, March 14 (with breakfast) - 8:30 a.m. to Noon p.m., speaker Keith Grant from seeJesus, a global discipling mission. The Saturday breakfast replaces the March Prayer Breakfast; please bring \$20 per person for the speaker and to help with the cost of the meal. NEW: [Please see separate Church Center Event Forms to sign up for Friday and/or Saturday sessions.](#)

NEW! Prayer Bead kits for Repentance and the Seven Deadly Sins are available on the Welcome Desk in the Commons Lobby. See our Lent Page on our website fpcmoorestown.org and our [Church Center Event Page](#).

FOR LENT! Centering Prayer Group, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., Pastor Spencer's Study. Come and join a group of friends who are learning the contemplative practice of Centering Prayer. For more information, see the Event page: <https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2242553>

NEW! Lent kits are available for families to use as a devotional during the Lenten season. Pick up in Commons Lobby for a family devotional.

Easter flower orders and payment are due to the church office March 15. Assorted spring varieties, \$16 each. Can you help the deacons deliver to our less mobile members? Please mark on your order form. [See Church Center event page](#) and insert in *Connections*.

Adult Spiritual Formation: Sunday, February 15-April 12 we will feature "The Texts Behind The Messiah, Handel's Masterpiece" using an IVP Press Life Guide study as a basis, and led by our teaching team. Meets 10:15-11:00 AM Sundays, Fellowship Hall

NEW! Sweet Treats for a Good Cause -- Support the Youth Mission trip to Logan, West Virginia by purchasing Hope Chocolates. Place your order from March 1-19 on a Sunday at the table in the Commons Lobby. Pickup for all Hope Chocolate orders is **Sunday, March 29**. See *Connections* this week for the order form.

Copies of 2025 year-end statements were [e-mailed](#) to members in February for tax purposes. View your 2025 giving record, pledge and statement 24/7 in the Church Center app (see "Give" tab).

One Great Hour of Sharing Fish Banks – As is tradition, the fish-shaped coin banks for One Great Hour of Sharing will be distributed in children's Sunday School during Lent and collected on Palm **Sunday March 29**. See page 4 of *Connections* for information.

SAVE THE DATE: Church Has Left The Building is coming **April 18-19!**