



**March 15, 2026 ~ Fourth 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. Wes Allen

**Way of the Week #25: Rejoice Always**

**25. REJOICE ALWAYS.** The Kingdom of God is a party! Let healthy laughter fill our meetings, our meals, and even our worship. Allow the joy of our faith be clearly evident in our speech and on our faces.

**Ways Reflection**

From Barbara Lewis

*The word rejoice is used in Scripture many times. In fact, it's used in 36 verses! It is first found in the Old Testament in 1 Chronicles 16:31 "Let the heavens rejoice, Let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!" Then in the New Testament near the end, of Revelation: "Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory! (Revelation 19: 7). The root of rejoice is joy. The verse I always think of first is Philippians 4:4: "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice." Recently a friend gave me a card which says in large letters ALWAYS REMEMBER JOY - Jesus first, Others second, Yourself last. A quick reminder, isn't it? I rejoice in the Lord God in His promise of eternal life through His Son Jesus Christ to all who believe in Him. I, Barbara Lewis. believe in Him and I rejoice in Jesus Christ, my Savior.*

**Moment for Mission**

Beth Walker, CCO

Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO) campus ministry calls college students to serve Jesus Christ with their entire lives. They share the Gospel with college students and develop passionate disciples of Jesus Christ. The CCO serves together with churches and invites college students into the lives of local congregations. CCO equips college students with a vision for serving Jesus Christ in all of life—in their studies, jobs, communities, and families—during college and after they graduate. Learn more at [www.ccojubilee.org](http://www.ccojubilee.org).

**Music in Preparation for Worship**

J.S. Bach

*Prelude from Suite No.1 in G Major*

Leonardo Lucchi, Cello

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**Introit**      *Let Thy Holy Presence*Tshesnokoff

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Adult Choir; Linda Lockart, Director

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**\* Call to Worship\*\* (Inspired by Psalm 98)**Elder Joyce Wenzke

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Sing a new song!

**Make a joyful noise!**

Let the sea roar,

**And let the sky shimmer.**

Let the earth be glad,

**And let the children run and roll.**

Let the old laugh with deep wisdom.

**Let the young listen, wide-eyed and wondering.**

People of God, let us worship God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

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**\* Hymn No. 226**      *Hallelujah! What a Savior*

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**Prayer of Confession (responsive)**Elder Wenzke

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**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.**

*Silence for personal prayers of confession as the Choir sings.*

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**Kyrie**Merbecke

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Adult Choir; Linda Lockart, Director

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**Assurance of Pardon (responsive)**Elder Wenzke

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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.

**We will not doubt God's certain truth. We are forgiven. We are now free to love and serve. Amen.**

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**\* Gloria Patri**

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**\*The Apostles' Creed**

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**Sharing with Our Young Disciples**Rev. Stuart Spencer

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**Anthem**      *Oh, Sinner Man*

Chapel Choir; Heather Lockart, Director

Spiritual, Arr. Emory

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

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**Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer** ('debts')Rev. Allen

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## Offertory



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## Offertory Music

### *O Love*

Adult Choir; Linda Lockart, Director; Leonardo Lucchi, Cello

Hagenberg

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

## \* Doxology No. 809

## Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

### *"Out of the Me Business"*

**Scripture:** Philippians 3: 1-11 (Pew Bible NT p. 198)

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

## \* Hymn No. 569

### *Living For Jesus a Life That Is True*

## Music in Preparation for Service

J.S. Bach

### *Gigue from Suite No. 1 in G Major*

Leonardo Lucci, Cello

## \* Benediction

Rev. Spencer

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**Worship flowers** have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carl Slemmer from his family Renee, Michael, John and Sandy.

## 9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

**Beadle:** Elder Joyce Wenzke; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Owen Dietz, Barry Leatherman, Leonard Fitts; **Flower Arrangers/Deacon 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Flower Arrangers:** Stacy Schaffer; **Deacon 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Flower Deliverers:** Dave Barr and Susan Schaffer; **Trustee Greeter:** Brett Couvillion; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Jim Dodimead; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Karen Hynoski and Susan Horn; **Bagel Pickup:** Ginny and Tim Powell; **Coffee Hospitality:** Ginny and Tim Powell; **Nursery:** Ava Gandy-Callahan.

## MEET BETH WALKER

Beth Walker serves the Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO) as Executive Vice President of Mission Success. A graduate of Grove City College and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Beth came on staff with the CCO in 2005 to work with graduate students at the University of Pittsburgh Schools of Law, Medicine, and Dental Medicine. She has also served the CCO as Grant Writer and Development Associate and as Staff Director of Metro Philadelphia, Director of Support Raising Ministry, Regional Gifts Officer, and Vice President for Advancement. She is the daughter of Dick and Lissa Herman.

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

**TODAY:** [Easter flower orders and payment](#) are due to the church office **March 15**. See [Church Center event page](#) and insert in *Connections*. Assorted spring varieties, \$16 each. CAN YOU HELP the deacons deliver blooms to our less mobile members? Please mark on your order form or contact Jan Martin in the church office.

[Per Capita Contribution](#) -- Your Stewardship Committee reminds every member on the rolls to please cover your Per Capita share of \$40.00 per member - including teens and out of state residents. Both [2026 per capita payments](#) or options to "opt out" are due now. The church must submit its payment in March.

**Lent Small Group Study:** See [Church Center event page](#) and 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.

**NEW! Prayer Bead kits for Repentance and the Seven Deadly Sins** are available in the Commons Lobby. See our Lent Page on our website [fpcmoorestown.org](http://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 devotional kits** are available for families to use together during Lent. Pick up in Commons Lobby.

**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**.

**Holy Week Schedule: Thursday, April 2:** Maundy Thursday Worship and Communion, 7:00 pm, led by Wes Allen (Miller Commons). **Friday, April 3:** Good Friday Tenebrae Worship, 7:30 pm, led by Stuart Spencer (Sanctuary). **Sunday, April 5:** Easter (Communion), worship 6:30 am Sunrise, 9:30 am Traditional, 11:00 am Contemporary.

[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**.



**Church Has Left The Building is coming April 18-19.** Participate in church-wide service projects for all ages **Sunday, April 19** (10:00 AM-Noon, Fellowship Hall). Watch for our 2026 project list – there's something for everybody. **Saturday, April 18** pray for the Prayer Vigil (see Church Center event page). [Sign up for the Chili Cookoff](#) April 19 to enter your favorite chili or be a tasting voter (see event page).

**We're getting berry excited!** 😊 Save The Date for the 2026 Strawberry Festival, **Friday, June 5** from 6-9 p.m.

**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). If needed, statements are also available by contacting the church office at 856-235-1688.

**Adult Spiritual Formation: February 15-April 12** we will feature "The Texts Behind The Messiah, Handel's Masterpiece." Meets 10:15-11:00 AM Sunday mornings, Fellowship Hall