



March 22, 2026 ~ Fifth 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

Music in Preparation for Worship

Krug

The Wondrous Cross

Bell Choir; Kathy Gunsallus, Director

Introit

When I Pray

Marie Ingham

God Who Loves and Helps Us

Myra Marshall

God Made Everything

Annette D. Knowles

Primary Choir; Karen Molloy, Piano; Carol Manion, Director

* Call to Worship based on Psalm 103 (Responsive)

Elder Jim Cole

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**God does not deal with us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

so great is God's steadfast love toward those who revere the Lord;

as far as the east is from the west,

so far God removes our transgressions from us.

My cherished sisters and brothers in Christ, let us worship God!

*** Hymn No. 213** *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross*

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Elder Cole

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.

Kyrie

Merbecke

Adult Choir; Linda Lockart, Director

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Elder Cole

Hear and believe in this truth, "The Lord God declares, "I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more." When you are in Christ, be assured that God forgives you completely.

We will trust that God is merciful, kind and ready to forgive us always. Thanks be to God!

*** Gloria Patri**

***The Apostles' Creed**

Sharing with Our Young Disciples

Rev. Wes Allen

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

Rev. Spencer

Prayer Response *O Savior of the World*

Callahan

Adult Choir; Linda Lockart, Director

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Way of the Week #1: Be Third

Rev. Allen

- 1. BE THIRD.** God is first, others are second, and you're third. Don't just think about your own interests, be interested in others. Don't think less of yourself, just think of yourself less and others more.

The Way of the Week With Help from Gemini

Suggested Action Step: Shift the focus of "what I get out of it" to "how I can serve." The "Empty Pew or Chair" Prayer: Before worship, find an empty pew in the Sanctuary or a chair in Miller Commons; and pray specifically for those not yet here—the "second" (others) before the "third" (ourselves).

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Offertory



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Offertory Music *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*

Adult Choir; Linda Lockart, Director

Mueller

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

* Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"Like a Bulldog"

Scripture: Philippians 3:12-21 (Pew Bible NT p. 198)

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

* Hymn No. 209 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

Music in Preparation for Service

Willan

There is A Green Hill Far Away (Horsley)

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

* Benediction

Rev. Spencer

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Worship flowers are given by Susan Masiko to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother Grace Worthing.

9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Jim Cole; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Bell Choir:** Jim Cole, Barbara Fletcher, Carol Manion, Melissa McNab, Elaine Miller, Marion Norcross, Peg Pierce, Vicki Terry; **Live Stream Technician:** Michael Boone; **Ushers:** Jack Terry, Kira Fauvell, Lorenzo Eagles; **Flower Arrangers:** Karen Arsenault and Fran Green; **Trustee Greeter:** Mike Ramage; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Nancy Dodimead; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Laurie LaMonica and Mike McNeil; **Bagel Pickup:** Sue Piper or Kathy McIlroy; **Coffee Hospitality:** Sue Piper and Kathy McIlroy; **Nursery:** Ava Gandy-Callahan.

[Church Has Left The Building \(I Will Serve\)](#)

Church Has Left The Building is coming **April 18-19**. We'll gather for a brief combined worship April 19 at **9:30 am** in the sanctuary, before breaking out to participate in service projects for all ages (10:00 AM-Noon, Fellowship Hall). Visit our event page for our [2026 project list](#) – there's something for everybody!

Saturday, April 18 pray with our Prayer Vigil for this inspiring weekend – select a 30-minute slot from 5:00 am-5:00 pm. [See our Church Center event page.](#)

[Sign up online for the Chili Cookoff](#) Fundraiser April 19 to enter your favorite chili or be a tasting voter.

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

CAN YOU HELP the deacons deliver blooms to our less mobile members? Please contact Jan Martin in the church office. Flowers will be available after church on Easter Sunday April 5 and can be delivered that next week.

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 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>

Sweet Success – Thank you for supporting this summer's youth mission trip to West Virginia. 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 (which were distributed in children's Sunday School during Lent), will be collected on Palm **Sunday March 29**. *For everyone, special pew envelopes for One Great Hour of Sharing will be available Palm Sunday for your offering.*

Are you interested in learning more about our church and possibly joining the congregation? Great! You are warmly invited to attend the [Spring Inquirers' Class](#) – a session for those interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown and the Presbyterian Church as a whole. The two-part series is comprised of one class Saturday, April 25, and one class Sunday, May 3 during the Education Hour with elders to be received into membership. [Sign up online](#) or contact Wes Allen or Alison Mackey in the church office 856-235-1688.

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.

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.

Your Nominating Committee will soon be hard at work finding nominees for Elders, Deacons and Trustees to serve our church. Are you looking for new ways to become involved? We can help. Please pray about where you or someone you know may best fit and help Grow God's Kingdom. See our [brief online form](#) or contact [Matt Livingston](#) or any member of the Nominations Team.

Save The Date! Vacation Bible School is **June 29-July 3** from 9:00 AM-Noon. Kids of all ages will laugh, learn, and make unforgettable memories at *Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God*.

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