



## March 29, 2026 ~ Palm Sunday, One Great Hour of Sharing

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

### Music in Preparation for Worship

Krapf

*All Glory Laud and Honor*

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

### \* Call to Worship (Responsive)

Elder Kristen Perkowski

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord

**Hosanna in the highest!**

The King of kings comes to us – not in power as the world defines it,

**But in humility, riding on a donkey.**

Lay down your burdens, your pride, your expectations.

**We prepare the way for the Lord.**

Let us worship the One who saves.

**Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

### \* Hymn No. 204 *All Glory Laud and Honor*

### Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Elder Perkowski

Merciful God, we confess that we often want a king who fits our expectations. We praise you when it is easy but resist you when you call us to humility. We seek power instead of servanthood, comfort instead of sacrifice, and control instead of trust. Forgive us, Lord. Turn our hearts back to You. Teach us to follow Christ, not only in celebration but with deep obedience. Hosanna – save us now, we pray. Amen.

## Kyrie

Merbecke

Youth Choirs; Linda Lockart, Director

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

## Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Elder Perkowski

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

## \* Gloria Patri

## \*The Apostles' Creed (inside cover of blue hymnal)

Elder Perkowski

## Anthem

### ***Hear the Children Sing "Hosanna!"***

Junior Choir, Choristers and Chapel Choir; Heather Lockart, Director

Schram

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

## Sharing with Our Young Disciples

Rev. Stuart Spencer

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

Rev. Allen

## Way of the Week #2: Speak the Truth with Love

Rev. Spencer

- 2. SPEAK THE TRUTH WITH LOVE.** Speak honestly and directly in a way that clearly reflects love and support for one another. Be courageous enough to say what needs to be said, even when it's difficult. Address issues directly with those who are involved or affected; speak to, not about, others.

## The Way of the Week With Help from Gemini

Rev. Spencer

**Suggested Action Step:** A Simple Rule of Thumb: "No Triangulation" If Member A complains to Member B about Member C, Member B's loving response should be: "I hear that you're hurting. How can I support you in having a direct conversation with Member C?"

## Offertory / One Great Hour of Sharing



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## Offertory Music ***Ride Through Jerusalem Little Donkey***

Junior Choir, Choristers, Bells; Linda Lockart, Director

Bedford

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

## \* Doxology No. 809

## Sermon

Rev. Wes Allen

### *“Expectations Will Be Humbled”*

**Scripture:** Matthew 21: 1-11 (Pew Bible NT p. 23)

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

## \* Hymn No. 203      *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

## Music in Preparation for Service

Bingham

### *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty (Hymn #205)*

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

## \* Benediction

Rev. Allen

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

*As you exit the worship space, you are welcome to take a palm cross with you as a reminder of the palms joyfully waved as Jesus entered Jerusalem.*

## 9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

**Beadle:** Elder Evan Dempster; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Bells:** Elaine Miller and Marion Norcross; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Dave Rebuck, Leonard Fitts, Joe Molloy; **Flower Arrangers:** Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop; **Trustee Greeter:** Mike Ramage; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Liz Drzaszcz; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Bobbi Voglesong and Jessica Zorn; **Bagel Pickup:** Jane Murphy or Debbie Rebuck; **Coffee Hospitality:** Jane Murphy and Debbie Rebuck; **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!

Projects include (1) assembling college care packages, (2) preparing the Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden for 2026 growing season, (3) dropping off frozen casseroles; (4) assembling 1,000 Hygiene Kits; (5) making 125 sandwiches; and (6) various church clean-up jobs on our building and grounds.

**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. The event begins at 11:30 a.m.

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

**TODAY: [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. *For everyone, pew envelopes for One Great Hour of Sharing are available today for your offering. This offering supports the most vulnerable around the world, providing aid to people lacking access to life's basic necessities.*

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](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>

**Sweet Success** – Thank you for supporting this summer's youth mission trip. Orders for Hope Chocolate orders will be available **Sunday, March 29 and the week leading up to Easter.**

- **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.

**Are you interested** in learning more about FPC Moorestown 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 us and the Presbyterian Church as a whole. The two-part series features one class **Saturday, April 25**, and one lunch class **Sunday, May 3** after the 11:00 a.m. service with elders to be received into membership. You are also cordially invited to join the Membership Team at Wednesday Night Dinner **April 22** (5:45-6:45 pm, Miller Commons) as their guest. [Sign up online](#) or RSVP with 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.

**Your Nominating Committee** is 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. Use 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*. See Page 4 of *Connections*.

**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.