



**Sunday, December 8, 2024** ~ Second Sunday of Advent  
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

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**Welcome and Work of God's People**

Rev. Wes Allen

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**Songs of Praise**

Worship Team

*What Child is This?*

Lifeway Worship

*Make a Way*

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**Wow Moments**

Rev. Stuart Spencer

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**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Dave, Sami & Jane Fauvell

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**\*Call to Worship** (*responsive*)

Our souls magnify the Lord, our God!

**Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!**

The mighty One has done great things for us!

**Holy is God's name!**

Let us worship God!

**For God is our Maker and our Redeemer; from generation to generation, God gives mercy.**

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**\*Song of Praise**

Worship Team

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Lincoln Brewster

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**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Rev. Allen

God of steadfast love and mercy, we confess our sins before You. In the light of Your truth, we recognize how many of our decisions and our priorities are shaped by the wisdom of this present age. We have brought much trouble, confusion and heartache upon ourselves; and we have contributed to the trouble and pain of others. Forgive us in Your grace and mercy, and teach us Your ways of humility and wisdom, through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son and our Savior. Amen.

## Assurance of Forgiveness *(responsive)*

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“Comfort, comfort, my people, says your God.” Your sins are pardoned. The penalty is paid in full, by Jesus, the Lamb of God.

**We will trust this good news. Thank You, merciful God!**

## \*Greeting

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### Sharing with Our Young Disciples

Rev. Spencer

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### Way of the Week

Jim Cole

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**9. PRAY FIRST AND PRAY AGAIN.** Ask *first* for God’s guidance and blessing in everything you do. Through prayer, ask for wisdom and for God’s will to be done. Pray for others as well, that God’s love and blessing would be revealed to them in good times and in bad.

**Ideas for Action:** On your next walk, run, or in your quiet time, intentionally pray for neighbors, other churches, schools, EMT’s, police and fire personnel, and local officials. If you’re stalled in your prayer life, reach out to one of the Pastors or a member of the Prayer Team for a suggestion.

### Offering Ourselves to God & Work of God’s People

Rev. Spencer

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Thank you for your faithfulness in blessing FPC Moorestown with your giving. Your offerings allow us to sustain our church programs. Take advantage of [automatic withdrawal](#) or donate from your phone via the Church Center app for your offering and our [Capital 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.**

### Song of Praise

Worship Team

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***Your Love Never Fails***

Jesus Culture

### Sermon

Rev. Spencer

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***Come, Wisdom!***

Scripture Texts: [Proverbs 8:22-36](#); [1 Corinthians 1:18-26](#)

Sermon Series: *O Come, Emmanuel!*

### Closing Song

Worship Team

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***Come, Lord Jesus (Even So Come)***

Passion

### Benediction

Rev. Spencer

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## 11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

<b>Worship Team:</b>	Wes Allen-Guitar; Andy Cross-Bass; Joe Wichterman-Electric Guitar; Jamie Farmer-Drums; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Steve Drzaszcz, Vivian Allen-Vocals
<b>Audio Technician:</b>	Joshua Leonard
<b>Sound Technician:</b>	Taylor Adair
<b>Live Stream Technician:</b>	Dalton Ryan
<b>Visuals:</b>	Alice Conley
<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	Debbie Heller and Stacy Schaffer
<b>Usher:</b>	Greg Connlain or Steve Connlain
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	Matt Moxhay
<b>Welcome Desk:</b>	JoAnn Reynik and Dave Barr
<b>Hospitality Table:</b>	Donna Leatherman and Sara Dietz
<b>Nursery Caregiver:</b>	Chelsea Margerum

**Today's worship flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Evan Michael Welch from his family, friends, & all who loved him; and in loving memory of Margaret Jane Valora by her mother, Peggy.

**Nursery care** is provided for children ages 0-5 years old in Room 12.

**Check-ins:** Check-in is self-check in only on your smart phone. A volunteer is available to assist.



**Family Advent Kit:** Families are encouraged to pick up an *Advent Kit* in the Commons Lobby as we prepare ourselves for Christmas. Everything you need is included!



**Alternative Gift Fair** is now available through **Dec. 24**. See table in the Lobby to purchase your gifts. A broad range of gifts is offered to assist our mission partners (cash or checks).

**WJCMS Christmas Celebration – Sunday, Dec. 8, 7:30 PM:** Joyous selections from composers new and old sung by the West Jersey Chamber Chorale and highlighted by the Timberdale Brass (held in our Sanctuary). Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at the door or online at [wjcms.org](http://wjcms.org).



**Manger Sunday:** Members are invited to bring unwrapped gifts on **Dec. 15** to both Services to place in the manger. Gifts will be given to Oaks Integrated Care clients to use as gifts for their own families. For those NOT attending, gifts may be dropped off before or after Services outside on the steps of the Sanctuary Courtyard by **12 p.m.** [See our Events page](#) for a list of gift items.



The Deacons are asking congregants to bring in nonperishable food items, so we can restock our **Blessing Box**, and also gently-used and new coats for Haitian and Ukrainian refugees.

**Couples' Retreat** in Cape May – *April 11-13, 2025*: **Register by Jan. 31** to take advantage of our **Early-Bird Special of \$400 per couple!** The cost includes breakfast, two nights, group sessions with Dr. Paul Booker, and dinner on Saturday.



**Hurricane-Relief Mission Trip:** Please register on our website if you're interested in being a part of our Mission Team to help in the areas that were affected by the recent hurricanes. This multi-generational Trip is being planned for the **week of July 7, 2025**.

Pick up a copy of the **2024-25 Program Guide** to see the many opportunities we have to *Serve, Invite, Pray,* and *Give* throughout the coming year. They can be found in the narthex, Commons, and on the Welcome Desk.

**FPC MOORESTOWN WEEKLY PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES** (*See Prayer page on website for links*)

- **Mondays 9-10 AM** – Jim Cole leading - Prayer Chapel. Anyone needing or wanting to pray for others is welcome to join Jim.
- **Tuesdays 9-10 AM** – Jim Cole leading (Zoom)
- **Thursdays 7:00 PM** – Live stream Prayer Service (*praying for our church and discipleship*)
- **Thursdays 7:00 PM** – Prayer on the Porch – Join our Prayer Team for a time of prayer on the Van Camp Porch (*2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays June-Sept.*)
- **Sundays 10:00 AM** – After Traditional Worship, Beadles available to pray with or for you (David Room). Jim Cole also available in the Prayer Chapel in Commons Lobby for prayer.
- Submit confidential **online prayer requests** – visit <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/prayer>
- **Fall & Spring Prayer Retreats** to unplug and savor time away in meditation.
- **Prayer Vigils** - sponsored by the Prayer Committee for stewardship, National/World Day of Prayer, etc.