



Sunday, January 5, 2025 ~ Epiphany of the Lord
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

***Go Tell It on the Mountain/This Little Light of Mine
Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)***

Spiritual

Chris Tomlin

Wow Moments

Rev. Stuart Spencer

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

Come to our God, all who hunger for life;
for it is God Who nourishes us at the Table of Grace.
Come to our God, all who are worn out by life;
for it is God Who provides the rest we need.
Come to our God, all who are weighed down;
for it is our God Who carries our burdens with us.

***Song of Praise**

Worship Team

Everybody Praise the Lord

Lincoln Brewster

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Rev. Spencer

We are so skilled at being in control, at taking charge, Sabbath-Taking God, that we are not very good at resting. We think we have to be constantly busy, so we have no time for You. We are trained to be extremely productive, and so create our harried, stress-filled lives. Forgive us, Peace-Giving God. Help us to let go of our distractions, so You can act in us; calm our creaturely activity, so You can re-create us; help us to follow Jesus, not only into discipleship, but into our rest with You. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness *(responsive)*

It sounds so simple; we think it is too simple. But which is the burden you would choose: hate or love; anger or forgiveness; pain or peace? God invites us to receive the gifts which make it possible to have lives of faithful obedience.

This is the good news: God forgives us and takes our burdens from us. We would let go of them and welcome hope, joy, grace into our lives. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Greeting

Way of the Week

Dana Riker

13. OPEN DOORS FOR OTHERS TO LEAD. Encourage others to step into leadership by sharing responsibilities and mentoring. Let go of the jobs you've always done and allow new leaders to emerge. Remember that our youth and young adults are not solely the future of our church but are vitally important for our *present*.

Ideas for Action: As you consider whatever it is that you do regularly here, keep a look out for a younger person or a new member to invite to join you in the task. If the job requires training or coaching, offer it. Look to let go and hand off.

Offering Ourselves to God & Work of God's People

Rev. Allen



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Song of Praise

Worship Team

Moving On

Dixie Hummingbirds

Sermon

Rev. Spencer

Your Rest or Your Life

Scripture Texts: [Isaiah 30:12-16](#)

Sermon Series: *Entering God's Gift of Rest*

Communion Song

Worship Team

Rest on Us

Maverick City Music

Communion and Home Communion

Rev. Spencer

Invitation to the Table

As we approach the Lord and His Table, let us express our gratitude to God for what is important to us at this time, whether that be ordinary or special. In this prayer, the Pastor will say two phrases, each ending with "Thank you, God," to which we all respond, "Thank you, God." After that, anyone else may give thanks using the same pattern.

Words of Institution

The Bread and the Cup *(Please prepare a communion serving for yourself and any who are worshipping with you.)*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

GROW THE KINGDOM! As we commit to growing God's Kingdom, every member and friend of FPC Moorestown is invited into a covenant with four commitments: **I will pray. I will invite. I will serve. I will give.** Every member and friend is asked to commit to doing all four. For additional information including commitment forms: <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/grow-the-kingdom/>.

Benediction

Rev. Spencer

11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team:	Wes Allen-Guitar; Kalane Williams-Bass; Joe Wichterman-Electric Guitar; Carl Wilson-Drums; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Matt Russell-Keys; Michelle Davis, Bethany Trzeciak-Vocals
Audio Technician:	Taylor Adair
Sound Technician:	Tony Saranchak
Live Stream Technician:	Dalton Ryan
Visuals:	Alice Conley
Communion Elders:	Kevin Fauvell, Frank Manion, Gayle Payne, Melody Ransom
Flower Arrangers:	Carol Morgan and Stacy Schaffer
Usher:	Dave Barr or JoAnn Reynik
Trustee Greeter:	Jeff Legath
Welcome Desk:	Steve Drzaszcz and Gail Sorin
Hospitality Table:	Lissa Herman and Susan Shaffer
Nursery Caregiver:	Chelsea Margerum

Today's worship flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Harry Knowles by Lucy Rorke-Adams.

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.

Stopping at the Stop Signs: In conjunction with our sermon series on practicing the Sabbath, we offer resources to help you begin keeping your day of rest. Contact the Church Office if you'd like a paper copy. <https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2652440>



The Deacons are asking congregants to bring in nonperishable food items, so we can restock our **Blessing Box**.

Couples' Retreat in Cape May – *April 11-13*: Resolve to make an investment in your marriage! **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 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 (2nd & 4th 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.