



January 12, 2025 ~ Baptism of the Lord

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 am.***

Welcome & Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

As With Gladness Men of Old (Hymn 181)

Eithun

Bell Choir (Jim Cole, Barbara Fletcher, Lissa Herman, Melissa McNab, Sawyer McNab, Peg Pierce, Vicki Terry); Marion Norcross, Director

Introit

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

The Lord is Rich and Merciful

McClelland Gay

Adult Choir

*Call to Worship

Elder Dave Rebuck

Come, all who are weary and burdened, for the Lord calls us to rest.

We come, seeking renewal and peace in God's presence.

Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy; let this time be a sacred pause.

We lay down our work, our worries, and our striving.

Delight in the Lord, who offers us rest and restoration.

We come with open hearts, ready to worship and be renewed.

Let us worship the God of rest and renewal!

Thanks be to God!

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Rebuck

*Hymn No. 580

Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Rebuck

Holy and merciful God, You call us to rest, yet we resist. We fill our days with endless tasks and our hearts with anxious ambition. We neglect the Sabbath and forget the rhythms of grace You created for us. Forgive us for worship productivity over Your presence. Forgive us for failing to trust in Your provision and care. Renew our hearts and teach us to rest in You, that we may delight in Your goodness and share Your peace with the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, who is our rest, we pray. Amen.

(Silence for our personal prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Elder Rebuck

Hear the Good News: God's love is steadfast, and God's grace is abundant. Through Christ, we are forgiven and set free.

Thanks be to God! We are forgiven, renewed and invited into God's rest.

Let us walk in this grace and live in the peace of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Wes Allen

Anthem

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Wood

Adult Choir

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

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Way of the Week #14: Grow Faith

Speaker: Rick Dougherty

14. GROW FAITH. Take advantage of every chance you have to form your faith – through small groups, classes, and personal study. Be a disciple and look to learn from those who know more of the Bible and Christian life than you do, then look for opportunities to share what you've gained with someone else.

Offertory

Rev. Stuart Spencer



Thank you for your faithfulness and for blessing FPC Moorestown with your giving, as a new year growing God's Kingdom begins. Your offerings and donations allow us to sustain our church programs year-round. Donate easily from your device via the Church Center app for your tithes, offerings and other 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.

Offertory Music

Joel Krott, Organ

Serenity

Ives

Amanda Schkeeper, Alto

O, Sabbath rest of Galilee! O, calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee the silence of eternity interpreted by love.
Drop thy still dews of quietness till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Wes Allen

“Sabbath Bloody Sabbath”

Scripture: Exodus 20: 8-11 (Pew Bible page 66 OT)

Sermon Series: “Stop at the Stop Signs: Entering God’s Gift of Rest” ([see online resources page](#))

*Hymn No. 594

Like a River Glorious

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Let All Together Praise Our God

Powell

*Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Allen

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Worship flowers are given by Barbara Lewis in loving memory of her husband Allen Judson Lewis, and to the glory of God.

9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Dave Rebuck; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Dave Rebuck, Brett Couvillion, Jim Clinton; **Flower Arrangers:** Fran Green and Karen Mason; **Trustee Greeter:** Pete Honeyford; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Jane Murphy; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Mike McNeil and Laurie LaMonica; **Bagel Pickup:** Jane Murphy or Debbie Rebuck; **Coffee Hospitality:** Jane Murphy and Debbie Rebuck; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum.

Centering Prayer Group

Wednesdays from 6:30- 7:30 p.m. (I Will Pray)

On Wednesday, **January 8** and **January 15**, those who are new to this form of prayer are invited to come for two evenings of introduction to Centering Prayer. On January 15, Dr. Brian Russell, author of *Centering Prayer: Sitting Quietly in the Presence of God Can Change Your Life* joins the group via Zoom for an introduction to Centering Prayer. The group meets in Pastor Spencer’s Study. On January 15, the group meets in Fellowship Hall.

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



January 26, 2025 is Blanket Sunday, an offering sponsored by our Deacons --

Your contributions to Church World Service enable CWS to help families recover from disasters and displacement, while helping to rebuild viable, sustainable lives and communities. Look for Blanket Sunday envelopes at both services. You may also give securely online at www.fpcmoorestown.org/giving - just choose Blanket Sunday from the drop down list. And thank you! *NOTE: This is not a Sunday when*

we collect blankets. Please do not bring blankets to donate to the church.

Registration for 2025-2026 Step by Step Christian Preschool open! Registration for existing families and church members will be January 6-17, 2025. Registration for others will begin January 21. Our Preschool Open House will be **January 21, 2025** from 6-7 p.m. Applications are available by emailing director Amy Delgado at adelgado@fpcmoorestown.org or calling the school at 856.235.1688, x132.

Sermon Series Resources -- In conjunction with our six-part sermon series on practicing the Sabbath, we offer these resources to help you begin keeping a regular, weekly Sabbath. Visit the Church Center events page: <https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2687403>.

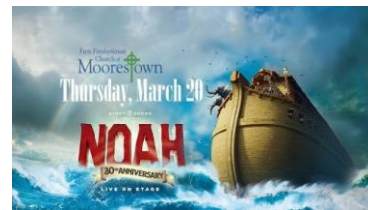
PW Winter Gathering -- All women of the Church are encouraged to come to the Presbyterian Women Winter Gathering on **Monday, Jan. 13 at 10:00 a.m.** Enjoy delicious pastries and hot beverages as we begin a new year. Speaker will be Linda Jagiela, who will share about her new job with Baker Industries, a nonprofit workforce development program serving hard-to-employ adults in our community. Please remember to bring **white socks** to donate to Christian Caring Center.

Annual Meeting (I Will Serve) -- Work is underway on the Annual Report for 2024, summarizing our ministry year. The Annual Meeting will be held **Sunday, February 2, 2025** in Fellowship Hall and be preceded by a potluck luncheon coordinated by the Deacons. Reports are due to Jan Martin in the church office by **Friday, January 10**. The Annual Report will be available Sunday, Jan. 26. Based on the first letter of your last name, please bring the following: (A-L): Main Dish or Entrée; (M-Q): Side Dish or Salad; (P-R): 8 oz. pony bottles of water; (S-T): Rolls or Bread; (U-Z): Desserts. The meeting will be held about 12:30 pm, following the Contemporary Worship.

Holiday Schedule -- The church campus will be CLOSED **Monday, January 20** for the Martin Luther King holiday.

Women's Morning Prayer Event (I Will Pray) -- **Saturday, February 22, 2025 (8:00 am-12 noon)** -- Experience the joy and wonder of spending special time alone with God in prayer. Bring your Bible, journal and a snack if you'd like. Coffee, hot tea, and water provided. If praying is a new or unfamiliar spiritual practice, not a problem. Just do what makes you comfortable. Join other women on their prayer journey. Women of high school age or older and friends are welcome. [Sign up online](#). Event starts in the Lounge.

NEW: Noah Trip -- Watch the Bible come alive! We have arranged a Sight and Sound Bus Trip on **Thursday, March 20, 2025** to see the production of "Noah." We will depart from FPC Moorestown that morning, travel to Lancaster, PA, and enjoy lunch at Miller's Smorgasbord Amish Country Buffet. We will travel to the Theatre for the 3:00 pm show, and return that evening to the church parking lot. Only 38 tickets are available. Cost is \$150 per person and includes bus transportation (the church is absorbing this expense), show ticket, lunch and driver gratuity. [Please sign up online](#). Tickets are limited and are expected to sell out fast. *No refunds or exchanges.*



COMING: Sunday, February 9 is Deacon Sunday and opportunity to support our Board of Deacons.