



January 19, 2025 ~ 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

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

Joel Krott, Organ

Here's One

Spiritual, Arr. Rinehart

Introit

Somebody's Knockin' At Your Door

Spiritual

Adult Choir; Frank Mitchell, Bass

*Call to Worship

Elder Steve Shaffer

God of all glory, on this first day of the week you began creation, bringing light out of darkness. On this first day you began your new creation, raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death.

On this Lord's Day, our Sabbath day of rest, grant that we, the people you create by the waters of baptism and the power of the Holy Spirit, may be joined with all your works in praising you for your great glory. Through Jesus Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit, we praise you now and forever.

Let us worship God — Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Shaffer

*Hymn No. 71

O Bless The Lord, My Soul!

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Shaffer

O Lord, we admit today that even as we consider your goodness, we also see our failures. We find faults in our working, when we do too little, or do too much. We see wrongs in our resting, when we treat each day alike, or shrink your day down to a sixty-minute Sabbath. And so we come to you on your day, confessing that we are weary of our foolishness and tired of our sins. Lift our heavy hearts by your Holy Spirit, and give us the true rest we need. Pardon our sins because of the work of Jesus Christ. And then so bless us this day that we will show forth your Lordship every day, until we reach the promised rest purchased for us by Jesus Christ Our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(Silence for our personal prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Shaffer

Hear, receive, and trust the good news I share with you. Our merciful God says,

“With everlasting love I will have compassion on you, says the Lord, your Redeemer. I, I am the One who blots out your wrongs for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins. Return to me, for I have redeemed you.”

Be at peace. Believe the Gospel. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri

Anthem

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Here's One

Spiritual, Arr. William Grant Still

Adult Choir; Amanda Schkeeper, Alto

My Lawd! My Lawd! O!

Talk about a child dat do love Jesus. Here's one.

In Ol' Satan's snares I once was fallin' But I heard the voice of my Lawd callin'.

Talk about a child dat do love Jesus. Here's one.

Talk about a child dat's been converted, Here's one.

Ever since I learned de Gospel story I've been walking up de path to glory.

Talk about a child dat's been converted, Here's one. O.

Moment for Practicing the Way

Rev. Wes Allen

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

Rev. Allen

Way of the Week #15: Welcome Change

Speaker: Curtis Miyamoto

15. WELCOME CHANGE. Be curious about new ideas, perspectives, and approaches. Get excited by the possibilities that change can bring. What worked in the past won't always work in the future, for God is doing new things.

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Offertory

Rev. 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, Piano

Balm in Gilead

Frank Mitchell, Bass

Spiritual, Arr. Burleigh

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"A Weekly Emancipation"

Scripture: Deuteronomy 5 : 12-15 (Pew Bible page 162 OT)

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

*Hymn No. 642

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

Music in Preparation for Service

Joel Krott, Organ

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

Spiritual, Arr. Rinehart

*Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

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Worship flowers are given by Philip and Linda Jagiela in loving memory of their daughter Kimberly Susan Jagiela.

9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Steve Shaffer; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Steve Shaffer, Gail Sorin, Bill Pettit; **Deacon 3rd Sunday Flower Arrangers:** TBD; **Deacons 3rd Sunday Flower Deliverers:** TBD; **Flower Arrangers:** JoAnn Reynik and Debbie Heller; **Trustee Greeter:** Joe Molloy; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Carol Manion; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Susan Shaffer and Alex Wilkie; **Bagel Pickup:** Carol and Jim Wiggans; **Coffee Hospitality:** Carol and Jim Wiggans; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum.

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[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.

NOTE: This is not a Sunday when we **collect** blankets. Please do not bring blankets to donate to the church.

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

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is on the ground helping with the California wildfires. To give, visit <https://pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/disaster-assistance>.

Open House; Registration for 2025-2026 Step by Step Preschool! Open registration begins Jan. 21. Applications are available by emailing director Amy Delgado at adelgado@fpcmoorestown.org or calling the school at 856.235.1688, x132. Parents are invited to our Preschool Open House Tuesday, January 21 from 6-7 p.m.

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

Annual Meeting (I Will Serve)-- The Annual Meeting will be held **Sunday, February 2** in Fellowship Hall and begin with a potluck luncheon coordinated by the Deacons. The Annual Report will be available Sunday, Jan. 26. Based on the first letter of your last name, please bring the following covered dish: (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 begin about 12:30 pm, following the Contemporary Worship.

Women's Morning Prayer Event (I Will Pray) -- Saturday, February 22 (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: Lenten Information Meeting-- This year our Lenten Study will be reading "Practicing the Way" by John Mark Comer. On **Sunday, Jan. 26** Wes Allen hosts an introduction to the course for those who may be interested in leading a group. This will take place in Fellowship Hall at 12:15 pm. We need people to SERVE by leading the course. If you are able please let Wes know and plan to attend on Jan. 26. We hope the majority of our groups will proactively INVITE neighbors, family and friends to participate - including those who are not affiliated with FPC Moorestown and those on the fringes. Please PRAY, asking for God's guidance and blessing upon us.

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.

Per Capita Support (I Will Give) -- As Presbyterians, we are a *connectional church*. The annual "per member" or "per capita" contribution of \$38.75 above one's pledge supports the General Assembly, Synod and Presbytery. Our church is required to pay this assessment. The Stewardship Team asks you to please cover your share of \$38.75/each per member. If you do NOT wish the church to pay your Per Capita, you must [submit an opt-out form online](#). The church must pay for all non-responding members. *Please note not responding is NOT the same as opting out.* Per Capita payments and opt-out requests are due to the church by **February 28**. This contribution is not deducted from one's pledge. Watch your mail for a letter from the Pastor and Stewardship team.

COMING: Deacon Sunday is **February 9** and an opportunity to support our Board of Deacons. Visit our page to learn more about ways you can help.