



January 26, 2025 ~ 3rd Sunday after Epiphany, Blanket Sunday (Deacons)

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. Wes Allen

Music in Preparation for Worship

Carol Manion, Piano

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty (LOBE DEN HERREN)

Anonymous

***Call to Worship**

Elder Pam Engle

Rejoice, people of God: this is our Sabbath day, our day of rest.

Rejoice, for this is our time for worship.

God ordained the Sabbath for rest and restoration.

God is worthy of worship, our Creator, our Healer, and our Hope.

So then, let us worship God.

***Prayer of Adoration**

Elder Engle

***Hymn No. 95**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Engle

God of all wisdom. We surrender to you. We surrender the arrogance of presuming that we know what is best. We surrender the hope of drawing you into our way of thinking. We surrender the idea that our voice matters more than others. We surrender the assumption that our perception of truth is truth. We

surrender the hardness of our hearts. We surrender the closed doors of our minds. We surrender. Have mercy upon us all. We lay down our struggles against you, unconditionally, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

(Silence for our personal prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Engle

Friends, hear this good news: In Christ, God forgives us in our foolishness, our pride, and our arrogance and fills us with new life.

Through the grace, mercy and love of Jesus, our Savior, we are forgiven. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Anthem

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

God is Never Late

Nathan Smith

Choristers

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Allen

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

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Way of the Week #16: Give Cheerfully

Speaker: Jeff Legath

16. GIVE CHEERFULLY. Rejoice, you get to give! Think of giving as a privilege rather than an obligation, a joy instead of a burden. As you consider all that's been entrusted to you – time, abilities and money – ask, "How is God calling me to share what I've been given?"

Offertory and Blanket Sunday Offering

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

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Ubi Caritas

Victor Johnson

Chapel Choir

*Ubi caritas et amore,
Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amore
Exultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincere.*

Where there is charity and love,
God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

*Doxology No. 809

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Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

“Rest Made For You”

Scripture: Mark 2 : 23-28 (Pew Bible page 36 NT)

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

*Hymn No. 591

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Ubi Caritas

Wagner

*Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

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Worship flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ken Peacock from Diana and Joyce

9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Pam Engle; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** John Miller, Patrick McIlroy, Steve Emerson; **Flower Arrangers:** Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop; **Trustee Greeter:** Bill Conner; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Ginny Powell; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Susan Horn and Steve Emerson; **Bagel Pickup:** Ginny or Tim Powell; **Coffee Hospitality:** Ginny and Tim Powell; **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. And thank you! NOTE: This is not a Sunday when we **collect** blankets. Please do not bring blankets to donate to the church.

[Deacon Sunday](#)

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.

Point your cell phone camera to the above QR code for easy giving through Church Center for both Blanket Sunday and Deacon Sunday.

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

Choristers and Chapel Choir parents, please remember the meeting for parents right after church this morning pertaining to a possible 2016 tour.

TODAY: Lenten Information Meeting (I Will Invite) -- This year our Lenten Study will be reading "Practicing the Way" by John Mark Comer. Today at 12:15 pm in Fellowship Hall, Wes Allen hosts an introduction to this 8-week course for those interested in leading a group. All materials are provided for you! If you are able to SERVE please let Wes know. We hope 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.

Open Registration for 2025-2026 Step by Step Christian Preschool began January 21. Applications are available by emailing director Amy Delgado at adelgado@fpcmoorestown.org or calling the school at 856.235.1688, x132.

Annual Meeting (I Will Serve) -- The Annual Meeting will be held **Sunday, February 2** in Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 am Contemporary Service, and begin with a delicious potluck (thank you 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.

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, 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.

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>.

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.

NEW: Inquirers Class -- Are you interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown? Come to our Inquirers Class series which begins **February 26**. [See our Church Center event page](#) for info and to sign up.

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 church that morning, travel to Lancaster, PA, and enjoy lunch at Miller's Smorgasbord Amish Country Buffet. We will attend the 3:00 pm show, and return that evening to the church. 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 expected to sell out fast. *No refunds or exchanges.*

MSCG Painting Party Fundraiser -- Back by popular demand, it's a Painting Party fundraiser on **Sunday, Feb. 23rd** from 2:00-4:30 pm. Limit of 10 spaces available. Sign up with Leslie Spencer or the church office by **Feb. 16th**.