



February 9, 2025 ~ 5th Sunday after Epiphany; Deacon Sunday

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

Alone to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ

Pachelbel

***Call to Worship (responsive)**

Elder Paul Grossmann

Return to the Lord your God, **for God is gracious.**
Confess to the Lord your God, **for God is merciful.**
Repent to the Lord your God, **for God is slow to anger.**
Praise the Lord your God, **for God abounds in steadfast love.**
Worship the Lord your God. ***Together, let us worship God!***

***Prayer of Adoration**

Elder Paul Grossmann

***Hymn No. 320**

Come, Let Us Praise the Lord

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Grossmann

Holy Father, We come to You this morning in need of inspiration. We admit that we can get overwhelmed with our earthly circumstances. We confess that we look at our current situations without realizing all that is available on our behalf. Please forgive us for our spiritual blindness. Open our eyes that You might reveal to us how You are already caring for us and protecting us. Strengthen our faith so that we will be fully present to Your loving care for us. We pray this humbly in Christ's name. Amen.

(Silence for our personal prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Elder Grossmann

Beloved people of God know this, and never forget: Our God is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry, and filled with unfailing love. When we stumble, the Lord is there to catch us; when we are weighed down, He is there to lift us up. So be at peace: your sins are forgiven.

Thank you, Lord! We'll trust your mercy and we'll fully receive your grace. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Anthem

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

How're We Goin' To Praise the Lord?

Natalie Sleeth

Choristers

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Spencer

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

Rev. Allen

Way of the Week #18: Ask For Help

Speaker: Jen Allen

18. ASK FOR HELP. Part of being a real and authentic member of the church is to acknowledge your weaknesses and be willing to ask for God's help and the support of others. None of us can go it alone. Vulnerability is a sign of strength and a gift to others.

Offertory, Deacon Sunday

Rev. Wes Allen



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

Rachel Ferguson, Piano

A Jubilant Song

Victor C. Johnson

Chapel Choir

Cantate Domino canticum novum*
Lift up your voice in jubilant song
Cantate Domino canticum novum.
Lift up your voice, sing and rejoice, alleluia!

O let your heart sing a jubilant new song,
And let your spirit be glad!
Come let us raise a joyful song of praise.
Alleluia.

**Sing to the Lord a new song.*

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***Doxology No. 809**

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

“A Sabbath Way of Life”

Scripture: Matthew 11: 25-30 (Pew Bible page 12 NT)

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

***Hymn No. 453**

Are You Weary, Heavy Laden?

Music in Preparation for Service

Layla Joshi, Organ

Toccata in C Major

Pachelbel

***Benediction and Going Forth**

Rev. Spencer

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Worship flowers are given by Mike and Ann Ramage in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Paul Grossmann; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Paul Lewis, Barry Leatherman, Leonard Fitts; **Flower Arrangers:** Karin Miller and Rumi Sinunu; **Trustee Greeter:** John Miller; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Philip Jagiela; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Bobbi Voglesong and Helen Dominy; **Bagel Pickup:** Paul Grossmann or Jim Cole; **Coffee Hospitality:** Paul Grossmann and Jim Cole; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum.



A project of the Deacons; coming **March 30**
9:30 AM 5th Sunday Worship & Service Projects

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

TODAY is [Deacon Sunday](#) and an opportunity to support our Board of Deacons. Visit our Church Center page to learn more. Please write "Deacon Sunday" in the memo field or use the online drop down.



- **NEW: Lenten Information Meeting** (I Will Invite) -- This year our Lenten Study will be reading "Practicing the Way" by John Mark Comer. We need people to SERVE by leading the 8-week course. If you are able please let Wes know. Everything is provided for you! 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. *Since Lent is only six weeks and the materials span eight weeks, groups will either begin two weeks before Lent (the week of Feb. 23) or continue two weeks beyond Easter (Easter is April 20). Watch for online signup registrations!* **Contact:** Wes Allen

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 cover your share of \$38.75 per member. If you do NOT wish the church to pay your Per Capita, submit your opt-out form online at <https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/people/forms/874908> or call the church office - (856) 235-1688. 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.

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. Women of high school age or older and friends are welcome. [Sign up online](#). Event starts in the Lounge.

NEW: Noah Trip – As of Feb. 7, 12 tickets remain for the Sight and Sound Bus Trip on Thursday, **March 20, 2025** to see the production of "Noah." We will depart from church and enjoy lunch at Miller's Amish Country Buffet in Lancaster, PA. We will attend the 3:00 pm show, and return that evening to the church parking lot. 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 selling briskly. No refunds or exchanges.

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.

NEW: Spring Prayer Retreat will be held **April 1-4, 2025** at Holy Cross Monastery. See our event page to register.

Capital Sunday -- In the 2025 Annual Report, Trustees categorized 23 individual capital improvements that will require attention in the upcoming years. Because of budgetary restraints no capital funds have been budgeted for 2025. Instead, leadership offers the congregation the chance to give specifically to these projects during a Capital Campaign on **February 23**. Watch your mail or give via pew envelopes and online giving.

2024 Statements -- Year-end statements for 2024 giving are available 24/7 in the Church Center app. Touch "Give" and "My Giving" for a full history and statements. Year-end statements for 2024 have been e-mailed.