



**February 16, 2025 ~ 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany, Welcome Rev. Eagles**

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**

Joel Krott, Organ

***Come Holy Ghost, Lord God***

Armsdorf

**Introit**

***Come Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire***

8<sup>th</sup> Century

Adult Choir

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

Elder Frank Manion

For God alone our souls wait in silence; from Him comes our salvation.

**He alone is our rock and our salvation, our fortress; we shall never be shaken.**

For God alone our souls wait in silence, for our hope is from Him.

**He alone is our rock and our salvation, our fortress; we shall not be shaken.**

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts before him; God is a refuge for us.

**Our hope is found in Christ alone. He is our light, our strength, and our song. We worship Him alone.**

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

Elder Manion

**\*Hymn No. 108**

***Come, Christians, Join to Sing***

\*\*\*Seating interlude

## Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Manion

Gracious Heavenly Father, we wonder how you could love us. We are sinners, condemned and unclean. Yet you pour out your love and grace upon us. You give us salvation, your abundant life, and your Holy Spirit. You have set us free from the power of sin and death. We are new creations—yet we still seek to somehow be worthy of your love. We still trust ourselves and rely on our own efforts, rather than fully trust your grace to change us. The cross and the empty tomb prove that your work is done yet we still think we must do something more to prove worthy of your love. Lord, our heart's desire is to surrender ourselves and our lives fully into your hands, to follow you wholeheartedly wherever you lead us. Yet we still hold onto our selfish desires—we still want to go our own way. We are still more self-centered than Christ-centered. Forgive us Lord. We believe! Help our unbelief. Help us to fully rest in your grace!

*[Personal and private prayers of confession]*

## Assurance of Forgiveness (responsive)

Elder Manion

The good news of the gospel is that grace is not a joint effort, it is a free gift. By faith, we are already justified, just as if we have never sinned. By faith, we are being changed into the image of Christ. By faith, one day we will all be living demonstrations of the power of God's love and grace. When we sin and fall short, we can confess our sin and, by faith, be forgiven and cleansed from all unrighteousness.

**Thanks be to God! Sin has lost its grip on us. We have been bought with the precious blood of Christ. In Christ alone we stand. In his grace, we rest. Amen.**

## \*Gloria Patri

## Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Allen

## Anthem

***Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord***

Quartet

Mendelssohn

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

Rev. Stuart Spencer

## Way of the Week #19: Accept and Don't Cast Stones

Speaker: Doris Kahley

**19. ACCEPT AND DON'T CAST STONES.** God's love opens the doors of our church to all people. Just as Jesus did, welcome people as they are. It's not up to us to judge. Love unconditionally, and as Christ has received you, receive others.

## 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

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### **Hear My Prayer, O Lord**

Belfield

Adult Choir

Hear My Prayer, O Lord hear my prayer: give ear to my plea,  
Give ear to my earnest plea.  
Hear My Prayer, O Lord, please hear my prayer.  
Teach me to do your will, for You are my God.

~ From Psalm 143

## \*Doxology No. 809

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### Sermon

Rev. Kathryn Eagles

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#### ***“Resting in God’s Grace”***

**Scripture:** Galatians 2: 15-21 (Pew Bible pg. 187 NT); Ephesians 1: 1-6 (Pew Bible pg. 191 NT)

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

## \*Hymn No. 835

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### ***Savior, Again to your Dear Name***

## Music in Preparation for Service

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Joel Krott, Organ

### ***From My Heart’s Deep Foundation***

J.C. Bach

## \*Benediction and Going Forth

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Rev. Eagles

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**Worship flowers** are given by Gail and Greg Sorin in loving memory of their son Nathan Lee Sorin.

## 9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

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**Beadle:** Elder Frank Manion; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Jack Terry, Barry Leatherman, Owen Dietz; **Deacons 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Flower Arranger:** JoAnn Reynik; **Deacons 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Flower Deliverers:** TBD; **Flower Arrangers:** JoAnn Reynik and Karen Mason; **Trustee Greeter:** Wendy Dougherty; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Jim Dodimead; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacon Andrew Ehala; **Bagel Pickup:** Sue Piper or Sherrell Fitts; **Coffee Hospitality:** Sue Piper and Sherrell Fitts; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum.



### **WELCOME TO OUR GUEST PREACHER**

*Rev. Kathryn Eagles is an ordained American Baptist pastor and retired from full time ministry in 2016 and interim ministry in 2023. She and her husband of 54 years, Lorenzo, a retired investment advisor, joined First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown last year.*

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

**NEW: Lenten Study** (I Will Invite) -- This year our Lenten Study will be reading "Practicing the Way" by John Mark Comer. We need people to HOST a group for this 8-week course. Please see Wes Allen -- everything is provided for you! **SIGN UP in the Commons Lobby or online through the [Church Center event page](#)**. We hope groups will proactively INVITE neighbors, family and friends to participate - including those who are not affiliated with FPC Moorestown. *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).*

**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/to register. We're eager to meet you.

**YES, 7 spots remain for the Feb. 23 [Painting Party Fundraiser](#)** for our Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden (\$50 donation to the garden). Contact Leslie Spencer at (215) 584-7659 or the church office to sign up for this fun event!

**[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. Your Stewardship Team asks you to 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](#) (see event page). 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 by February 28.** This contribution is not deducted from one's pledge.



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

**NEW: [Spring Prayer Retreat](#)** will be held **April 1-4, 2025** at Holy Cross Monastery. Register by **March 9**.

**NEXT WEEK: [Capital Sunday](#)** -- In the 2025 *Annual Report*, Trustees prioritized 23 capital improvements that will require attention in the upcoming years. Because of budgetary restraints there were no capital funds budgeted for 2025. Instead, leadership offers the congregation the chance to give specifically to these projects during a Capital Campaign on **Sunday, February 23**. Watch your mail for information or give via pew envelopes and online via the drop down menu or QR code.



**NEW: [Noah Trip](#)** -- As of Feb. 14, 10 tickets remain for the Sight and Sound Bus Trip on Thursday, **March 20, 2025** to see the production of "Noah." Cost is \$150 per person and includes motor coach (the church is absorbing this expense), show ticket, lunch at Miller's Smorgasbord and driver gratuity. [Please sign up online](#). Tickets are selling briskly. No refunds or exchanges.

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

**[Adult Prayer Breakfast](#)** -- **Saturday, March 8** (I Will Pray) -- This year during Lent, the Men's Prayer Group invites men and women of the congregation to a wonderful morning of learning and fellowship. Begin the day with a delicious breakfast at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. After breakfast, Sister Marcy from the Francis House of Prayer Retreat Center, will be our keynote speaker. Please sign up online so we can gauge food preparation.

**The Season of Lent** begins with Ash Wednesday Worship **Wednesday, March 5** at 7:00 PM; ashes, communion.