



February 23, 2025 ~ 7th Sunday after Epiphany ~ Capital 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

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

O the Beautiful Treasures of Heaven

Shaker Hymn

Introit

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Treasures in Heaven

Clokey

Adult Choir

Store not up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. ~ Matthew 6:19-21

***Call to Worship (based on Psalm 50)**

Elder Gayle Payne

The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Our God comes; he does not keep silence. God calls and we respond to his love.

The heavens declare God's righteousness.

We tell out God's glories!

Offer up to God your thanksgiving.

And our God will hear us, save us, and stay with us forever. Let us worship together our great God!

***Prayer of Adoration**

Elder Payne

***Hymn No. 580**

Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Spencer

Lord God, to You we bring our confession: We have turned from the way of Jesus. We have quenched the Spirit's power. We have not shared the Good News in word or deed. Our pride blinds and our anger burns, and we have failed to live Your new life. Forgive our sin, O God, and free us from our disobedience. Strengthen us in Your grace and love, that we may serve You as faithful disciples and live in Your joy. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

(Silence for our personal prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Christ was pierced for your transgressions. Christ was crushed for your iniquities. He alone is your foundation. He alone is your refuge. He alone is your living hope. You have confessed your sins. You have acknowledged your iniquity. Therefore, by the authority of Jesus Christ, and as a minister of his gospel, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri

Responses

Sawyer McNab, Piano

People Praise God

Butler

I Should Too

Kirkland

Primary Choir

Capital Sunday (see insert)

Trustee Pete Honeyford

You may choose to give as a family or individual to a specific project or give to the overall campaign. Complete the mailed Capital Fund Pledge Card or the online [Capital Fund Pledge Card](#). Please remember this is above and beyond your normal giving commitment to the Church.

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

Rev. Wes Allen

Way of the Week #20: Find Strength in Belonging

Speaker: Kevin Schaeffer

20. FIND STRENGTH IN BELONGING. At FPC Moorestown, you're loved and valued. Claim us as your family. Rather than withdrawing, allow struggles and disappointments to deepen your sense of belonging. Pray for chances to bring healing to relationships. Please be patient! God isn't yet finished with us or with you.

Offertory

Rev. 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.

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Offertory Music

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Let Hearts Awaken

Clokey

Adult Choir

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

“Empty to Full”

Scripture: Luke 5: 1-11 (Pew Bible page 62 NT)

Sermon Series: Walking the Way of Jesus

*Hymn No. 576

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Music in Preparation for Service

Joel Krott, Organ

Flourish for an Occasion

Callahan

*Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

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Worship flowers are given by Jane Murphy in loving memory of her mother Ruth Fisher.

9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Gayle Payne; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Dave Rebuck, Brett Couvillion, James Clinton; **Flower Arrangers:** Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop; **Trustee Greeter:** Jeff Mason; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Nancy Dodimead; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Mike McNeil and Laurie LaMonica; **Bagel Pickup:** Donna Leatherman or Sarah Dietz; **Coffee Hospitality:** Donna Leatherman and Sarah Dietz; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum.



TODAY: Yes, 7 spots remain for today's [Painting Party Fundraiser](#) for our Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden (\$50 donation to the garden). Event is 2:00-4:30 pm. Please contact Leslie Spencer at (215) 584-7659 to sign up for this fun event!

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

- **TODAY: [Capital Sunday](#)** -- In the *2025 Annual Report*, Trustees prioritized 23 capital improvements that will require attention in the upcoming years (SEE INSERT). 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. Information has been mailed; give today via check, pew envelopes and online via the drop down menu or QR code. Designate "Capital Fund" in memo line on checks.



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 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 February 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 **Feb. 26**. Be our guest at Family Dinner 5:45-6:45 pm, followed by the first session. [See our Church Center event page](#) for schedule and to sign up or call Alison in the church office (856) 235-1688.

- **[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.)



[Noah Trip](#) -- As of Feb. 21, 10 tickets remain for the Sight and Sound Bus Trip on Thursday, **March 20th** 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.

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

[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. Enjoy a delicious breakfast at 8:30 AM in Fellowship Hall prepared by the men. Sister Marcy from the Francis House of Prayer Retreat Center, will be our keynote speaker. Please RSVP online **by March 3** so we can gauge food needs. Donations gratefully accepted.

The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday Worship **Wednesday, March 5** at 7:00 PM; ashes, communion. There will be no Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone or Family Dinner March 5 so that families may worship together. Middle School Youth Group will attend the Ash Wednesday service. Lenten Kits for families available March 9th (see back of *Connections*).

SAVE THE DATE: Church Has Left The Building is **Sunday, March 30** -- combined worship at **9:30 a.m.** in Miller Commons followed by service projects for all ages. Watch for sign ups!