



March 2, 2025 ~ Transfiguration of the Lord

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

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Arr. Roth

Bell Choir: Jim Cole, Barbara Fletcher, Lissa Herman, Melissa McNab, Sawyer McNab, Marion Norcross, Peg Pierce, Vicki Terry; Kathy Gunsallus, Director

Introit

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Joyfully, Heartily Resounding

Bourgeois

Adult Choir; Linda Lockart, Director

Joyfully, heartily resounding, let every instrument and voice peal out the praise of grace abounding, calling the whole world to rejoice. Trumpets and organs set in motion such sounds as make the heavens ring: all things that live in earth and ocean, Make music for your mighty King.

*Call to Worship

Elder Kristen Perkowski

Come, all who are weary, all who are burdened, all who long to follow in the way of Jesus.

We come to sit at His feet, to hear His voice, to respond to His call.

Jesus says, "Follow me," not because we are worthy, but because He is gracious.

We come, leaving behind our fears, our failures, and our self-sufficiency.

The table of grace is set, and all are invited—tax collectors and sinners, the broken and the whole.

We come to feast at the banquet of the Kingdom, where mercy triumphs over judgment.

Let us worship the One who calls us to follow Him, who welcomes us into the way of life.

We come to worship Jesus, our Teacher, our Savior, our Lord!

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Perkowski

*Hymn No. 669

God of Grace and God of Glory

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Perkowski

Merciful God, You have called us to follow, yet we are slow to leave behind our comforts and routines. You have invited us to the table of grace, yet we often set conditions on who should sit beside us. You have shown us the way of love, yet we choose judgment over mercy, pride over humility, self over sacrifice. Forgive us, Lord, for the ways we have been gatekeepers of grace instead of welcomers. Forgive us for the times we have resisted Your call, holding on to our own way rather than walking in Yours. Forgive us when we have failed to trust that Your invitation is enough—not just for others, but for us. Have mercy on us, O God. Teach us what it means to follow You with our whole lives. Transform us by Your grace so that we may reflect Your love to the world. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

(Silence for our personal prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Perkowski

Hear the good news! Jesus Christ came not for the righteous, but for sinners. He does not wait for us to be perfect before He calls us—He calls us as we are, so that He might make us new.

"It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Because of Christ, we are forgiven. Because of His grace, we are set free. Because of His mercy, we are invited into the way of life.

Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen!

*Gloria Patri

Anthem

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

Adult Choir; Linda Lockart, Director

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia.
O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of His name,
Make His praise to be glorious.

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Allen

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

Rev. Spencer

Way of the Week #21: You're Sent, Now Go

Speaker: Sharon Budka

21. YOU'RE SENT, NOW GO. We're blessed to be a blessing. God intends to use you to bless, heal, restore, and liberate a dark and hurting world. We're here for others: in our families and our community and in the world. Go to the need. Live missionally.

Offertory

Rev. Spencer



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Offertory Music

Dr. Amit Joshi, Piano

If With All Your Hearts

Sam Day, Tenor

Mendelssohn

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Wes Allen

"The Gatekeepers of Grace"

Scripture: Luke 5: 27-32 (Pew Bible page 63 NT)

Sermon Series: Walking the Way of Jesus

*Hymn No. 671

Rise Up O Saints of God

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Trumpet Voluntary

Helman

*Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Allen

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Worship flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Al Wenzke from Joyce, Ken, Aut, Quinn, Kenzie and Family

9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Kristen Perkowski; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Dalton Ryan; **Ushers:** Steve Shaffer, Gail Sorin, Bill Pettit; **Flower Arrangers:** Karin Miller and Rumi Sinunu; **Trustee Greeter:** Joe Molloy; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Sue Hill; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Susan Shaffer and Alex Wilkie; **Bagel Pickup:** Ginny and Tim Powell; **Coffee Hospitality:** Ginny and Tim Powell; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum.



Wednesday, March 5

7:00 p.m. – Sanctuary

Imposition of Ashes, Communion

"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up."

– James 4:10

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

(Communion will be Sunday, March 9, the First Sunday in Lent)

TODAY: [Inquirers Class](#) (I Will Invite) – Today the Inquirers Class will meet 10:15-11:00 am in Room 8. Upcoming meeting with Session to share your Statement of Faith: **Sunday, March 8** (10:15-11:00 AM, Room 8).

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 that evening so that families may worship together. Middle School Youth Group will attend the Ash Wednesday service. Lenten Kits for families available March 9th.



[NEW: Lenten Study](#) (I Will Invite) -- This year our Lenten Study will be reading "Practicing the Way" by John Mark Comer. **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. The materials span 8 weeks; groups *groups will either begin two weeks before Lent (the week of February 23) or continue two weeks beyond Easter (April 20).*

[Capital Sunday](#) (I Will Give) – *Thank you* for your generosity last week for the 2025 Capital Sunday. Trustees have prioritized 23 capital improvements totaling \$173,800 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 the Feb. 23rd Capital Sunday campaign. If you did not have a chance to contribute, offerings are accepted via check (designate "Capital Fund" in memo line), pew envelopes and online via the drop down menu or QR code. Donations may be made at any time not just on Capital Sunday.



See the [Lent and Easter event page](#) or [download the Journey of Lent Brochure](#) for Lent information

[Per Capita Support](#) (I Will Give) – The Stewardship Committee reminds all stated members of FPC Moorestown to cover their annual per capita assessment. This individual contribution of \$38.75 above one's pledge supports the General Assembly, Synod and Presbytery. The church must pay for all non-responding members. Please be sure to "opt out" if you do not wish the church to pay your amount: [submit an opt-out form online](#) (see event page). **Per Capita payments and opt-out requests due by February 28.**

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

[Adult Prayer Breakfast](#) (I Will Pray) -- **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.

- **Save The Date: Church Has Left The Building (March 30, I Will Serve)**, 9:30 AM combined worship in Miller Commons followed by service projects for various ages; the Deacons will sponsor a Chili Cookoff immediately following worship. Watch for sign up info. CHLTB 12-Hour Prayer Vigil: **Saturday, March 29** (I Will Pray); watch for a sign up sheet from the Prayer and Discipleship Committee.

Session Half Day Retreat – Saturday, March 22 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; Fellowship Hall. Breakfast provided.