



March 9, 2025 ~ First Sunday in Lent, Communion

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

Reading of the Ten Commandments

Music in Preparation for Worship

Prelude in C Minor

Joel Krott, Organ

Fugue in C Minor

Krebs

Pachelbel

Introit

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Adult Choir

J.S. Bach

*Call to Worship

Elder Dave Rebuck

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert.

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow.

We are a people formed by God's mercy and grace.

Let us worship God with gladness and hope.

We worship God for the grace that saves us. Glory to God!

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Rebuck

*Hymn No. 200

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days (Tune 73)

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Rebuck

Most merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have not done. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

(Silence for our personal prayers of confession)

Kyrie

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Most Holy Lord and God

German

Adult Choir

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Rebuck

The Lord God has promised, "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."

**We hear the Good News: Through Christ our minds and hearts are cleansed, healed, and renewed.
Thank you, God!**

*Gloria Patri

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

Rev. Wes Allen

Way of the Week #22: Rest and Reflect

Speaker: Leonard Fitts

22. REST AND REFLECT. Make time in your week to step back from work, school, and stressful demands. Since Christ has freed us, we no longer have to be obsessively driven. Take a walk, play, nap, meet up with friends, share a meal, or just take some time in solitude.

Offertory

Rev. Spencer



Thank you for your faithfulness and for blessing FPC Moorestown with your giving, as together we seek to Grow God's Kingdom. 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 (from Lamentations 1:12)

O Vos Omnes

Croce

Adult Choir

*O vos omnes, qui transitis
Attendite, et vitete,
Si est dolor
Sic ut dolor meus.*

All you who pass by,
behold and see
if there is sorrow
Like unto my sorrow.

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

“Death by Comfort”

Scripture: Luke 6 : 20 – 31 (Pew Bible page 64 NT) ~ **Sermon Series:** Walking the Way of Jesus

***Apostles Creed (front cover of the Hymnal)**

Pastor: With joy and hope, we confess our faith with believers across continents and centuries: I believe ...

***Hymn No. 209 (verse 1)**

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

The Lord’s Supper and Home Communion

Rev. Spencer, Elders

The Invitation to the Table

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you have created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whose grace we may triumph over temptation, be more fervent in prayer, and be more generous in love. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

*The Prayer of Thanksgiving

GROW THE KINGDOM! As we commit to growing God’s Kingdom, every member and friend of FPC Moorestown is invited into a covenant with four commitments: I will pray. I will invite. I will serve. I will give. Every member and friend is asked to commit to doing all four. For additional information including commitment forms: <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/grow-the-kingdom/>.

***Hymn No. 209 (verse 2)**

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

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***Benediction and Going Forth**

Rev. Spencer

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

9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Dave Rebuck; **Communion Elders:** Steve Shaffer, Ginny Weber, Joyce Wenzke, Jim Cole, Kelly Eagles; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** John Miller, Patrick McIlroy, Steve Emerson; **Flower Arrangers:** Fran Green and Karen Mason; **Trustee Greeter:** John Miller; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Marsha Booker; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Alex Wilkie and Steve Emerson; **Bagel Pickup:** Kelly Eagles and Carol Wiggans; **Coffee Hospitality:** Kelly Eagles and Carol Wiggans; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum.

[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 9** (10:15-11:00 AM, Room 8).

TODAY: Lenten Kits are a take-home activity for FPC Moorestown families. Each kit contains everything you need. Pick one day each week to gather as a family for prayer, Scripture, and discussion using one object and its devotional. Pick up your kit in the Commons Lobby beginning **Sunday, March 9**. *ONE kit per family please.*

Lent Resources -- Find information about our Lent and Holy Week activities online on our [Lent and Easter event page](#) or by picking up a copy of [The Journey of Lent publication](#) at church.

[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. *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) – Trustees have prioritized 23 capital improvements totaling \$173,800 that will require attention in the immediate future. Church leadership offers the congregation the chance to give specifically to these projects during the Capital Sunday campaign. 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.



[Church Has Left The Building](#) (Sunday, March 30/5th Sunday, I Will Serve, I Will Give, I Will Invite, I Will Pray)

PRAYER VIGIL: CHLTB 12-Hour Prayer Vigil: **Saturday, March 29** (I Will Pray); watch for a sign up sheet from the Prayer and Discipleship Committee.

CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- **9:30-10:00 AM:** Combined worship in Miller Commons (no nursery)
- **10:00 AM-12 Noon:** Service projects for various ages
- **12:00 PM,** the Deacons will sponsor a [Chili Cookoff](#) in Fellowship Hall. Sign up for the Chili Cookoff on our Church Center event page.

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

[Orders for Easter flowers](#) will be taken **March 9, 16 and 23rd**; plants are \$16 each assorted spring flowers. Flowers will be available to pick up on Easter Sunday April 20.

[The Nominating Committee](#) is working to identify nominees for Elders (Session), Deacons and Trustees to serve our church and Grow The Kingdom. Spaces are available on each of the three boards. God has given every person gifts and talents to use and share with the world. Our goal is to help you discover rewarding and fulfilling opportunities and connect you with others in our church family. You may nominate yourself or someone else you feel would be a good fit for these positions/boards. To do so please [fill out an online nominations form](#) or contact Matt Livingston, Nominations chair, or any Nominations Committee member.

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