



March 16, 2025 ~ Second Sunday in Lent

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

Reading of the Ten Commandments

Music in Preparation for Worship

Joel Krott, Organ

O Sacred Head

Buxtehude

*** Call to Worship**

Elder Paul Gordon

Each day is a gift from God,

each moment is that opportunity to reach out in service to all creation.

Each day is a reminder of the new covenant:

not written on stone tablets easily broken, but inscribed on our hearts filled with joy and hope.

Each day we draw closer to God:

who has forgiven us more than we ever acknowledge.

My beloved friends, let us gratefully and joyfully worship God!

*** Prayer of Adoration**

Elder Gordon

*** Hymn No. 229**

Lift High the Cross

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Gordon

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

Joel Krott, Organ

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Hailey Frampton, Alto

Merbecke

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Gordon

No one who believes in Jesus will be put to shame. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Rejoice and celebrate, for forgiveness is ours through the confession of faith in Christ. Amen.

* Gloria Patri

Anthem

Carol Manion, Piano

Lord Jesus, Be My Song

Junior Choir; Sawyer McNab, Flute

Kosche

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Spencer

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

Rev. Wes Allen

Way of the Week #23: Worship With Your Whole Heart

Speaker: Justin Greenhow

23. WORSHIP WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART. Your life is meant to be an act of worship. Every breath, action, and thought flows from God and can bring him glory. Praise God everywhere and embrace the opportunities to regularly worship with your church family.

Offertory

Rev. Allen



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.

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Offertory Music

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

Spiritual, Arr. Helgen

Choristers

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning for this work is almost done.
Children, don't get weary, for this work is almost done.
Darker midnight lies before us, for this work is almost done.
Lo, the morning soon is breaking for this work is almost done.
Children, don't get weary, for this work is almost done.
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning for this work is almost done.

* Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"Words to Build a Life Upon"

Scripture: Luke 6: 43-49 (Pew Bible page 65 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. 517

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Processional on "Lift High the Cross"

Jordan

*Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

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Worship flowers are given by Sheila Schneider in memory of Franz Schneider and our parents with love.

9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Acolytes: Avery Gordon and Isaac Gordon; **Beadle:** Elder Paul Gordon; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Steve Shaffer, Paul Grossmann, Sherrell Fitts; **Flower Arrangers:** Debbie Heller and Kristin Zorn; **Deacon 3rd Sunday Flower Arranger:** JoAnn Reynik; **Deacon 3rd Sunday Flower Deliverers:** Mike McNeil and Dave Barr; **Trustee Greeter:** Jeff Mason; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Peg Pierce; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Diane Samuel and Joshua Leonard; **Bagel Pickup:** Susan Shaffer or Nancy Chumney; **Coffee Hospitality:** Susan Shaffer and Nancy Chumney; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum.

FIND INFORMATION about special Lent and Holy Week activities online on our [Lent and Easter At-a-Glance page](#) (tap Sign-Ups in the Church Center app) or pick up a copy of [The Journey of Lent](#) at church.

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

NEW: FPC Moorestown is partnering with a coalition of South Jersey churches and World Relief (worldrelief.org), a Christian resettlement agency, to mobilize emergency support for three Afghan refugee families in crisis. Over the coming weeks and months, we will support their transition into daily life, including securing employment, enrolling children in schools, and helping them gain independence. **This is a monumental effort, and we need your help.** Visit our event page: <https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2829198>.

Church Has Left The Building (Sunday, March 30/5th Sunday, I Will Serve, I Will Give, I Will Invite, I Will Pray); 9:30 AM combined worship in Miller Commons followed by service projects for all ages (10:00 am-Noon); [Chili Cookoff](#) at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall. "Join Hands" for this church-wide service fair.



- **9:30-10:00 AM:** Combined worship in Miller Commons (No nursery care, Sunday School or Adult Spiritual Formation so families can work together)
- **10:00 AM-12 Noon:** Service projects for various ages – **SEE INSERT**
- **12:00 PM,** the Deacons will sponsor a [Chili Cookoff Fundraiser](#) in Fellowship Hall. Sign up to bring your best chili on our Church Center event page.

CHLTB Prayer Vigil: 12-Hour Prayer Vigil coordinated by the Prayer and Discipleship Committee: **Saturday, March 29** (I Will Pray); sign up on the online sign up sheet on the event page.

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.

Orders for Easter flowers will be due **Sunday, March 23rd**; plants are \$16 each assorted spring flowers. Flowers will be available to pick up on Easter Sunday April 20. *Deacons welcome folks to help on a delivery team too.*

Lenten Kits are a take-home activity for FPC Moorestown families. Each kit contains everything you need; simply gather as a family for prayer and Scripture to discuss the provided devotional. Pick up your kit in the Commons Lobby. *ONE kit per family please.*

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.

Capital Sunday (I Will Give) – Trustees have prioritized 23 capital improvements totaling \$173,800 that will require attention in the immediate future. Offerings are being 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.



SCHEDULE: See Friday eblast and page 4 of *Connections* for children's and youth **Easter Break schedule** for April.