



March 23, 2025 ~ Third 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. Wes Allen

Reading of the Ten Commandments

Music in Preparation for Worship

Maestoso in C# Minor

Joel Krott, Organ

Vierne Op. 16 No. 1

Introit

To Avert from Men God's Wrath

Adult Choir

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Redhead

To avert from men God's wrath Jesus suffered in our stead;
By an ignominious death he a full atonement made;
And by His most precious blood brought us, sinners, nigh to God

* Call to Worship

Elder Grossmann

Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great –
God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.
Let us worship God today, for God is good –
God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.
Let us worship God today –
Because we are God's people.
Let us worship God.

* Prayer of Adoration

Elder Grossmann

* Hymn No. 741

The Battle is the Lord's

Call to Confession Music

Sawyer McNab, Piano

Jesus Loves Me When I'm Sad

Powell

Forgive Me, God, For Things I Do

Day's Psalter

Primary Choir

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Grossmann

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

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Merbecke

Sofia Rubcich, Solo

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Grossmann

The saying is true and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins on the cross, so that we, free from sins, might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

We will trust the good news of our faith and not doubt or question that it's true. Thanks be to God.

* Gloria Patri

Anthem

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

From the End of the Earth

Hovhanness Op. 187

Adult Choir

Hear my cry, O God, from the end of the earth will I cry unto Thee,
When my heart is overwhelmed:

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

For Thou has been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.

I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Alleluia.

— From Psalm 61

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Allen

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

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Way of the Week #24: Tell Your Story

Speaker: Jeff Erbig

24. TELL YOUR STORY. God has done and is doing something unique in your life. Has God answered a prayer, provided help, or blessed you? Share it. Ask God for opportunities to share your faith in Christ by words and deeds.

Offertory

Rev. Stuart Spencer



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Offertory Music

Rachel Ferguson, Piano

Holy

Chapel Choir

Caccini-Fettke

* Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"Getting Ready to Go"

Scripture: Luke 10 : 1-11 (Pew Bible page 71 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. 743

Christ for the World! We Sing

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Unto Thee I Cry, O Lord Jesus

Dupré

* Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

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Worship flowers are given by Renee Slemmer in loving memory of Carl Slemmer from his family Renee, Michael, John and Sandy.

9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Paul Grossmann; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Michael Boone; **Ushers:** John Miller, Barry Leatherman, Gail Sorin; **Flower Arrangers:** Stacy Schaffer and Carol Morgan; **Trustee Greeter:** Mike Welch; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Jane Murphy; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Susan Shaffer and Helen Dominy; **Bagel Pickup:** Carol Wiggans or Sue Piper; **Coffee Hospitality:** Carol Wiggans or Sue Piper; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum.

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

TODAY: [Orders for Easter flowers](#) are due **March 23rd**; plants are \$16 each assorted spring flowers. Flowers will be available to pick up on Easter Sunday April 20. *Deacons are looking for drivers to help deliver to our less mobile members, contact Gail Sorin or Bobbi Voglesong.* 😊

- [Church Has Left The Building](#) (**Sunday, March 30/5th Sunday**, I Will Serve, I Will Give, I Will Invite, I Will Pray); 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 EVENT PAGE OR QR CODE**
- **12:00 PM,** the Deacons will sponsor a [Chili Cookoff Fundraiser](#) in Fellowship Hall. Sign up to bring a chili on the Chili Cookoff Church Center event page. Purchase 10 tasting tickets for \$5.00 (cash please).



SIGN UP

[CHLTB Prayer Vigil](#): Prepare for Church Has Left The Building with a 12-Hour Prayer Vigil led by the Prayer and Discipleship Committee: **Saturday, March 29** (I Will Pray); sign up on the online sign up sheet on the event page

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. Our Lent Study is Practicing The Way.

Families: pick up your **Lent devotional kits** in Miller Commons for a family Lent activity.

[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.

[Grace Boutique](#) is open two times a month. Contact Debby Gerhardt at missions@fpcmoorestown.org if you can help staff. Demand has been strong so thank you for donating any requested items. Leave in basket in hallway.

Easter Break Schedule -- See Friday eblast and page 4 of *Connections* for children's groups and youth group Easter Break schedule for April!

Palm Sunday offering April 13 -- [One Great Hour of Sharing](#). During Lent children may pick up a Lenten **Fish Box** or coin bank as a means of charitable giving. Fish banks will be collected during both services on **Sunday, April 13th**. Pew envelopes and online giving for One Great Hour of Sharing support Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Committee on Self-Development of People, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Youth Choir Concert (7:00 pm April 13, Sanctuary) -- Support our young choir members that evening as Junior Choir, Choristers, and Chapel Choir perform sacred selections from this year. Free will offering.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule: Maundy Thursday Worship/Outdoor Drama: Thursday, April 17 (7:00 pm); Good Friday Tenebrae Worship: Friday, April 18 (7:30 pm); Easter Worship Sunday, April 20: 6:30 a.m. Sunrise, 9:00 a.m. Traditional, 11:00 a.m. Contemporary.