



## April 6, 2025 ~ Fifth Sunday in Lent; Holy 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; Ten Commandments

Rev. Wes Allen

### Way of the Week #1: Be Third

1. **BE THIRD.** God is first, others are second, and you're third. Don't just think about your own interests, be interested in others. Don't think less of yourself, just think of yourself less and others more.

### Collect

*Give us humble hearts to praise You Lord, and listening ears to hear Your voice. Willing hands to serve You, thankful spirits to rejoice. Lord of all, we adore You, and we bring this prayer before You. Create in us, humble hearts, in Jesus name. Amen.*

### Music in Preparation for Worship

***Have Thine Own Way Lord***

Carol Manion, Piano

George C. Stebbins

### Introit

***Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days***

Adult Choir; Linda Lockart, Director

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Day's Psalter

Lord, Who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,  
Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins, and close by Thee to stay.

### \* Call to Worship

Elder Steve Shaffer

Come, you who long for eternal life, you who seek purpose, presence, and peace.

**We come with our questions, our hopes, and our fears.**

Come, not to earn God's love, but to receive it freely, again and again.

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We come to worship the One who sees us, loves us, and calls us to follow.  
Let us worship the living God, whose grace makes all things possible.

### \* Hymn No. 580

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***Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult***

### \* Prayer of Adoration

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Elder Shaffer

### Prayer of Confession (unison)

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Elder Shaffer

Merciful God, You have invited us to follow You with open hands and willing hearts. Yet we confess how tightly we cling— to security, to status, to our own sense of control. We want to inherit eternal life, but we struggle to live as if it has already begun. We walk away sad, not because You are harsh, but because we are afraid of what freedom might cost. Forgive us, O God. Forgive what we have done and left undone. Help us release whatever keeps us from trusting You fully. Shape in us a heart that is soft, a spirit that is willing, and a faith that dares to follow. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

*(Silence for our personal prayers of confession)*

### Kyrie

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***O Lord, Have Mercy On Us All***

Moravian

Adult Choir; Linda Lockart, Director

### Assurance of Pardon

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Elder Shaffer

Friends, hear the good news: What is impossible for us is possible for God. God's love is not dependent on our perfection but on God's grace. In Jesus Christ, we are seen, forgiven, and set free. So let go of fear. Receive the mercy that is already yours. And live in the joy of your belovedness.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### \* Gloria Patri

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

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Rev. Stuart Spencer

### Offertory

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Rev. Spencer



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### Offertory Music

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***God So Loved the World***

Stainer

Adult Choir; Linda Lockart, Director

### \* Doxology No. 809

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**“Spring Cleaning”****Scripture:** Luke 18: 18-30 (Pew Bible page 81 NT)**Sermon Series:** Walking the Way of Jesus**The Lord’s Supper and Home Communion**

Pastors, 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/>.

**\* 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. 648*****O Jesus, I Have Promised*****Music in Preparation for Service**

Dr. Amit Joshi, Piano

***Oboe Concerto in D minor (1<sup>st</sup> movement, Andante)***

Marcello/Bach BWV 974

**\* Benediction and Going Forth**

Rev. Allen

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**Worship flowers** are given by Bob Plant to the glory of God and in loving memory of his wife, Rita.**9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry**

**Beadle:** Elder Steve Shaffer; **Communion Elders:** Jim Cole, Lorenzo Eagles, Pam Engle; Steve Shaffer; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** John Miller, Brett Couvillion, Jim Clinton; **Flower Arrangers:** Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop; **Trustee Greeter:** Joe Molloy; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Liz Drzaszcz; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Mike McNeil and Laurie LaMonica; **Bagel Pickup:** Ginny or Tim Powell; **Coffee Hospitality:** Ginny and Tim Powell; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum.

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

**[TODAY: Hope Chocolates Fundraiser for Mission Trip](#)** – Order delicious chocolates from our mission partner Seeds of Hope to support our Aug. 10-17 Mission Trip to North Carolina. See table in Commons Lobby. **[Sale ends TODAY.](#)**

**Lent Resources** -- Find complete information about Holy Week on the [Lent and Easter event page](#) or by picking up the Holy Week/Easter edition of [The Journey of Lent](#) at church.

**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.

**Flower Delivery** -- The Deacons are looking for a few drivers to help deliver Easter flowers to our less mobile members, contact Gail Sorin or Bobbi Voglesong. Easter is April 20.

**“Walk with Peter to the Cross” – Maundy Thursday, April 17 (7 PM):** Our Maundy Thursday worship begins with a celebration of the Lord's Supper in Miller Commons. Pastor Spencer leads. After communion, walk with the disciple Peter from the Lord's Table to different outdoor stations that represent where Jesus was denied, accused, judged and finally crucified. Walk with Peter from one station to another, ending at the cross in the cemetery. In the event of rain, the whole service will be held in Miller Commons.

**See *Connections* for April Easter Break schedule for kids and youth groups.**

[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. You may nominate yourself or someone else you feel would be a good fit for these positions. Please [fill out an online nominations form](#) or contact Matt Livingston or any Nominations Committee member.

**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. Our choir singers and musicians are busy rehearsing this weekend at the annual Choir Retreat!

**[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.

**[Spring Cleaning With Meaning](#)** – Imagine seeking medical treatment and upon leaving the ER you are not properly dressed to go back into the world. Pennsylvania Hospital has a donation room for those in need and can provide clothing, but is in desperate need of clothing. Sami Fauvell works in the ER and is collecting clothes. As you change out your seasonal wardrobe please put aside items for this clothing drive. *Look for the bin outside Youth Director Dave's office.* Items of special need: women's and men's pants, jackets and sweatshirts, sneakers and shoes.

**[Calling 2025 Graduates](#)** -- Parents: Please submit names of 2025 high school, college and post-graduates to Jan Martin in the church office by **April 29th** ([see online form](#)). Graduate Recognition Sunday is **May 4**.

