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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M. Contemporary Worship
11:00 A.M. Traditional Worship

Services are held in our Sanctuary and livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube

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LOVE GOD ~ REACH PEOPLE ~ SERVE ALL

February 18, 2026 **Ash Wednesday** 7pm

PRELUDE Meditation on “St Flavian” Portman

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Gina Hendrickson

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Pastor Gina

L: Turn away from the calls of worldly success
P: Repent, and turn back to God.
L: Turn away from the desire to have what everyone else has
P: Repent, and turn back to God.
L: Turn away from greed and the race for power
P: Repent, and turn back to God.
L: As we enter Lent, may we turn away from our rebellious nature and turn back to God
P: May we seek forgiveness, may we seek healing, may we seek wholeness.
ALL: May our hearts be renewed in this time of worship.

***HYMN #269** Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

SCRIPTURE Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 *NRSVUE* Pastor Gina

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Pastor Gina

On this first day of Lent we pause, look at our brokenness and examine our consciousness.

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.
Where we have neglected prayer, been apathetic in worship, found reasons to avoid generosity, or lacked compassion:
Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.
Where we have colluded in the oppression of those who become invisible in their suffering, and ignored on the streets:
Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.
Where anxiety has eroded the gift of Your peace, and where we have cared too much about what others think:
Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.
For all of the ways we have rebelled against you O God, we silently pray...
We pray all this trusting in the promises of our Lord and Savior. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jeremiah

Return to the Lord your God, for God is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love.
On this, our Lenten journey, we turn toward God in the confidence that, through Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 51: 1-12 *NRSVUE*

Jeremiah

MESSAGE

When the Masks Come Off

Jeremiah

*HYMN #465

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

Pastor Gina

We ask you to prayerfully consider giving generously to support the ministries of FMC and the communities we serve for Christ. You can place your offering in the basket located in the rear of the sanctuary. Gifts can also be given online and prayers can be emailed to church@fmcmoorestown.com.

INVITATION TO OBSERVING LENTEN DISCIPLINE

THANKSGIVING OVER ASHES

Pastor Gina

Almighty God, you created us out of the dust of the earth, breathed into us your breath of life, and when our last breath is spent, to dust these earthly bodies shall return. Bless these ashes, that they may be for us a physical reminder of our mortality and sin.
As we are marked by this ashy cross, may we be assured of God’s presence and action in our lives; in our creation, our forgiveness, and our salvation. We pray this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray:
“Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.”
Amen.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Pastor Gina and Jeremiah

As you feel led, you may come forward to receive the ashes in the sign of the cross on either your forehead or your hand. After you have received your ashes, please feel free to use the kneeling rail or return to your seat.

*HYMN #382

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

*BENEDICTION

Jeremiah

*POSTLUDE

***THE PEOPLE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT**