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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

December 1, 2024	1st Sunday of Advent	11:00 A.M.
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PRELUDE	People Look East	D. Lasky
WELCOME		Rev. Dr. Gina Hendrickson
*HYMN #211	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel	
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Pastor Gina
We gather this morning in eager anticipation, We come with joy and thanksgiving. Life-giving God, Keep the fire of your Spirit burning in us, And let us awaken to hear your prophecies with fresh ears. With hearts full of hope-filled anticipation, We await your coming, O Lord. ALL: Let us worship the Lord as we begin our Advent journey!		

OPENING PRAYER Pastor Gina
God of all time and seasons, how quickly the year spins by, and we are caught unprepared for Your Advent. We are still recovering from the latest crisis or the long list of things to do. The demands on our time seem unending, the tasks seem overwhelming, and our energy is draining. Holy God, speak to us in the stillness of this moment; speak to us in the depths of our hearts. Let there be a space for You in the midst of all the hurry and rush -- a holy, inner place that cherishes silence and song, that keeps a candle lit and a manger ready. God of all time and seasons, create in us a place for the life-giving gift of Your birth. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE The Stewart Family

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER Pastor Gina
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.

PRAYER RESPONSE #3049 Wait for the Lord

CELEBRATING OUR LIFE TOGETHER Pastor Gina
We welcome all who worship with us this morning. Please fill out an attendance card as well as prayer concerns (on the back of the attendance card) at this time.

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 offering plate as the ushers pass it to you. Gifts can also be given online and prayers can be emailed to church@fmcmoorestown.com.

OFFERTORY Emmanuel, to Thee We Sing Purifoy
FMC Worship Choir

***HYMN #626** Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 11: 1-2 (The Message) Jeremiah Appleton

MESSAGE LIFE-GIVING HOPE Jeremiah

HOLY COMMUNION Pastor Gina & Jeremiah

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING & BREAKING THE BREAD

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP
Communion will be celebrated at the front rail where you may take the cut bread and filled cup OR use individually wrapped elements that include gluten-free options. As the Spirit leads, come forward to be in prayer and receive the elements. If you wish to remain seated, please raise your hand, an usher will bring you wrapped elements.

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING Jeremiah

***HYMN #196** Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

***BENEDICTION** Jeremiah

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