

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Carolyn Myers by her children, sister, and Debbie Hales.

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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

Dec. 15, 2024

3rd Sunday of Advent

11am

PRELUDE

What Is This Lovely Fragrance

P. Manz

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Gina Hendrickson

***HYMN #250**

Once in Royal David's City

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jeremiah Appleton

The advent of Christ brings the joy of God's presence in our midst!

We sing praises to God for the salvation Christ brings to us!

Emmanuel, God is with Us, is the gift that keeps giving!

Joy and gladness are ours, because God comes to us in Christ!

Come be with us this Advent Lord Jesus!

ALL: As we prepare for Christmas, may our celebrations renew our faith and fill us with joy and thanksgiving.

OPENING PRAYER Jeremiah
Surprising God, you bring joy to an unexpected world. Into our busy days, you place Bethlehem moments—a stillness that strengthens our heart, a cry that kindles memories and brings a smile across our face, visitors who bless us with kind words and warm gifts, angelic music that lifts our weariness. Surprising God, usher us ever closer to the wonder of Bethlehem, the peace of the Christ Child and let our hearts abound with joy. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE–JOY Pearce Family

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 12: 2-6 (NRSVUE) Jeremiah

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 #204 Emmanuel, Emmanuel

CELEBRATING OUR LIFE TOGETHER Jeremiah
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 Jeremiah
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 Lord Jesus Quickly Come Curry
FMC Worship Choir

***HYMN #202** People Look East

SCRIPTURE Philippians 4:4-7 (NRSVUE) Rev. Dr. Drew Dyson

MESSAGE Life-Giving JOY Dr. Dyson

***HYMN #89** Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

***BENEDICTION** Dr. Dyson

***POSTLUDE**

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