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Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 10, 2020

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship (Sanctuary)

Good morning and Blessings this Mother's Day! Today we gather via electronic worship and welcome all ages to participate in this blended worship experience. You may wish to have a Bible on hand to look up the passages. Kids: race your parents to look up the verses!

WELCOME AND WORK OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Stuart Spencer

MUSIC IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude in C Major
Olivia Pocius, Piano

J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Stuart Spencer

PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kelly LePenske

God of love and mercy, we long for peace within and peace without. We long for harmony in our families, for calmness in the midst of struggles. We long for the day when our homes will be a dwelling place for your love. We admit that we are not willing to take the risks and make the sacrifices that love requires. Rule in our hearts and in our homes, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Time for personal prayers of confession before God

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PSALTER READING

Psalm 91

Kelly LePenske

¹You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

²will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

³For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;

⁴he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

⁵You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day,

⁶or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

⁷A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

⁸You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.

⁹Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,

¹⁰no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

¹¹For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

¹²On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

¹³You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

¹⁴Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

¹⁵When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

¹⁶With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

Silence for reflection and meditation

SOLO

The Ninety-First Psalm

MacDermid

Fernando Mancillas, Tenor

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night, nor the arrow that flieth by day;
nor the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor the destruction the wasteth at noonday.
Because thou has made the Lord which is my refuge even the most high thy habitation;
there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
For he shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways,
They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

A WORD OF APPRECIATION FOR A MOTHER

Adrienne Barr

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER ('debts')

Kelly LePenske

WAY OF THE WEEK 20

Stuart Spencer

FIND STRENGTH IN BELONGING. At FPC Moorestown, you're loved and valued. Claim us as your family. Rather than withdrawing, allowing struggles and disappointments to deepen your sense of belonging. Pray for chances to bring healing to relationships. Please be patient! God isn't yet finished with us or with you.

For we don't live for ourselves or die for ourselves. If we live, it's to honor the Lord. And if we die, it's to honor the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. Christ died and rose again for this very purpose—to be Lord both of the living and of the dead. (Romans 14: 7 – 9)

OFFERTORY

THANK YOU to all who have signed up for our secure electronic giving; a simple automatic withdrawal or debit card transaction. Visit www.fpcmoorestown.org. You may also give via cell phone through the Church Center app (download from the Apple or Google Play App Store) or mail your offering to the church. Need help? Contact Norman Vandergrift at (856) 986-4507 (cell/text) or nvandergrift@fpcmoorestown.org.

➤ See program notes for information about the Pentecost COVID-19 Relief Offering.

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ANTHEM*Thankful*

Burrows

Chorister Ensemble

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Bethany Trzeciak, Solo

Juliet Barton, Audrey Barr, Olivia Pocius, Alivia Nawrocki, Lilly Rykaczewski

For the little bird that sings, for the joy that gives me wings, I'm thankful!
For the gentle rain You send, for the kindness of a friend, I'm thankful.
For each and every blessing, for all the good You do,
O Lord of all, I'm thankful for You.
For the acorn, for the tree. For the love of family, I'm thankful.
For each and every blessing, for all the good You do
O Lord of all, I'm thankful for You.
For the beauty of the earth. For the glory of the skies;
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies
Lord of all to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.
For each and every blessing, for all the good You do,
O Lord of all, I'm thankful for You.

SERMON**"MORE PEOPLE ON THE STAGE"**

Stuart Spencer

Scripture: [1 Thessalonians 2: 1-12 \(NLT\)](#)**Sermon Series: Becoming a Beacon****MUSIC IN PREPARATION FOR SERVICE***A Million Dreams*

Olivia Pocius, Piano

SPECIAL MUSIC

(view performance)

[*Cornerstone*](#)

Martin and Christine Bass

BENEDICTION AND GOING FORTH

Stuart Spencer

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9:30 a.m. Worship Ministry (Blended, Sanctuary)

Music: Joel Krott; Martin and Christine Bass, Kathy Gunsallus, Olivia Pocius
Choristers Ensemble: Juliet Barton, Audrey Barr, Olivia Pocius, Alivia Nawrocki, Lilly Rykaczewski
Soloist: Bethany Trzeciak
Sound Technicians: Harris Ransom, Sam Spencer, Martin Bass
Flower Arranger: Carol Morgan

- **Today's flowers** are given to the glory of God and in celebration of all mothers.
- **Next Sunday, May 17, Live Stream Worship 9:30 a.m.:** Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 2: 13-16. Kelly LePenske preaches "You Got It" continuing our sermon series "Becoming a Beacon."

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- **Connect with First Presbyterian Church** for live streamed worship every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for a blended service and Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. for our Evening Prayer Service. Go to www.fpcmoorestown.org/live-stream from any device, as well as our [YouTube channel](#) and [Facebook page](#). If you can't log on live, visit the site later to watch the recorded service.
- **NEW: On Sunday, May 31, Pentecost, a special offering** will be collected to aid local missions. Please use the special drop down with your online gift, or put "[Pentecost COVID-19 Relief Offering](#)" in the memo line of your mailed check. You may also drop off your donation during the Food Pantry Parade on May 31 from 12:30-2:00 p.m. No cash please.
- **The church office is CLOSED until further notice.** Staff members are working at home and reachable via e-mail, phone and text. Are you receiving the Friday eblast? And our Facebook posts? If not, email Jan Martin at jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org so you can keep up with FPC news. God bless you and keep well.



RESOURCES for sermon series: Becoming A Beacon: Studies in 1 Thessalonians

1. [*The Amazing Love of Paul's Model Church*](#) by Edward N. Gross (available through Amazon)
This book on the church of Thessalonica confronts us as disciples with the strategic and visionary way early followers of Christ understood the good news of the Gospel, internalized it and lived accordingly -- with great impact.
2. [*The Harvest Prayer of Jesus*](#) by Edward N. Gross (Available through Parson'sPorch.com).
Notice that there is a 25% reduction by putting GOODBOOK in the code at checkout.