



Sunday, April 18, 2021 ~ Third Sunday of Easter
8:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Way of the Week #19

19. ACCEPT AND DON'T CAST STONES. God's love opens the doors of our church to all people. Just as Jesus did, welcome people as they are. It's not up to us to judge. Love unconditionally, and as Christ has received you, receive others.

- *Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people – even eating with them! (Luke 15: 1, 2)*
- Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory. (Romans 15: 7)

Ideas for Action: Approach someone you normally avoid at church for whatever reason. Make a point to speak to them this week.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Kelly LePenske

Music in Preparation for Worship

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Bell Choir
Kathy Gunsallus, Director

Arr. Burroughs

Call to Worship

Beth Douglass

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us worship God. Oh come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyfully songs of praise.

Prayer of Adoration

Beth Douglass

Call to Confession

Frantz Constant

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Frantz Constant

Holy God, we confess that we easily stray from your truth and love in thought, word and deed. We close our minds, hearts and hands to you and our neighbors each day. Open our hearts to your power moving around us and between us and within us, until your glory is revealed in our love of both friend and enemy, in communities transformed by justice and compassion, and in the healing of all that is broken. Amen.

Silence for personal prayer and reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness (from Ezekiel)

Frantz Constant

Praise God we are not asked to overcome our weaknesses alone, which is impossible! Friends, because of God's love and power, we're no longer controlled by our fears, habits and sins. Indeed, we are forgiven and freed to live boldly for Christ and one another. Together we celebrate God's work in our lives:

"A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you," says the Lord. "I will put my spirit within you and you shall live." Let it be so!

Solo

Deep River

Frank Mitchell, Bass

Joel Krott, Piano

Spiritual, Arr. Burleigh

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

Kelly LePenske

Offertory

Kelly LePenske

*Your giving dramatically impacts the ministry of First Presbyterian Church. These offerings allow us to fully support our staff and honor commitments to mission partners during the pandemic. Thank you to all who have signed up for our secure [automatic withdrawal](#) or are giving directly through the [Church Center app](#) for tithes and offerings. **Please mark "Easter offering" on checks mailed to the church or given through the offering plate for your holiday offering. Electronic givers may use the convenient drop down for Easter Offering.***

Offertory Music

A Modal Air

Bell Choir

Kathy Gunsallus, Director

Bedford

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Sermon

Beth Douglass

“Are You My ... Enemy? Social Media’s Challenges for Christian Life”

Scripture Text: [Psalm 25: 1-15 \(NLT\)](#)

Seminary Intern Beth Douglass

Music in Preparation for Service

Praise the Lord, His Glories Show

Arr. Miller

Bell Choir

Kathy Gunsallus, Director

Benediction and Going Forth

Beth Douglass

Those in the sanctuary are invited to leave an offering in the offering box located at the back of the narthex. Online gifts may also be made directly from the Church Center app on your smart phone.

8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Video Streaming:	Harris A. Ransom
Flower Arrangers:	Martha Derry and Karen Arsenault
Ushers:	Dave Rebuck, Brett Couvillion, James Clinton
Trustee:	Patrick McIlroy
Bell Choir:	Jim Cole, Martha Eshelman, Lissa Herman, Melissa McNab, Sawyer McNab, Marion Norcross, Peg Pierce, Stacy Schaffer, Sam Scheibe, Vicki Terry
Seminary Interns:	Frantz Constant, Beth Douglass

Today’s Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and celebration of the promise of the Resurrected Lord.

[Return to Two Services](#) – Effective Sunday, April 11 worship times are at 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) and 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons). Both are in-person and via live stream. Sunday School for ages Kindergarten to 6th grade is from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

[Volunteers Needed for Check-In](#) – Since we’re back to two in-person services, we need double the help on Sunday mornings. **We’re looking for three (3) volunteers at EACH service. Sign up for one Sunday or as many as you can!** Teens and adults are welcome. Teens—you can earn service credit! Click here to see [open volunteer times on our Sign Up Genius page](#). Questions? Contact the church office at 856.235.1688.



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[NEW! Gracism: The Art of Inclusion](#) – A joint, virtual study with the Converge Church coming in June, Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m. FPC Moorestown and the Converge Church, a multicultural congregation in Moorestown, join together for a four-week study of the book, *Gracism: The Art of Inclusion* by David Anderson. When people deal with color, class or culture in a negative way, that's racism. We can look at color, class and culture in a positive way. That's "gracism." Pastor David Anderson, senior pastor of the Bridgeway Community Church, invites followers of Jesus to respond to prejudice and injustice with the principle of gracism, radical inclusion for the marginalized and excluded. Our joint study allows for our two congregations to study, listen, share, and pray together while beginning or building friendships. For information visit: www.embracegracism.com. **To register, visit our online event page at <https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/804053>**

[Live Stream Check-In](#) – Viewers are asked to check in on their smart phone by using the Church Center App to help us collect accurate viewership totals. When watching the live stream from anywhere (Sunday or otherwise), open the Church Center App on your phone or device and select the "Check-In" icon (bottom right). Tap the service you are viewing and check in yourself and your family members. That's it! Our reports will tell us you were watching.

[Vacation Bible School: June 28th - July 2nd, 9:30-11:30 a.m.](#)

Children entering Kindergarten through entering 6th grade (FALL 2021). Cost: \$20 per child.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 18th

At Rocky Railway VBS, kids climb aboard for mountains of fun! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs! In an effort to provide a safe, in-person, Vacation Bible School for our children we have modified times for VBS this year to 9:30-11:30 a.m. We anticipate delivering a fun VBS with the necessary precautions in place. We are working hard to bring a spiritually meaningful program to our community.

- Safety is our highest priority, for both children and staff. At no time will either be compromised. All efforts will be made to abide by state, local, and FPC Moorestown church guidelines that are in place at that time.
- All children and volunteers will be required to wear facemasks when inside the building and while outside on church property. Social distance protocols will be enforced and handwashing will be encouraged.
- VBS will be a creative modified version, consisting of Biblical teachings done in an engaging yet safe manner.
- We encourage you to reach out with your questions. It is important, and our desire, to offer our children this valuable experience in a safe manner. For more information contact: Holly Asciutto at 856-235-1688 x 116 or email hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org.

ADULTS AND TEENS (7th grade and older): Interested in being a VBS volunteer? WE NEED YOU! Please contact Holly Asciutto at hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org or 856-235-1688, Ext. 116. She is excited to talk with you!