

Live-able

The Discipleship Gospel



Sunday, April 25, 2021 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

Way of the Week #20

20. FIND STRENGTH IN BELONGING. At FPC Moorestown, you're loved and valued. Claim us as your family. Rather than withdrawing, allow 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.

- *Jesus knew their thoughts and replied, "Any kingdom divided by civil war is doomed. A town or family splintered by feuding will fall apart. (Matthew 12: 25)*
- *The Lord is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. (Psalm 103: 8)*

Ideas for Action: Is there a disappointment you've been carrying about the church? In prayer, offer it to the Lord and ask for His help in releasing it. If you've been sitting on the sidelines at home, get back in the game by returning to worship and joining a small group, a class or a committee. We need you.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice

Joel Krott, Organ

Elmore

Call to Worship

Kelly LePenske

The Lord says, "Welcome! Everyone is welcome in this sacred place. No matter who you are or what you have done, welcome."

This is a house of prayer for all people, home to all who come.

The Lord says, "Come and know me. Come to me and be rid of your crushing wrongs. Come find rest and be filled with my hope."

We come: friend and stranger, saint and sinner.

The Lord says, "Come with hope or hesitation. Come with joy or yearning. All who hunger, all who thirst for life in all its fullness: come!"

Generous Father, kind Savior, powerful Spirit, touch each one of us, for your sake and for your glory.

Prayer of Adoration

Kelly LePenske

Call to Confession

Stuart Spencer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Stuart Spencer

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We celebrate Him! However, we confess we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by ways that lead to death. We come, asking You to forgive our sin and eradicate evil in the world; by Your Word and Spirit, purify the good, and raise us from death to a life more abundant and free. Transform us into faithful followers of Jesus Christ, the One who rules the world and is Head of the Church. This we pray in the Name of our Risen Lord, Amen.

Silence for personal prayer and reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness

Stuart Spencer

Hear now the words of Jesus for all who are truly sorry and who seek to renew their lives: Your sins and mine are forgiven. Jesus says, "Go in peace and follow me."

Lead us now, oh God, to acknowledge your costly generosity by living as forgiven people until Heaven and Earth rejoice and the whole Earth cries "Glory!" Amen.

Anthem

Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

Trad. French Melody

Primary/Junior Choir Ensemble
Karen Molloy, Piano

Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,
Healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,
Washing tired feet and saving those who fall.
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.

Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for You;
Make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do;
Let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,
Till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

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

Frantz Constant

Offertory

Frantz Constant

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.

Offertory Music

Jacob's Ladder

Traditional, Arr. Freidell

Primary Choir / Junior Choir Ensemble
Karen Molloy, Piano

We are climbing Jacob's ladder, soldiers of the cross.

Every round goes higher, higher, soldiers of the cross.

Brothers, do you love your Jesus?
Sisters, do you love your Jesus?
Brothers, sisters, love your Jesus, soldiers of the cross.

Sermon

Stuart Spencer

"And So It Begins"

Scripture Text: [Mark 1: 1-18 \(NLT\)](#).

Sermon Series: Live-able: The Discipleship Gospel

Music in Preparation for Service

Now Flowering Time Has Come

Swedish Folk Melody

Joel Krott, Organ

Benediction and Going Forth

Stuart Spencer

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.

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8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Video Streaming:	Harris A. Ransom
Flower Arrangers:	Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop
Ushers:	Michael Welch, Gary Bender, Tom Samuel
Trustee Greeter:	Paul Lewis
Seminary Interns:	Frantz Constant, Beth Douglass

Today's Sanctuary flowers are given from Dr. Lucy Rorke-Adams to the glory of God and in loving memory of her sisters Elizabeth Seropian and Maline Broburg.

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[Special Meeting of the Congregation](#)

Sunday, May 2 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom to elect officers

See notice on our website and online Events page for Zoom link

[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.



[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. 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." For information visit: www.embracegracism.com. **To register, visit our online event page at <https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/804053>**

[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 9th](#)

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

[Drive Through Farewell Reception](#) -- With grateful hearts for her ministry, we will say farewell to Kelly LePenske, who is moving to Brooklyn, NY to begin her life with fiancé Joey Sponseller. Kelly's last day with us will be **Sunday, May 2**, when she will preach at both services. Congregation members will be able to wish Kelly well in person at a Drive-Through Farewell from 12:30-1:30 p.m. on May 2. [A letter from Pastor Stuart](#) was recently mailed with details about the event and ways to honor Kelly and her ministry at FPC Moorestown.

[NEW Sermon Series: Live-able: The Discipleship Gospel](#) -- At FPC Moorestown, we strive to be a congregation of disciples who *make* disciples. The message we preach and the message we hear determines the disciple we'll become and the disciples we'll make. For sixteen Sundays, we'll closely examine the "discipleship gospel", what Jesus preached and what we must do using the Gospel of Mark. Our sermon series is *Live-able: The Discipleship Gospel*. For information on additional study resources and registration for a Sunday morning class on discipleship, visit our Events page.

[Virtual Mission Fair: The Great Commission: Missionopoly, May 9-23, 2021](#)

-- Get ready to take a virtual trip around the world! It's an interactive mission fair which takes you around the globe from the comfort of your home. Information bags will be available **May 9-23** in Miller Commons lobby. Watch the videos, play the game, pray the devotions, compete in Trivia Night May 21 and join our missionaries live on May 23rd throughout the day for Zoom panel discussions and Q&A.

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