

Live-able

The Discipleship Gospel



Sunday, May 16, 2021 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

Way of the Week #23

23. WORSHIP WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART. Your life is meant to be an act of worship. Every breath, action, and thought flows from God and can bring him glory. Praise God everywhere and embrace the opportunities to regularly worship with your church family.

- *"And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength." (Mark 12: 30)*
- *Let everything that breathes sing praises to the Lord! (Psalm 150: 6)*

Ideas for Action: Every morning this week, recite the Jesus Creed: *"Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12: 29-31)*

Welcome and Work of God's People

Frantz Constant

Music in Preparation for Worship

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Joel Krott, Organ

Amer. Melody, Arr. Callahan

Call to Worship

Ruth Stotsenburg

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before God's presence with a song of joy.

Know this: The Lord alone is God; we belong to the Lord, who made us, we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving; go into the holy courts with praise; give thanks to God and call upon the name of the Lord.

For the Lord is good and his mercy is everlasting. God's faithfulness endures from age to age without fail.
Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Adoration

Ruth Stotsenburg

Call to Confession

Peter Jonescu

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Peter Jonescu

Loving God, You created us to be your people, made in your image, and set apart for your glory. Sadly, we have chosen to disobey you, and have determined that our way is better than your way. We have become slaves to sin; our souls have been corrupted and we have broken your covenant. We repent and turn back toward you. Forgive us and set us free from our corruption and darkness. Thank You for Jesus Christ, who reconciles, restores and redeems. We seek to honor him with our whole lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Peter Jonescu

We know that those who have become a part of God's family do not make a practice of sinning, for God's Son holds them securely, and the evil one cannot get his hands on them.

We will trust God's merciful promises, and by the grace of our Savior, live as free people, today, tomorrow and forever. Amen.

Anthem

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Amer. Melody/Thompson

SOPRANO – Janet Wilkie, Grace Rykaczewski, Margaret Munro; ALTO – Gwen Wilkie, Jessica Zorn, Alexandra Fields; TENOR – Fernando Mancillas, Michael Jones; BASS – Frank Mitchell, Ivan Woods, Michael Gural
Sam Scheibe, Director

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is His name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forget his ways.
He leads me for His Mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through shades of death, Thy presence is my stay.
One word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away,
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread.
My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend to all my days,
O may Thy house be my abode and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while go and come,
No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

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

Rev. Wes Allen

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. Electronic giving is here to stay. Sign up for our secure [automatic withdrawal](#) or give directly through the [Church Center app](#).

Offertory Music

The Earth Adorned

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The earth adorned in verdant robe sends praises upward surging,
While soft winds breathe on fragrant flowers from winter now emerging.
The sunshine bright gives warmth and light to budding blossoms tender,
Proclaiming summer splendor.

From out the wood the birds now sing and each its song now raises,
To join with all the universe invoicing thankful praises.
With hope and joy their songs employ a rapturous exultation
In praise of God's creation.

O God, amid these joys of life, creation's glory beaming,
Grant us the grace to keep Your word and live in love redeeming.
All flesh is grass, the flowers fade and time is fleeting ever;
God's Word remains forever.

Sermon

Rev. Wes Allen

"Fourth Soil Disciples"

Scripture Text: [Mark 4: 1-20 \(NLT\)](#)

Music in Preparation for Service

Forth in Thy Name I Go

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Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Wes Allen

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:	Martha Derry and Karen Arsenault
Ushers:	Dave Rebuck, Brett Couvillion, James Clinton
Trustee Greeter:	Adrienne Barr

Today's Sanctuary flowers are given by Jane Murphy to the glory of God and in loving memory of her dear husband Kim Murphy.

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NEW: Discipleship Study (Sundays 9:45 a.m.) -- Join Pastor Stuart and Rev. Paul Asciutto for a Sunday study of discipleship. Participants will use the companion Study Guide for the Discipleship Gospel (\$10). The class begins on Sunday, May 23rd and concludes on August 16th. The study will be offered both in-person and virtually via Zoom. Masks are required on campus. Please REGISTER on our [online Events page](#) (see blue-green REGISTER oval). Find more information at www.fpcmoorestown.org.



Year End Dates: Sunday School ends May 23rd. Youth Group ends Sunday, June 6. Graduate Recognition and CREDO Welcome Sunday, June 13.

Gracism: The Art of Inclusion – Register on our Events page for a virtual study with the Converge Church June 3, 10, 17 & 24 from 7-9 p.m. The study will explore *Gracism: The Art of Inclusion* by David Anderson. For information visit: www.embracegracism.com. To REGISTER, visit our [online Events page](#). Books are available in the church office for \$20.

Virtual Mission Fair: Missionopoly, May 9-23 – Take a virtual trip around the world! Interactive mission fair. See our online Events page and website for details. Pick up game bags in Commons Lobby, download the game board from the website and take part in the Trivia Night Friday, May 21st at 7:00 p.m.



Vacation Bible School "Rocky Railway": June 28th - July 2nd, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Children entering Kindergarten through entering 6th grade (Fall 2021) are invited to climb aboard for mountains of fun on this faith-filled adventure! Cost: \$20 per child. **Registration Deadline: June 9th** (see our [online Events page](#) and website).