

Live-able

The Discipleship Gospel



Sunday, May 23, 2021 ~ Pentecost Sunday

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

Way of the Week #24

24. TELL YOUR STORY. God has done and is doing something unique in your life. Has God answered a prayer, provided help, or blessed you? Share it. Ask God for opportunities to share your faith in Christ by words and deeds.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere – in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1: 8)

Ideas for Action: At the start of each morning this week, think about one thing you're grateful to God for from the previous 24 hours. Got it? Now share it with someone else in the course of today.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

Prelude XX

Sam Scheibe, Piano

William Duckworth

Call to Worship

Luke Maxted

God of wind and fire,

When you send your Spirit, we are created anew.

God of mighty oceans and still waters,

When we receive your baptism, we are born anew.

God of bread and wine,

When we eat at your table, we are nourished anew.

So pour out your Spirit

Let sacred waters flow

Fill us with holy food.

May our hearts and our hands be open wide to receive your gifts of life. Amen.

Prayer of Adoration

Luke Maxted

Call to Confession

Peter Jonescu

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Peter Jonescu

Our gracious God, we come confessing who and what we are. We are often unresponsive, for we are afraid. When your Spirit speaks, we turn deaf ears, for we fear what you might call us to do. When your Spirit touches our lips, we close our mouths, embarrassed to speak your Word. When the wind of the Spirit blows, we close the windows of our hearts, afraid the breeze will disrupt our ordered lives. Forgive us, Lord, for our closed minds, hearts, and lives. By your loving grace, open us fully to all that you have for us. We pray these things in Jesus' name and for his sake. Amen.

A Time of Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness (based on Romans 8: 1-2)

Peter Jonescu

Those who enter into the life of Jesus Christ no longer have to live under a continuous, low-lying black cloud. A new, gracious power is in operation.

The Spirit of Jesus, like a strong wind, has magnificently cleared the air, freeing us from the tyranny of sin and death. Amen.

Solo

He Must Be Love

Lowell Alexander

Fernando Mancillas, Tenor

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

What kind of God could shape the earth and stars,
Yet watch o'er the sparrow as it flies?

What kind of Father could forgive the failing heart
and dry the tears that sinners cry?

If eyes could know one glimpse of heaven,

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He must be beauty and splendor,
He must have strong hands that guide with gentle touch.

He must be hope, and He must be joy,
but more than these, He Must Be Love.

What kind of Lord would build for us a place
with seas of glass and mansions high?

What kind of friend would save us from the grave

by giving His own Son to die?
If hearts could see for just one moment

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

Stuart Spencer

Offertory

Stuart Spencer

Those in the sanctuary are invited to leave an offering in the box located at the back of the narthex. Electronic giving is here to stay. Sign up for our secure [automatic withdrawal](#). Online gifts may also be made directly from the Church Center app on your smart phone. Your giving dramatically impacts the ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Your tithes and offerings allow us to fully support our staff and commitments to mission partners.

Offertory Music

A Song of Angels

Hormen

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Soprano: Cali Barton, Abigail Fuss, Shannon King, Alivia Nawrocki; **Alto:** Lauren Clark, Sophia Giannetto, Jessica Zorn; **Baritone:** Michael Gural, Rob King, Sam Scheibe

I looked over Jordan and what did I see comin' for to carry me home,
A band of angels comin' after me, comin' for to carry me home.

All night, all day, angels watchin' over me, my Lord.

Chatter with the angels soon in the morning, chatter with the angels all day long.
Dance, dance, dance on the head of a pin.
Come on in and tell me, "How many angels can dance on the head of a pin?" come on in.

Sermon

Luke Maxted

"We Belong on the Other Side"

Scripture Text: [Mark 5: 1-20 \(NLT\)](#)

The Lord's Supper and Home Communion

Rev. Stuart Spencer

The Invitation to the Table
The Words of Institution
The Prayer of Consecration
The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Music in Preparation for Service

Suite Pour Piano: I Presto

Francis Poulenc

Sam Scheibe, Piano

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8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Video Streaming:	Harris A. Ransom
Flower Arrangers:	Debbie Heller and Stacy Schaffer
Ushers:	Michael Welch, Gary Bender, Tom Samuel
Trustee Greeter:	Wendy Dougherty

Today's Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the May 15, 2021 wedding of Kelly LePenske and Joey Sponseller in California, Rev. Stuart Spencer officiating.

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Guest Preacher Luke Maxted studied at London School of Theology where he gained a degree in Theology and completed a research Masters on God as Father in Matthew's Gospel. Since graduating he has worked as a pastor in a Baptist church in London and an Anglican church in the suburbs of London where he specialized in ministry with children and families. Luke is married to Kelly and they have two sons, Reuben (8) and Judah (5). He is a fellow at UrbanPromise International with Kelly and they plan to launch the UK's first UrbanPromise when they return home.

[NEW: Discipleship Study \(Sundays 9:45 a.m.\)](#) -- Join Pastor Stuart and Rev. Paul Ascitutto for a Sunday study of discipleship. Participants will use the companion Study Guide for the Discipleship Gospel (\$10). The class begins TODAY and concludes on August 16th. It will be offered both in-person and virtually via Zoom. Masks are required in person. Please REGISTER on our [online Events page](#) and visit www.fpcmoorestown.org.

Year End Dates: Sunday School ends May 23rd. Youth Group ends Sunday, June 6 and we say farewell to Dave Fauvell. Graduate Recognition and CREDO Welcome Sunday, June 13.

[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.

[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.

June 6: Legacy Giving Sunday ~ Remembering the church with love in your estate planning, memorial gifts

[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).