

## Live-able

The Discipleship Gospel



### Sunday, May 23, 2021 ~ Day of Pentecost

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons)

#### Way of the Week

**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

Rev. Stuart Spencer

#### Call to Worship

Rev. Spencer, Peter Jonescu, Luke Maxted

*“On the day of Pentecost, seven weeks after Jesus’ resurrection, the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm in the skies above them, and it filled the house . . .” (Acts 2:1–2)*

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the waters; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters.” (*Water*)

“The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes.” (*Wind*)

“I baptize you with water, but One more powerful than I is coming. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.” (*Flame*)

*“In the last days, God said, ‘I will pour out My Spirit upon all people. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy; your young will see visions, and your old will dream dreams. In those days, I will pour out My Spirit upon all My servants, men and women alike . . .’” (Acts 2:17-18)*

**Come to us, Spirit of God, breathe in us now, we sing together, Spirit of hope and light, fill our lives; come to us Spirit of God.**

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## Song of Praise

Worship Team

***Hope Has a Name***

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## Prayer of Confession

Peter Jonescu

*Time for silent prayer and reflection*

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## Assurance of Forgiveness

Peter Jonescu

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## Sharing with Our Children

Luke Maxted

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## Offertory

*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.*

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## Praise Song

Worship Team

***I Give Myself Away***

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## Sermon

Luke Maxted

***We Belong on the Other Side***

Scripture Text: [Mark 2:1-20 \(NLT\)](#)

Sermon Series: Live-able: The Discipleship Gospel

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## Praise Song

Worship Team

***Our God***

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## Communion

Rev. Spencer

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution & Blessing with the Lord's Prayer

The Bread and the Cup (*Please prepare a communion serving for yourself and any who are worshipping with you.*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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## Benediction and Going Forth

Luke Maxted

*You are invited to leave an offering in the offering box located by the doors into Miller Commons. Online gifts may also be made directly from the Church Center app on your smart phone.*

## 11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

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<b>Audio Technician:</b>	Taylor Adair
<b>Visuals:</b>	Jonathan Nawrocki
<b>Worship Team:</b>	Martin Bass-Guitar; Christine Bass-Keys; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Don Stevens-Bass; Barry Overton-Drums
<b>Vocals:</b>	Lauren Clark and Michelle Davis
<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	Debbie Heller and Stacy Schaffer
<b>Ushers:</b>	Greg and Steve Connlain
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	Wendy Dougherty

**Today's flowers** are given to the glory of God and in joyful celebration of the May 15 wedding of Kelly LePenske & Joey Sponseller by Jan Martin.

**Luke Maxted** studied at London School of Theology where he gained a degree in Theology and completed a research Masters. 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 U.K.'s first UrbanPromise.

**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 16 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***

It's an interactive Mission Fair, which takes you around the globe from the comfort of your home. Information bags are available in Miller Commons lobby. Watch the videos, play the game, pray the devotions, and join our missionaries live on May 23 throughout the day for Zoom panel discussions.

**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 two volunteers at EACH service.** Sign up for one Sunday or as many as you can. Teens are welcome—you can earn service credit! Click here to see [open volunteer times on our Sign Up Genius page](#). Questions? Contact the church office.

**FREE Live stream Concert** - TODAY, **May 23 – 7:30 p.m.:** West Jersey Chamber Chorale pairs spirituals from the African-American and European-American traditions of the 1860's ([wicms.org/journey](http://wicms.org/journey)).

**NEW:** **Discipleship Study** (Sundays 9:45 a.m.) in Fellowship Hall - Join Pastor Stuart and Rev. Paul Ascutto for a Sunday study of discipleship. Participants will use the companion Workbook for the Discipleship Gospel (\$10). Class dates: Sunday, May 23-Aug. 16. *The study will be offered both in-person and virtually via Zoom.* Masks are required on campus. Please REGISTER on our online Events page.

**Gracism: The Art of Inclusion** – A joint, virtual study with the Converge Church coming on Thursdays in June from 7-9 p.m. FPC Moorestown and the Converge Church join together for a four-week study of the book, *Gracism: The Art of Inclusion* by David Anderson. **To register, visit our online Event page at <https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/804053>.** Books are available for purchase through the church office at \$20/each.

**Legacy Giving Sunday** (June 6): Remembering the church in your estate planning and memorial gifts

**Vacation Bible School: June 28-July 2, 2021, 9:30-11:30 a.m.**

Children entering kindergarten through entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade (fall 2021). Cost: \$20 per child

***REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 9***

At Rocky Railway VBS, kids will discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. **ADULTS AND TEENS (7<sup>th</sup> grade and older): Interested in being a VBS volunteer? WE NEED YOU!** Please contact Holly Ascitutto at [hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org) or 856-235-1688, ext. 116.