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The Discipleship Gospel



Sunday, June 13, 2021 ~ 3rd Sunday after Pentecost, CREDO/Graduate Recognition
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

Way of the Week #2

2. SPEAK THE TRUTH WITH LOVE. Speak honestly and directly in a way that clearly reflects love and support for one another. Be courageous enough to say what needs to be said, even when it's difficult. Address issues directly with those who are involved or affected; speak to, not about, others.

- *Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. (Ephesians 4: 29)*
- *Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. (Ephesians 4: 31)*
- *Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. (Ephesians 4: 15)*

Ideas for Action: Is there a difficult conversation you've been delaying? Is there someone you've been talking about instead of being direct? Pray for courage and grace to have the conversation, in person, if possible.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

Kyrie from "Mass of the Convents"

F. Couperin

O Lord, Support Us By Thy Word

Buxtehude

Vikram Joshi, Organ

Call to Worship

Alivia Nawrocki

God invites us into his healing presence this morning with these words: “I am the Lord your God who heals you.”

Though we are diseased, depressed, discouraged, and defeated, we come hungering for the full health that only God can provide.

God now calls us to bring open eyes, hearing ears, and tender hearts turned towards him, the Great Physician.

We bow before God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—with trusting faith and hope-filled expectancy.
So come, my family in faith, and let us worship God!

Prayer of Adoration

Alivia Nawrocki

Call to Confession

Elder Lorenzo Eagles

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Elder Lorenzo Eagles

Dear God, we confess to you that we have sinned in so many ways. We have gotten so caught up in our lives that we have forgotten to remember that every breath we take is a gift from you. We have failed to love others as you love us and have ignored those who need help. We have been impatient with your timing, prideful about our own accomplishments and overly focused on the things of this world. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to change our ways and refocus our sinful minds and hearts. Guide us to trust you and you alone and to continually desire to be more like you. Amen

A Time of Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Elder Lorenzo Eagles

Now that we have given our wrongs into God’s hands, we are free to open our hearts and allow him fully into our lives.

We thank God for giving us his only Son, who died for our sins, so that we may know God’s mercy and forgiveness.

Anthem

Simple Song

Leonard Bernstein

Paige Pendelton, Soprano
Sam Scheibe, Piano

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer (‘debts’)

Stuart Spencer

Offertory

Stuart Spencer

Those attending in person are invited to leave an offering in the box located on the table outside. 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

O Perfect Love

Paige Pendelton, Soprano
Sam Scheibe, Piano

H.T. Burleigh

Sermon

The Way of the Cross"

Scripture Text: [Mark 8: 31-38 \(NLT\)](#)

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Welcome of New Members: CREDO Class

Stuart Spencer, Holly Asciutto

Today we welcome the following members of the CREDO class, who have each made the personal decision to become a member of First Presbyterian Church. These individuals officially joined the church on June 6 at a dinner with Session members. CREDO class members and their mentors:

Ava Callahan (Holly Asciutto)
Caroline Cristella (Jenna Cole)
Luke Eagles (Dave Fauvell)
Evan Livingston (Mike Baker)
Will McNeil (Lorenzo Eagles)
Alivia Nawrocki (Holly Asciutto)
Max Nicklas (Jason Rose)

Graduate Recognition

Rev. Stuart Spencer

*Congratulations to our 2021 graduates who will be graduating from high school or college and achieved success with both online and in-person learning environments despite the COVID-19 pandemic. **Please see the attached insert** and wish these young people well!*

Music in Preparation for Service

Prelude in G Minor

Layla Joshi, Organ

Att. Krebs

Benediction and Going Forth

Stuart Spencer

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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 Carol Benner
Ushers:	Dave Rebuck, Brett Couvillion, James Clinton
Trustee Greeter:	Wendy Dougherty

Today's flowers are given by Lucy Rorke-Adams to the glory of God and in loving memory of Boyce Adams.

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Choir Open House Tuesday, June 15 (5:45-7:15 pm) – Sample our youth choirs. **We are particularly recruiting singers in 5th-12th grades.** Meet current and former choir members, hear them perform, and see video clips from our most recent European Choir Tour. Visit the facilities for our Music program and enjoy desserts! Questions? Contact the church office at 856.235.1688.



DID YOU MISS the amazing Spring Choral Concert on June 6th? You can see the recording on our website at www.fpcmoorestown.org/live-stream!

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

Please pray for our children, adult volunteers and teen volunteers who will be involved with our 2021 Vacation Bible School. Be sure to see our online event form and the back of *Connections* for specific ways you can pray for this important ministry to the community.

Discipleship Study (Sundays 9:45 a.m.) -- Join Pastor Stuart, Peter Jonescu 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 TODAY and concludes on August 16th. It will be offered both in-person and virtually via Zoom. Please REGISTER on our [online Events page](#) and visit www.fpcmoorestown.org.

Book Club June 14th -- Join us on Monday, June 14 at 6:00 p.m. for the Missions Book Club via Zoom (moved from 6/21). We will be discussing *Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times* by Bishop Michael Curry. Much of the world met Bishop Curry when he delivered his sermon on the redemptive power of love at the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle at Windsor Castle. Here, he expands on his message of hope in an inspirational road map for living the way of love, illuminated with moving lessons from his own life. Through the prism of his faith, ancestry, and personal journey, *Love Is the Way* shows us how America came this far and, more important, how to go a whole lot further.

To participate in the call: Log on to: www.zoom.com

- Meeting ID: 858 1209 6236
- Passcode: 040982

Spring Gathering by PW – Monday, June 21 at 7:00 PM featuring Dr. Jenny Legath: “Grace and God’s ‘Will’: Living and Loving in a Special Needs Family; presented by Women of the Church (PW) in-person in the sanctuary or live streamed on Zoom; REGISTER online at <https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/registrations/events>.



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2021

(High School, College or Post-Graduate)

Our High School Graduates

Justin Blaskovich	Moorestown High School	Southern Methodist University
Mary Kate Clapperton.....	Shawnee High School	Auburn University
Kathleen Donahue	Moorestown High School	Rowan College Burl. Co. (RCBC)
Erin Donnan	Moorestown High School	University of Notre Dame
John (Jack) Duffy	Moorestown High School	University of Utah
Olivia Dunne.....	Moorestown High School	Penn State University
James Fletcher	Moorestown High School	Kutztown University
Elizabeth (Libby) Hock.....	Moorestown High School	James Madison University
Sydney Jordan	Moorestown High School	University of Delaware
Anna Lawlor	Moorestown High School	Rowan College Burl. Co. (RCBC)
Owen Livingston.....	Rancocas Valley Regional HS	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Shea Lumley	Moorestown High School	University of South Carolina
James Mumma.....	Moorestown High School	United States Military Academy
William Sandeen	Cinnaminson High School	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Miles Spencer.....	Moorestown High School	Rowan University
Alex Swanik	Moorestown High School	University of Delaware
Christian Trzeciak	Moorestown High School	University of Notre Dame

Our College and Post-Graduate Graduates

Katelyn Bigley.....	University of Delaware
Jacob Davis	Grove City College
Kevin Deam	University of Memphis, Masters of Science
Michael McNeil	Villanova University
Sam Scheibe	Westminster Choir College
Ryan Sorin	University of Vermont
Sam Spencer.....	Trinity College

