



We aspire to be beacons of God's love and truth ...

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Dear Members and Friends of FPC Moorestown,

There's reason for realistic hope that our nation is emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic. The CDC and the State of New Jersey are loosening requirements for public gatherings. The rate of those who have received a vaccine is increasing while the rate of infection is declining. Signs requiring masks in stores are quickly vanishing. Families and friends gather now more easily and with less worry.

Here at FPC Moorestown, we're ready to be less restricted in our gatherings of every kind. I deeply appreciate how patient and supportive you've been as our staff and lay leaders have poured hours of time into prayer, research and planning over the past near eighteen months.

These same leaders are now trying to keep up with fast-developing changes while we maintain our commitment to the safety of our members. Whatever plans we make require time to implement and communicate. For now, meaning for the remaining weeks of June, we're asking everyone to continue with the protocols we've had in place for worship, with a few minor adjustments.

- We ask that everyone continue to wear a mask while in worship.
- We're not yet ready to begin congregational singing indoors. Plans are forming for a mid-week outdoor hymn sing and an outdoor Fifth Sunday on August 29th at 9:30 a.m.
- We'll increase seating in both the Sanctuary and Miller Commons.
- Whenever we celebrate the Lord's Supper for the foreseeable future, we'll continue using the communion cups.

We're monitoring the rates of immunization and COVID-19 infections in Burlington County. As more people receive a vaccine and fewer people become infected, we feel we can safely loosen the few restrictions that are currently in place. Again, I thank you for being *longsuffering*, that beautiful, biblical word. Watch for full information and updates in the coming weeks.

Continue to pray for your leaders, including our newly ordained and installed officers. Keep the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and the Youth Director Search Committees in prayer. Join us for in-person worship, or, if you prefer, via our two live stream Sunday worship services and our recorded Thursday Evening Prayer service.

We're waiting together on the Lord. The Lord is good to those who wait upon him.

Fondly yours in Christ,
Stuart Spencer, Pastor