

Live-able

The Discipleship Gospel



Sunday, August 8, 2021 ~ Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Way of the Week

10. JOIN HANDS. Work as a team. Collaborate with each other, our professional staff, lay leaders, and our congregants to find the best solutions. Collaboration lightens the load; generates better ideas than individuals working alone; and unleashes the gifts God has given us all.

“Share each other’s burdens; and in this way, obey the law of Christ. If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important.”
(Galatians 6:2-3)

Ideas for Action: Is there some task you’re doing at church that you could invite someone to share with you? Think of someone from our church who can help you sort out a challenge or problem you’re facing.

Welcome, Work of God’s People & Call to Worship

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Song of Praise

Worship Team

Let Everything That Has Breath

Prayer of Confession

Peter Jonescu

O Holy One, we call to You and name You as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize You in the dailyness of our lives.

- Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings.
(Pause for personal prayer)
- Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength.
(Pause for personal prayer)
- Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom.
(Pause for personal prayer)

Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of Your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see You in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak with hearts full of love. These things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Peter Jonescu

Baptisms and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Spencer & Elder Pam Engle

Baptism of Claire James & Reece Daniel Dugan and Cole Ryan Juliana

Parents: Laura & Jim Dugan, Jr. and Erin & Mike Juliana

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

Worship Team

Offertory

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Your giving dramatically impacts the ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Your tithes and offerings allow us to fully support church operations and our work in the world. Our ministry continues every day. Those attending in person may leave an offering in the box by the doors. Electronic giving is here to stay! Sign up for this simple, secure [automatic withdrawal](#). Online gifts may also be made from the Church Center app on your smart phone.

Praise Song

Worship Team

Your Great Name

Sermon

Rev. Spencer

Your Turn to Write a Line

Scripture Text: [Mark 16:1-8 \(NLT\)](#)

Sermon Series: Live-able: The Discipleship Gospel

Closing Song

Worship Team

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:	Jonathan Nawrocki
Visuals:	Alice Conley
Worship Team:	Martin Bass-Guitar; Christine Bass-Keys; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Don Stevens-Bass; Curtis Blain-Drums
Vocals:	Ben & Susan Eley and Michelle Davis
Flower Arrangers:	Debbie Heller
Usher:	Jeff Legath
Trustee Greeter:	Adrienne Barr

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and to celebrate the four Baptisms held in both Services.

Discipleship Study - **Sundays 9:45 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall: Join Pastor Stuart and Rev. Paul Ascitutto for a study of discipleship. Participants use the companion Workbook for the Discipleship Gospel. The study concludes on Aug. 16. *The study is offered both in-person and virtually via Zoom.*

Seven Essential Elements of the Gospel:

1. God's Kingdom is here.
2. Jesus is the Christ.
3. Jesus died for our sins.
4. Jesus was resurrected.
5. We repent of sin.
6. We believe the Gospel.
7. We follow Jesus.

The Definition of the Gospel: "The gospel is this: the Kingdom of God has come through Jesus of Nazareth. He is Christ, the King, God's one and only Son. He died on the cross for our sins, was buried, and was resurrected on the third day according to the Scriptures. In His great love and by His amazing grace, God, our Father saves everyone who repents of their sins, believes the gospel, and follows Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. When King Jesus returns on the last day, everyone who followed Him will enter the eternal kingdom of God."

Check-ins: Check-in has shifted to a self-check in only on your smart phone (no QR code to swipe). Volunteers remain available to assist. Please remember to check in from home when watching the live stream.

Session has called a **Special Meeting of the Congregation** for Sunday, August 29, 2021 for the purpose of voting on the call of Rev. Wes Allen as our Associate Pastor. Since it is a fifth Sunday, we'll gather in our Sanctuary for one Service at 9:30 a.m. when Wes will preach. The Meeting begins at the close of worship. The Worship Service and the Meeting will be live streamed. We'll provide a Zoom link with an option to vote for church members who'd prefer to stay at home.

In addition to considering the terms of call, we'll also act on a request from Session to amend our By-Laws to allow virtual meetings. Since the start of the pandemic, we've held four such meetings, including our Annual Meeting in February of this year. After we've worshipped and voted, we're planning a reception for the Allens outside. Do plan to join us for this momentous morning!

Away from Church: Pastor Spencer and his family will be in Avalon from August 11-24. In his absence, Dr. Dick Herman will be available for pastoral care. Contact Jan Martin in the church office if you are in need of care. While there, Stuart preaches at the Wells Memorial Presbyterian Church, <http://www.wellspresbyterian.org/>, 126 9th St., Avalon, NJ 08202. The worship service is at 10:00 a.m.

Summer Offering Reminder: Please remember to stay current with your Pledge during the summer months, either through electronic giving or by mailing your check to the office.

P. O. Box Address: Effective June 2021, Post Office regulations stipulate that mail must be addressed to our **P. O. Box 868**. The street address 101 Bridgeboro Road may also appear on the address as this will be required for deliveries, event locations, etc. Please list the P. O. Box address first.

Outdoor Hymnsing: Join your Church Family as we gather safely outdoors to sing God's praises and offer our prayers. On the **first Wednesday of September** at **7:00 p.m.**, we'll meet in the courtyard (between the Commons Lobby and main parking lot). Bring your chair(s). Our Hymnsing includes lots of singing with a reflection on our Way of the Week and a time to share prayer requests. You need not wear a mask. However, we'll respect anyone who chooses to do so. In the event of rain, it will be held Miller Commons. *How wonderful to gather together to ask the Lord's blessing.*

Deacons' Toiletry Drive: Visit our [online Events page](#) for information about the Toiletries Drive to support the Moorestown Ministerium Food Pantry, which continues through September.

The Engagement Project – *Coming Sept. 15*: This 10-week study will meet Wednesday evenings at the church. When we draw near to God and contemplate His divine nature, it exposes us as it did Isaiah. It also awakens us to His Truth, which transforms us and calls us to engage the world around us. After we engage, we seek to restore the Truth of God in all areas of life. [Sign up online on our Events page.](#)