

Sunday, August 15, 2021 ~ 12th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- *Have you checked in on the Church Center app?*

*Please stand as you are able.

Way of the Week #11

11. MAKE OTHERS AT HOME HERE. Warmly welcome newcomers and visitors. Offer your name with a smile. Reach out and greet the person you don't know after worship, during Coffee Hour, in Youth Group or Sunday school. Show a genuine interest in others.

- *Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. (Romans 15: 7)*
- *Welcome her in the Lord as one who is worthy of honor among God's people. Help her in whatever she needs, for she has been helpful to many, and especially to me. (Romans 16: 2)*

Ideas for Action: Look for someone you don't know very well. Invite that person for coffee, a walk or a meal and get to know them. Keep your eyes peeled for the guest or visitor at our church and offer your name and a smile of welcome. Pave the way for new friendships wherever you are.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Elder Paul Grossmann

Music in Preparation for Worship

Largo from Sonata VI in b Minor

Handel

Jessica Migrala, Flute
Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

*Call to Worship

Paul Grossmann

Our help is in the name of the Lord, Maker of Heaven and Earth.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Sing out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into His presence with singing!

Know this: the Lord is our God and we are His people, the sheep of His pasture. So come, my dear sisters and brothers in Christ, and let us worship and adore our God—now and forever!

*Opening Hymn No. 17

Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him

*Prayer of Adoration

Paul Grossmann

Call to Confession

Paul Grossmann

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Paul Grossmann

Gentle Shepherd, you guide us in right paths. You lead us in the ways of righteousness, but we have allowed our anger, our rage, our greed, and even our hate to direct our paths. We have overreacted; we have taken more than our share; we have despised others that seem to have it all. Forgive us, God, for not following your ways. Forgive us for not remembering that we are your sheep and you are our Shepherd. Forgive us when we have not listened for your voice and instead have acted in the ways of the world. Guide us back to your path – back to loving you and loving our neighbors. Help us to unclench our fists and to lend out our hands in hope and for healing, in forgiveness and for love. In the name of Christ, our Shepherd, we pray. Amen

A Time of Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Paul Grossmann

The Good Shepherd knows the sheep, and the Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep, so that the sheep may live.

We are part of the flock; we are part of Christ's body. In Christ we find wholeness and restoration.

Go forth and share this Good News. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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

Peter Jonescu

Offertory

Peter Jonescu

Please continue your faithful giving in these summer months. Your tithes and offerings dramatically impact our ministry, and allow us to 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 located in the narthex. Electronic giving is here to stay! Sign up for this simple, secure [automatic withdrawal](#). Online gifts may also be made directly from your phone via the Church Center app.

Offertory Music

See words below

Gather Us In

Marty Haugen

Grace Rykaczewski, Soprano
Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Sermon

Peter Jonescu

"In the Beginning God Gathered"

Scripture Text: [Genesis 1: 1-10 \(NLT\)](#)

Sermon Series: Scatter ... Gather

*Hymn No. 53

Let All Things Now Living

Music in Preparation for Service

Abide With Me

arr. Henry

Jessica Migrala, Flute
Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Benediction and Going Forth

Peter Jonescu

8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Video Streaming:	Harris Ransom
Flower Arrangers:	Martha Derry and Karen Arsenault
Ushers:	Michael Welch, Gary Bender, Tom Samuel
Trustee Greeter:	To be determined
Check-In Coordinator:	Amy Coombe

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and on behalf of Kim Murphy by Jane Murphy, in loving memory of Kim's first wife Lois Murphy.

Deacons Toiletry Drive -- Visit our [online event page](#) for information about the Deacons Toiletry Drive to support the Moorestown Ministerium. Continues through September.

[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.

Congregational Meeting Called -- 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. It's a Fifth Sunday, so we'll gather in our Sanctuary for one service at **9:30 a.m.** when the candidate 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 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. Afterwards we're planning a BYO Picnic for the Allens outside. Do plan to join us for this momentous morning!



Pastor Away -- Pastor Spencer and his family will be in Avalon, NJ 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. Stuart preaches at the Wells Memorial Presbyterian Church, <http://www.wellspresbyterian.org/>, 126 9th St, Avalon, NJ. The worship service is at 10:00 a.m.

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. But it also awakens us to His Truth, which transforms us and calls us to engage the world around us. Registration is OPEN. [Sign up online on our event page.](#)



- **Middle School:** We are in need of someone to co-lead the Middle School ministry, willing to be in a leadership role. **Liz Greene** is coordinating two events before school starts and is able to help with activities. *But we won't be able to offer youth ministry for our 7th and 8th graders in the interim without a co-leader.* Please contact Liz at leapinlizzy7@gmail.com or cell/text 856-220-0750 or Jan Martin in the church office.

"Smart Shopping Tips for Choosing a Continuing Care Retirement Community," Sunday, August 29 at 2:00 p.m. FPC Moorestown (Room 3-4). FREE. See our event page.

Ministry Fair Sunday, Sept. 12 – "A Time to Scatter ... Gather": How is God inviting you to take your next step of faith? As we begin our 2021-22 programming year, the Ministry Fair features displays to inform members about ministry areas, and opportunities to "jump in." This year's fair again centers around four key practices to *Worship, Connect, Serve, and Devote*. The Ministry Fair will be in Fellowship Hall between services on **Sunday, Sept. 12**. How are you called as we begin to gather again? **If your group would like to display at the Fair, please contact Earl Gage at (856) 235-1688, x106 or egage@fpcmoorestown.org by Aug. 21.**

Happy Birthday, Church! September 12th marks the 133rd Birthday of our church. In honor of the church founding on September 12, 1888, members are encouraged to donate to the future of FPC Moorestown by giving to the September 12 endowment fund. The fund is invested to earn income which helps to support the needs of our church. You may bring your donations to the Sept. 12 Ministry Fair to the Stewardship table.

Youth entering 7th and 8th grade are invited to join our friends with the Converge Church for their annual **SHOCKER BALL youth event** on **Friday, Sept. 3rd, from 6-10 pm** at Jeff Young Memorial Park in Moorestown. We'll be playing soccer like never before ... WITH AN 8-FOOT BALL!! FREE. [See our website for info.](#) **Please register by Wed. Sept. 1 ONLINE** with how many you'll be bringing, so we can accurately plan for food. Questions, contact Liz Greene at cell/text 856-220-0750 or leapinlizzy7@gmail.com.

Sunday, September 19: Bible Sunday for 3rd Graders (contact [Holly Asciutto](#) if you would like your third grader to receive a Bible); kick off of our 2021-2022 program year; Meet Your Teachers/Ice Cream social!

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Gather Us In

Here in this place, new light is streaming.
Now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to You in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
Gather us in, the blind and the lame.
Call us to now, and we shall awaken.
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young; our lives are a myst'ry.
We are the old, who yearn for Your face.
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
Called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
Gather us in, the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly.
Give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven light-years away,
But here in this place, the new light is shining.
Now is the Kingdom; now is the day.

Gather us in, and hold us forever.
Gather us in, and make us Your own.
Gather us in, all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

17 Praise the Lord! O Heavens. Adore Him

Psalm 148 and part of Psalm 149, parts 1-3 in the original version. Ps. 148.

1 Praise the Lord! O heavens, a - dore him; praise him, an - gels in the height;
2 Praise the Lord, for he is ex - cel - lent: nev - er shall his prom - ise fail;

sun and moon, bow down be - fore him; praise him, shin - ing stars of light.
God has made his signs vic - tu - rious; an - d death shall not pre - vail.

Praise the Lord, for he hath spo - ken; worlds his might - y voice ob - eyed;
Praise the Lord of our sal - va - tion; hosts on high, his power pro - claim;

laws which nev - er shall be broken for their guid - ance he has made.
heaven and earth, and all cre - a - ture, land and sea, let us his name.

33 Let All Things Now Living

and when asked how best to proceed she said: "I'll do it."


Mozart

2. 4th

I let all things go, I live a song of thanksgiving to thee now in thy court and

Ah, ———

the drops of the heav'nly dew.



 all in the old - time -
 and all our dis -
 abled ones are,
 this ban - cas are
 we too should be
 it's an, his heart
 was - ing our love
 and you be
 in

[illegible]

to God by His high-est, in- sin-er and pri-est.
trans-ferred, as for-ward we leave-est, from light in-to light,
giv-ing to God in the high-est, ho-san-na and praise!