



Sunday, August 22, 2021 ~ 13th 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 #12

12. OWN OUR CHURCH. The work of the church isn't defined by pastors and staff alone; it comes from each member actively participating in the life of Jesus Christ. Claim ownership of FPC Moorestown's mission, programs, and property. Each is an expression of how God is working among us! Support others. Be informed. Volunteer for a new role. Live like you're the church – because you are!

- *All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it. (1 Corinthians 12: 27)*
- *This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad. (1 Corinthians 12: 26)*

Ideas for Action: Spend a few minutes on our website to learn about some aspect of our ministry or mission that's new or unknown to you. Fuel your curiosity and consider getting involved in an area of ministry that brings you joy!

Welcome and Work of God's People

Elder Becky Castellanos

Music in Preparation for Worship

How Great Thou Art

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

arr. Hobby

*Call to Worship

Becky Castellanos

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple.

“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”

Your face, LORD, do I seek.

Oh Lord God of our salvation, we worship and adore you.

We will sing your praises forever and ever. Amen!

*Opening Hymn No. 26

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

*Prayer of Adoration

Becky Castellanos

Call to Confession

Becky Castellanos

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Becky Castellanos

God, we confess that we don't always understand our own actions. We clearly know what is right—what you expect of us — but we don't always do it. We also clearly know what is wrong in the thoughts and actions that hurt others and offend you — but we do these things anyway. Forgive us! Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, set us free from the sin that controls us. Amen.

A Time of Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Becky Castellanos

People of God, know this: our God is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry, and filled with unfailing love.

When we stumble, He is there to catch us; when we are weighed down, He is there to lift us up.

So be at peace: your sins are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri No. 805

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 (adapted from Psalm 51)

A Contrite Heart

Beethoven/Scott

Margaret Munro, Soprano
Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

To thee, O Lord, to thee I cry for mercy;
Thy loving kindness now impart;
Oh, hear my call in pity I implore thee,
Come cleanse my contrite, waiting heart.
Create in me a pure and upright spirit
That I may follow all thy ways.
Restore to me the joy of thy salvation, And I will sing thy love and praise.
My song shall ever tell thy loving kindness;
My heart will sing thy righteousness;
Thou wilt receive, for thou wilt e'er receive the broken spirit;
A contrite heart, Lord, thou wilt bless.
My heart will ever sing, my heart will sing the righteousness.

Sermon

Peter Jonescu

"All the Chicks in the Nest"

Scripture Text: [Isaiah 43: 1-7](#)
Sermon Series: Scatter ... Gather

*Hymn No. 618

Give to the Winds Your Fears

Music in Preparation for Service

Fugue in Eb

Powell

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Benediction and Going Forth

Peter Jonescu

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:	Paul Lewis, Barry Leatherman, Leonard Fitts
Trustee Greeter:	To be determined
Check-In Coordinator:	Amy Coombe

[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 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 Session request to amend our By-Laws to allow virtual meetings. After we've worshipped and voted, we're planning a **[BYO Church Picnic](#)** outside! Do plan to join us for this momentous morning!



[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.

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.

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

[The Engagement Project](#) – *Starts 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 looking for volunteers to assist with middle school programming in this interim. Please contact Jan Martin in the church office at (856) 235-1688, Ext. 133 or jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org.

[“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 “join hands” as we *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?

[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** 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 Ascitutto](#) if you would like your third grader to receive a Bible); kick off of our 2021-2022 program year. Church Copyright License #2916361, Podcast #CSPL075

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven 26

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Ps. 103:2

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your
 2. Praise Him for his grace and fa - vor to all peo - ple
 3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; all our hopes and
 4. An - gels, help us to a - dore him, you be - hold him

trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress. Praise him, still the same for - ev - er,
 fears he knows. In his hands he gen - tly bears us,
 face to face. Sun and moon bow down be - fore him;

ev - er - more his prais - es sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 slow to chide and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
 all who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as his mer - cy flows!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

WORDS: Henry E. Lyte, 1834, alt.; para. of Psalm 103
 MUSIC: John Goss, 1869

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Give to the Winds Your Fears 618

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this . . . Ps. 37:5



1. Give to the winds your fears, in hope be un-dis-mayed; God
2. Far, far a-bove your thought his coun-sel shall ap-pear, when



hears your sighs and counts your tears, God shall lift up your head; through
ful-ly he the work has wrought that caused your need-less fear. Leave



waves and clouds and storms he gen-tly clears the way; wait
to his sov-ereign will to choose and to com-mand: with



for his time, so shall the night soon end in joy-ous day.
won-der filled you then shall own how wise, how strong his hand.



WORDS: Paul Gerhardt, 1653; para. of Psalm 37; tr. John Wesley, 1739, alt.
MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1868

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