



## Sunday, September 5, 2021 ~ 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; Communion

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 #14

**14. GROW FAITH.** Take advantage of every chance you have to form your faith – through small groups, classes, and personal study. Be a disciple and look to learn from those who know more of the Bible and Christian life than you do, then look for opportunities to share what you’ve gained with someone else.

- You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others. (2 Timothy 2: 2)

**Ideas for Action:** If you’re not currently in a small group, call the church office and ask for assistance in finding one. Ask for some time with someone whose faith you respect and pick their brains on their practices of faith formation.

### Welcome and Work of God’s People

Stuart Spencer

### Music in Preparation for Worship

#### *Aria*

Glenn Rodgers, Organ

John S. Dixon

### \*Call to Worship

Stuart Spencer

Lord God, you dwell in a high and lofty place, higher than our highest thoughts.

**Holy is your name; beside you there is no other! You are God, and we are not! You alone are the Lord of heaven and earth.**

Receive us into your Kingdom—the coming Kingdom of your Son—the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ whose name we bear.

**Receive us, for we come to you in his name. We pray in him and with him.**

For yours is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Come, let us worship God!

## Opening Hymn

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### **God of Creation, All-Powerful**

Janet Wilkie, Soprano

Glenn Rodgers, Organ

## \*Prayer of Adoration

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Stuart Spencer

## Call to Confession

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Wes Allen

## Prayer of Confession (in unison)

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Wes Allen

**Gracious God, source of all life, Lord of mercy and grace, hear our prayer. We come before you in need of healing: the healing of our bodies and souls, the healing of our relationships, The healing of our pride and fear and apathy. We know that with You, nothing is impossible, not even our healing, not even the restoration of the whole world. We pray that You will heal us, that You will heal our world, so that we will be freed to serve and love and dream and be as Christ calls us. Amen.**

*A Time of Silence for Personal Confession*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

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Wes Allen

Friends, this Good News is for all the world: Christ was born, lived and died, and rose again that we would be freed from sin and death. Know that indeed you are forgiven, and be at peace.

**We will trust God's promise more than our failure and sin. We are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

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

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Stuart Spencer

## Offertory

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Wes Allen

*Please continue your faithful giving as we look to begin our programming year. 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

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### ***Migratory V from 'Myths and Hymns'***

Guettel

Janet Wilkie, Soprano  
Glenn Rodgers, Piano

We sail above the weather We search the ocean floor  
We rival our creation still yearning for more  
but can we fly together a migratory V  
How wonderful if that's what God could see  
A single voice in whispered prayer can only pray to travel there  
but all as one we sound the everlasting sound, and sing our salvation.  
Aloft and in formation a migratory V  
How wonderful if that's what God could see.

## Sermon

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Rev. Stuart Spencer

### ***"Jesus Loves Leftovers"***

Scripture Text: [John 6: 1-13 \(NLT\)](#)  
Sermon Series: Scatter ... Gather

## Hymn

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### ***Blest be the Tie that Binds***

Mason

Janet Wilkie, Soprano  
Glenn Rodgers, Organ

## The Lord's Supper

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Rev. Wes Allen

The Invitation to the Table  
The Words of Institution  
The Prayer of Consecration  
The Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Music in Preparation for Service

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### ***Little Fugue in E Minor***

J. S. Bach

Glenn Rodgers, Organ

## Benediction and Going Forth

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Rev. Spencer

## 8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

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<b>Guest Organist:</b>	Glenn Rodgers
<b>Audio Technician:</b>	Harris E. Ransom
<b>Live Video Streaming:</b>	Harris A. Ransom
<b>Flower Arranger:</b>	Stacy Schaeffer and Fran Green
<b>Ushers:</b>	Dave Rebeck, Brett Couvillion, James Clinton
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	to be determined
<b>Check-In Coordinator:</b>	Amy Coombe

**Today's flowers** are given by Rumi Sinunu to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jack Sinunu.

**[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*. **Fellowship Hall between services**. How are you called as we begin to gather again?

**[Happy 133<sup>rd</sup> Birthday, Church!](#)** In honor of the church's founding on September 12, 1888, members are encouraged to ensure our future by giving to the September 12 Fund. The fund is invested to earn income which helps to support the needs of our church. Bring your donations to the Sept. 12 Ministry Fair (Stewardship table), mail, give online, or place in the offering plate. Offerings collected through December.

**[Sunday, September 19: Bible Sunday](#)**: From 9:45-10:45 a.m., it's a Sunday School Meet Your Teachers/Ice Cream Social! Welcome back, we have missed you!

**Third Graders Receive their Bibles**: Parents: Contact [Holly Ascitutto](#) if you would like your third grader to receive a Bible during worship on Bible Sunday, Sept. 19. This is a special day in the lives of our young people.

**[A Service of Remembrance, Prayer and Resurrection](#)** -- On Saturday September 11, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. we will gather at the cross in our cemetery for a service of remembrance, prayer and resurrection as we commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the deadliest terrorist attack in world history. This will be a solemn time for reflection, prayer, scripture reading, and song as we remember the 2,977 lives tragically taken from this world and the 20-year war that ensued. Participants are encouraged to bring a chair and practice physical distancing. For those unable to attend, a prayer guide will be posted on the church website with prayers and scripture readings to coincide with the times the planes struck the World Trade Center towers, Pentagon, and field in Shanksville, PA.

**[Fall Inquirers Class](#)** -- Are you interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown? Do you have questions about what being a member means, or what it means to be a Presbyterian? Come to our Fall Inquirers Class. Our pastoral staff will lead this three-part class. Sign up with the church office at (856) 235-1688. A hybrid schedule is planned to allow flexibility and safety:

- **Wednesday, Sept. 15 (7:00-8:30 pm)**: Zoom meeting
- **Saturday, Sept. 18 (9:00 am-1:00 pm)**: In-person meeting in Room 3-4
- **Sunday, Sept. 19 (12 noon)**: Meet with Session to present one's Statement of Faith and be officially received into membership (Room 3-4)
- **Sunday, Sept. 26 (8:30 am/11:00 am)**: New members introduced during worship

**[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.](#)

**“Now Is The Time”** ... It's coming! Sunday, October 17 is Consecration Sunday. Please plan now to attend worship that Sunday morning for a **COMBINED 9:30 a.m.** service in the sanctuary to dedicate your 2022 Estimate of Giving card, which will be mailed. Watch for important information from the Stewardship team!

**Save the Date!** Sunday, October 24: The Church Has Left the Building!

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