



Sunday, September 5, 2021 ~ Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons)

Way of the Week

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.”
(II 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

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

Alive and Running
Overcome

Prayer of Confession

Rev. 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.**

Time for silent prayer and reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. 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.

Offertory

Rev. Allen

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

Cornerstone

Sermon

Rev. Spencer

Jesus Loves Leftovers

Scripture Text: [John 6:1-13 \(NLT\)](#)

Sermon Series: Scatter...Gather

Communion Song

Worship Team

Jesus, We Love You

Communion

Rev. Allen

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution & the Lord's Prayer

The Bread and the Cup (*Please prepare a communion serving for yourself and any who are worshipping with you.*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

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| Audio Technician: | Taylor Adair |
| Livestream: | Jonathan Nawrocki |
| Visuals: | Alice Conley |
| Worship Team: | Martin Bass-Guitar; Christine Bass-Keys; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Don Stevens-Bass; Barry Overton-Drums |
| Vocals: | Michelle Davis |
| Flower Arranger: | Stacy Schaffer |
| Ushers: | Greg and Steve Connlain |
| Trustee Greeter: | TBD |

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jack from the Sinunu Family.

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.

On Saturday, September 11 at 8:30 a.m., we will gather at the cross in the First Presbyterian Church Cemetery for a [Service of Remembrance, Prayer and Resurrection](#) as we commemorate the 20th 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 war that ensued. Participants are encouraged to bring a chair and practice social 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.

[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.](#)

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

[Fall Prayer Retreat](#), October 19–22: Pastor Spencer leads a four-day, three-night retreat at Holy Cross Monastery, an Episcopal community of faith. Join members from FPCM and friends from other churches for a study of the Lord's Prayer and lots of time for rest, reflection and renewal. See our Events page for additional details.

Sunday, October 17 is a special date for us: *Consecration Sunday*. We will gather together for a combined 9:30 a.m. Service in the Sanctuary featuring a guest speaker and the opportunity to prayerfully dedicate our 2022 Estimate of Giving cards. This year's Stewardship sermon series "Now Is The Time" begins on Sept. 26 and features personal stories from our members. Look for details in the coming weeks.

Save the Date of October 24 for our **Church Has Left the Building** event this year!