



Sunday, September 12, 2021 ~ Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons)

Way of the Week

15. WELCOME CHANGE. Be curious about new ideas, perspectives, and approaches. Get excited by the possibilities that change can bring. What worked in the past won't always work in the future; for God is doing new things.

"And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the wine would burst the wineskins, and the wine and the skins would both be lost. New wine calls for new wineskins." (Mark 2:22)

Ideas for Action: This is a simple one, so try it. Sit in a different pew in the Sanctuary or seat in the Commons next Sunday. See what happens.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

Joy
Almighty

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Stuart Spencer

I have failed.
I have gloated.
I have hated.
I have ignored.
I have raged.
I have hoarded.
I have judged.
I have turned away.
I am sorry.

I am exhausted.

I am done.

Fix me, heal me, break-and-remake-me, hold me, comfort me, nurture me, revive me, resuscitate me, bring me back from death. This I ask in Jesus name.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Spencer

My friends, God is not done with us, not by a long shot. You are more beloved than you can ever know; and God is working in you and in the world beyond our wildest imagining. The beginning of all that is forgiveness. So know that you are indeed forgiven, and be at peace. Amen.

Faith Story

Rev. Allen

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

I Surrender

Sermon

Rev. Spencer

Strength in Numbers

Scripture Text: [Hebrews 10:19-25 \(NLT\)](#)

Sermon Series: Scatter...Gather

Closing Song

Worship Team

The Lamb and the Lion

Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio:	Taylor Adair
Livestream:	Jonathan Nawrocki
Visuals:	Alice Conley
Worship Team:	Martin Bass-Guitar; Christine Bass-Keys; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Kalane Williams-Bass; Curtis Blain-Drums
Vocals:	Michelle Davis
Flower Arrangers:	Karin Miller and Rumi Sinunu
Ushers:	Dave Barr and Jason Rose
Trustee Greeter:	Mike Ramage

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of today's Ministry Fair.

Check-ins: Check-in is 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.

Ministry Fair Sunday – “A Time to Scatter... Gather”: How is God inviting you to take your next step of faith? As we begin our 2021-22 program year, the Ministry Fair features displays to inform members about ministry areas and opportunities to join hands as we *Worship, Connect, Serve, and Devote*. **TODAY in Fellowship Hall 9:45-10:45 a.m.**

Happy 133rd Birthday, FPCM! 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.

New Protocols: Session approved revised COVID-19 safety protocols to be in place through October. Masks will be mandatory for everyone when gathering indoors. This applies to worship and all indoor meetings. Congregational singing has been discontinued; singers will be masked; and those who attend in-person will be distanced. We will not serve or eat food indoors. Pre-made or prepared food may be served and eaten outside. Session and staff will continue to monitor the pandemic and make changes as warranted.

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 – *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.](#)

September 19: From 9:45-10:45 a.m., it’s a Sunday School Meet Your Teachers/Ice Cream Social! Come meet your new Sunday School teachers.

Adult Education: Join Lorenzo Eagles and Rev. Wes Allen on Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:45, in Fellowship Hall or via Zoom for our fall Adult Education hour. Each week we will dive headfirst into the Word of God as we reflect on and explore that week’s sermon text. A study guide will be provided electronically on the church website.

- Week One - September 19 - Matthew 18:15-20

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. **TODAY is the last day to register.**

[Choir Open House](#): **Wednesday, Sept. 29 from 6-7 p.m.** – Members and the community are invited to sample our Youth Choirs at FPC Moorestown. Come meet current Choir members and see video clips from our recent European Choir Tour. Tour our Music facilities. For questions, contact Kristen Perkowski or Laurie LaMonica.

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!

[The Goal of Stephen Ministry](#) is to provide distinctively Christian lay ministry to people in need. We will be starting a new class for those who would like to train to be a Stephen Minister, beginning on Monday, October 25. We will meet in person at the church. If you are interested in more information about this class, [sign up online](#) or contact Doris Kahley at 609-261-8474 or d.kahley@verizon.net.