



Sunday, September 19, 2021 ~ Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons)

Way of the Week

16. GIVE CHEERFULLY. Rejoice, you get to give! Think of giving as a privilege rather than an obligation, a joy instead of a burden. As you consider all that's been entrusted to you – time, abilities and money – ask, “How is God calling me to share what I've been given?”

“Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full – pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.” (Luke 6:38)

Ideas for Action: Consider making a special financial gift this week to the church or one of our mission partners. What else, besides money, can you give this week? How about your time or your forgiveness?

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

Good God Almighty

David Crowder

This is How I Fight My Battles

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Wes Allen

Great and gracious God,
for apathy,
for meanness,
for boredom,
for pride,
for judgment,
for dismissal:

For all those ways we hurt You by hurting each other and ourselves, forgive us. Turn us around to You; heal us, and make us whole, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Allen

Sisters and brothers in Christ, the mercies of God are from everlasting to everlasting. Let us proclaim the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Presentation of Bibles

Holly Asciutto & Rev. Allen

Brady Catanella

Samantha Long

Bryce Catanella

Emma & Fischer McNab

Sean Connlain

Jacob Neindorff

Alexandra Harper

Hannah Walker

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 Will Rise

Sermon

Rev. Spencer

Serious Gathering

Scripture Text: [Matthew 18:15-20 \(NLT\)](#)

Sermon Series: Scatter...Gather

Closing Song

Worship Team

I Give You My Heart

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: Debbie Heller and Barbara Wetherill

Ushers: Matt La Grou and Jeff Legath

Trustee Greeter: Rich Corbin

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Drexell & Virginia Plymale by Charles Plymale and Joyce Palla.

Check-ins: Check-in is self-check in only on your smart phone (no QR code to swipe). Volunteer(s) remain available to assist. Please remember to check in from home when watching the live stream.

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. Session and staff will continue to monitor the pandemic and make changes as warranted.

Sunday School Meet Your Teachers/Ice Cream Social! From 9:45-10:45 a.m., 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 is provided electronically on the church website.

- Week Two: September 26 - Romans 16:8-14

The Engagement Project: This 10-week study meets on 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.](#)

NEW! **Youth Parent Information Meeting:** *Sunday, Sept. 26 at 12:15 in Fellowship Hall* - Middle school and high school parents (grades 7-12). The meeting will be hybrid with a Zoom option. Luke Maxted was recently hired as our part-time Interim Youth Director. Luke and his wife, Kelly, are fellows with Urban Promise. Next spring they return to England with their two sons where the Maxteds plan to launch an Urban Promise site in London. Luke will serve with our youth advisors as they, together, lead our Senior High Fellowship on Sunday evenings and our Middle School Fellowship on Wednesday evenings.

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.

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.

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.

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. Your donations can be given by mail, online, or placed in the offering plate. Offerings collected through December.

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