



Sunday, September 26, 2021 ~ Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons)

Way of the Week

17. SHOW WHO YOU REALLY ARE. Our church is for “real” people. Bring your true self, including your joys, your sorrows, your fears, your strengths, and your weaknesses. God loves you as you are. Don’t hide your struggles, failures or problems.

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

Ideas for Action: This week, sit down with or talk to another member by phone and share one area of struggle, failure or a fear you have.

Welcome and Work of God’s People

Rev. Wes Allen

Call to Worship

Paul Savage

Leader: Here we are, Lord, Your creatures standing before You.

All: Gathered together to praise You and worship You.

Leader: This is Your day, Lord God; and we thank You for giving this day to all of us.

All: Help us to always remember that each day is a blessing and a gift from You for we are not owed anything from You.

Leader: Be with us in our midst, and let us feel Your breath upon our faces.

All: And hold us close to You each day of our lives. Amen.

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

***Hope Has a Name
Almighty***

Prayer of Confession *(offered in unison)*

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Dear God, sometimes I mess up.

Sometimes I hurt someone else because I am angry or mean.

Dear God, sometimes I'm not sorry about what I did;

But really I am not proud of my actions.

Dear God, sometimes I try hard to be kind and thoughtful.

Help me to live that way.

Dear God, thank You for the gift of forgiveness.

Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Spencer

Moment for Stewardship & Offertory

Rev. Allen & Ransom Family

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

Great I Am

Sermon

Rev. Spencer

Time to Wake Up!

Scripture Text: [Romans 13:8-14 \(NLT\)](#)

Sermon Series: Now is the Time

Closing Song

Worship Team

God is Able

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; Don Stevens-Bass; Barry Overton-Drums
Vocals:	Michelle Davis
Flower Arrangers:	Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop
Ushers:	Greg and Steve Connlain
Trustee Greeter:	Jeff Legath

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God.

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.

TODAY: Regular Sunday School classes begin! Children's Sunday School (K-6th grades) meets Sunday from 9:45-10:45 a.m., where children learn about the Word of God. Children and teachers will be asked to wear face masks. *Nursery* - Room 12 (Amy Coombe); *Grades K-1* - Room 13 (Jenny Legath/Karen Alecxih); *Grades 2-3* - Room 10 (Tamara Trzeciak/Lori Bell); *Grades 4, 5-6* - Room 3-4 (Leslie Spencer/Philip Jagiela).

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 Three: October 3 – I Peter 4:7-11

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 will be our volunteer part-time Interim Youth Director. Luke and his wife, Kelly, are fellows with Urban Promise. 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.

Welcome our New Members:

<i>Name</i>	<i>E-mail Address</i>	<i>Phone No.</i>	<i>Home Address</i>
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Choir Open House: **Wednesday, Sept. 29 from 6-7 p.m.** – Current/past Choir members and FPC Moorestown members are asked to come and *bring a friend!* Meet with current Choir members and see video clips of our recent European Choir Tour and Youth Choir Concerts to see how rewarding joining the youth choir can be. Tours of the Music facilities are available. Contact Kristen Perkowski (732-779-8948) or Laure LaMonica (609-304-9720) for questions. A to-go dessert will be provided for attendees.

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.](#)

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.