



Sunday, October 24, 2021 ~ Outdoor Worship, Church Has Left The Building

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship (Courtyard) -- Have you checked in on the Church Center app?

There is no nursery care, adult education or Sunday School today

*please stand as you are able

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

***Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 34)**

I will bless the LORD at all times;
God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
Let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the LORD with me,
And let us exalt God's name together.
O taste and see that the LORD is good;
Happy are those who take refuge in God.

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Praise

Stronger

Martin Bass and Wes Allen

Words and music by Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

There is Love that came for us humbled to a sinner's cross
You broke my shame and sinfulness
Your rose again victorious
Faithfulness none can deny
Through the storm and through the fire

There is truth that sets me free
Jesus Christ who lives in me.
You are stronger, you are stronger,
Sin is broken, You have saved me
It is written, Christ is risen
Jesus You are Lord of all
No beginning and no end, You're my hope and my defense
You came to seek and save the lost
You saved it all upon the cross.
So let your name be lifted higher, be lifted higher, be lifted higher
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Prayer of Confession (offered in unison)

Rev. Stuart Spencer

God of All People, we confess that we still turn to those with the most worldly power to lead us. We turn to the rich and watch them make strides into space. We turn to the famous to see what they share on social media. We turn to the loudest voices and listen to them, either to praise them or to complain about them. Forgive us for not turning to You. Forgive us for not remembering how Your Son Jesus came to become last of all and servant of all. Forgive us for not learning the lesson to look to the children, the weak, the disabled, the widows, the poor, and tax collectors; all those despised and rejected by society. Forgive us for our failure to remember how You died as a common criminal, executed by the justice system of the dominant worldly power. Call us back to Your ways. Help us to hear the cries from the side of the road for healing and to answer them. Guide us to listen to the voices of those we often leave out and forget. Remind us that we are leaving this earth for the next generations and we must value their lives by caring for this earth You made. Forgive us and guide us into Your way, Your truth, and Your life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Prayer

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 34:4 reads:

"I sought the LORD, and God answered me, and delivered me from all my fears."

God hears our prayers and answers us by providing us with one another, the body of Christ.

May we turn and lift up one another. May we open our hearts and minds to listen when another is in need, when another is suffering.

May we be the answer to prayer by sharing Christ's love with one another in word and deed.

May we know the forgiveness of Jesus Christ when we forgive others, when we work to repair and restore what has been broken, to right the wrongs in our society, and build up God's reign on Earth.

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer ('debts')

Stuart Spencer

Sermon

Rev. Chuck Swanson

"Fearfully and Wonderfully Made"

Scripture Text: Psalm 139: 11-16 (ESV)

Offertory

Stuart Spencer

THANK YOU for your faithful giving. 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 on the table by the brick wall. Electronic giving is here to stay! Take advantage of this simple, secure [automatic withdrawal](#). Donate directly from your phone via the Church Center app too.

Song of Praise

The Solid Rock

Martin Bass and Wes Allen

Words by Edward Mote | Music by William Batchelder Bradbury

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus' name

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face I rest on His unchanging grace
In ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor rests within the veil
His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way He then is all my hope and stay
When He shall come with trumpet sound O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in his righteousness alone faultless to stand before the throne

Benediction ~ Way of the Week No. 21

Stuart Spencer

21. YOU'RE SENT, NOW GO. We're blessed to be a blessing. God intends to use you to bless, heal, restore, and liberate a dark and hurting world. We're here for others: in our families and our community and in the world. Go to the need. Live missionally.

Ideas for Action: Check out the Missions tab on our website. Look at our local mission partners' websites for information and ideas for service. Contact Linda Jagiela, director of outreach, for additional suggestions. Make plans to go and serve ASAP.

9:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Guest Preacher:	Rev. Chuck Swanson, Options For Women
Flower Arrangers:	Martha Derry and Karen Arsenault
Ushers:	John Miller, Jack Terry, Joe Scheideler
Trustee Greeters:	Bill Conner, Rich Corbin
Check-In Volunteers:	TBD

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Options For Women, and the missions and mission partners of Church Has Left The Building. Thank you to all who have signed up!

Options For Women was established in 1985 as a faith-based non-profit agency by grants and private funding. Their friendly center is conveniently located in Cherry Hill and they recently opened another location in Trenton. Both centers offer free services including pregnancy testing and second visit ultrasounds by medical professionals in a comfortable, private setting. Women can have their pregnancy verified and receive medical information needed to make an informed choice. Options locations offer a safe retreat, a place to chill and to take a break from worrying. They do not provide or refer information on terminating a pregnancy. For information visit online at www.optionsnj.org. Tour their amazing mobile unit in our parking lot on October 31 (5th Sunday).

Church Has Left the Building: Yes, there's still time to sign up! See Linda Jagiela if you can help. We have added more projects – so many to choose from! [SIGN UP](#) on our current events page or website. Today's preacher is Rev. Chuck Swanson from Options For Women, a local mission partner.

- ✓ **Return completed projects TODAY in our Drop-Off Parade from 1-3 pm in the main parking lot.** Drop-offs will be zero contact and socially distanced. Pastor Spencer and members of the mission team will welcome people and pray with them when requested.

"Now Is The Time" ... On **Sunday, October 17** members prayerfully dedicated weekly, monthly or annual financial commitments for 2022 to the Lord's Work. If you were not able to be here that day, please return by mail, [fill out online](#), place in the offering, or email your pledge to Norm Vandergrift in the church office. As of October 22, we have received 136 pledges, eclipsing last year's first-day total of 120. It's a strong start. **To assist with budget projections, we kindly ask that all estimates be turned in by November 14.**

5th Sunday for October: **Sunday, October 31** will be one COMBINED worship service at 9:30 a.m. There will be no nursery care, adult education or Sunday School that day. Bring your own lunch/brunch and stay to enjoy outdoor fellowship together on a crisp fall day. There will be a craft for the kids from the deacons. **On Oct. 31**, take a tour of the Options For Women mobile unit which brings services to those most in need.

Register online for Kids Groups and Youth Groups: Fellowship groups have started. 😊 [SIGN UP](#) on our current events page/website for 2021-2022 fellowship groups K-12th grade.

Study Leave -- Pastor Spencer will be away on study leave October 25-Nov. 1. For pastoral care please contact Rev. Wes Allen at wallen@fpcmoorestown.org or the church office at (856) 235-1688.

Organ-Vocal Concert by Jim and Grace Roman; **Sunday, Oct. 31 at 7:30 p.m.** in the FPC Moorestown Sanctuary, live stream presentation on www.fpcmoorestown.org.

October Session Meeting – Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 7:00 pm via Zoom hybrid, in-person in Fellowship Hall, 7:00 pm

Updated COVID-19 Safety Protocols through October: Masks are to be worn for indoor gatherings (vaccinated and unvaccinated). We'll continue to serve communion in pre-packaged units; food may be eaten outside only.

Memorial Service for Fernando Mancillas will be held at FPC Moorestown on Saturday, Nov. 6 at 5:00 p.m.

Session has called a **Special Meeting of the Congregation** for **Sunday, November 7, 2021**, immediately following the 8:30 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary. This meeting will also air via live stream. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a Deacon to the Class of 2024.

Installation Service for Rev. Wes Allen will be held in our sanctuary on Sunday, Nov. 14 at 4:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.