



## Sunday, October 31, 2021 ~ Reformation Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship (Sanctuary) -- Have you checked in on the Church Center app?  
There is no nursery care, adult education or Sunday School this morning

\*please stand as you are able

### Welcome and Work of God's People

Wes Allen

### Way of the Week #22

**REST AND REFLECT.** Make time in your week to step back from work, school, and stressful demands. Since Christ has freed us, we no longer have to be obsessively driven. Take a walk, play, nap, meet up with friends, share a meal, or just take some time in solitude.

**Ideas for Action:** Can you make your Sunday more of a Sabbath day of rest for you and your family? Connect with God using worship music. Unplug from the devices for part or all of the day. Seek the joy of the Lord in Creation. Eat a meal together. Be silent with God and pray. Prioritize wholeness and rejuvenation in Christ.

### Music in Preparation for Worship

#### ***When Morning Gilds the Skies (Hymn #99)***

arr. Roth

Bell Choir: Jim Cole, Barbara Fletcher, Lissa Herman, Melissa McNab, Sawyer McNab,  
Marion Norcross, Peg Pierce, Stacy Schaffer  
Kathy Gunsallus, Director

### Introit

#### ***We Can Sing Our Praise to God***

Grantham

#### ***O How I Love Jesus***

Whitfield

Primary Choir; Rebecca Neindorff, Piano

## \*Call to Worship

Paul Savage

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Praise the Lord!  
**Let my whole being praise the Lord!**  
I will praise the Lord with all my life,  
**I will sing praises to my God as long as I live.**  
God is the maker of heaven and earth,  
**The sea, and all that is in them.**  
God is faithful forever,  
**And reigns with justice and righteousness.**

## Testimony

Paul Savage

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## Hymn

Doane/Gillette

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### ***O God, You Have Called Us***

*A new hymn written for the Presbytery For Southern New Jersey*  
Janet Wilkie, soloist; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

O God, you have called us to be, by your grace, a people who serve you in this time and place.  
There's work to be done here— the gospel to preach, the hungry to feed, and the searching to reach.

#### ***Refrain:***

We give thanks for this gift we have watched you create  
for your church, for our towns, in our region and state.  
May we come together, as churches, to bear  
your love and forgiveness, your justice and care.

O Christ, may we serve you with those who are poor; may we welcome strangers who stand at our door.  
May we see the people that others reject and find ways to advocate, heal and protect.

#### ***Refrain***

Your Spirit has called us to follow your Way and rise to the needs that we see in our day.  
May all of our churches find blessings anew as we come together to labor for you.

#### ***Refrain***

## Prayer of Adoration

Dr. Jenny Legath

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## Call to Confession

### **Prayer of Confession (offered in unison)**

**Almighty God, we have fallen astray from Your ways. We have made idols of worldly wealth and measures of success. Those of us with privilege and power have made You in our image, forgetting that You came and served among us, emptying Yourself of power and privilege to the point of death on the cross. Call us back to Your ways. On this Reformation Sunday, O God, reform our hearts, restore us to Your ways of love and justice and mercy. Reform our way of life to center You and those**

we have pushed to the margins, so that we might disrupt the evil of this world and cling to Your love that reigns forever. In the name of Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, we pray.

*Silent Prayer*

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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## Assurance of Forgiveness

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God is making all things new. God is reshaping and reforming your heart. God will bring you into alignment with God's ways of love and justice when you do justice and practice loving-kindness in your life. You are beautifully made, loved, and restored in the image of God. Go and share the Good News.

**Hallelujah, Amen!**

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## Children's Message

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Wes Allen

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## Anthem

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### ***The Lord is My Strength and My Song***

Junior Choir; Nancy Bender, Piano; Melissa McNab, Bells; Jessica Migrala, Flute

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

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Wes Allen

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## Offertory

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Wes Allen

*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 in the narthex. 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.*

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## Offertory Music

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### ***Good God Almighty***

Contemporary Worship Team

Crowder

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## Sermon

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Wes Allen

### ***"The Welfare Church"***

Scripture Text: [Jeremiah 29: 1-7 \(NRSV\)](#)

Sermon Series: A Letter for Exiles

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## Hymn No. 20

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### ***Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee***

Contemporary Worship Team

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## Benediction and Going Forth

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Paul Savage

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## Music in Preparation for Service

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### ***Holy Water***

Contemporary Worship Team

We The Kingdom

## 9:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

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<b>Audio Technician:</b>	Harris E. Ransom
<b>Live Video Streaming:</b>	Harris A. Ransom
<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	Gretchen Birdsall and Robin Godonis
<b>Ushers:</b>	Dave Rebuck, Brett Couvillion, James Clinton
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	Adrienne Barr
<b>Check-In Volunteers:</b>	Jen Allen and Jane Murphy
<b>Interim Nursery Caregiver:</b>	Amy Coombe

**Today's flowers** are given by Gayle Payne to honor the memory of David D. Payne and their November 1 wedding anniversary, with love from Gayle, Jessica and Rocky Payne.

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday for October: Sunday, October 31** is one combined worship service at 9:30 a.m. There will be no nursery care, adult education or Sunday School today. 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. Take a tour of the Options For Women mobile unit which brings services to those in need.

**Church Has Left the Building:** Thank you to everyone who participated in Church has Left the Building. From our youngest to our oldest congregants, everyone played their part to help our ministry partners and to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community.

**"Now Is The Time" ...** On Consecration Sunday October 17<sup>th</sup>, members prayerfully dedicated weekly, monthly and annual financial commitments for 2022 to the Lord's Work. If you were not able to be here, please return your *Estimate of Giving* by mail, [fill out online](#), place in the offering, or call/email Norman Vandergrift in the church office. As of October 29, we have received 160 pledges en route to our goal of 180. **To assist with budget projections, we kindly ask that all estimates be turned in by November 14.**

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

**Updated COVID-19 Safety Protocols from Session:** At its October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, Session recommended the following updates to COVID protocols: masks are optional for those fully vaccinated and highly encouraged for those not vaccinated; seat/space as you are comfortable; children 18 and under shall be masked; congregational singing remains suspended; singers shall be masked; no food on premises. [See pastor's letter ...](#)

**Register online for Kids Groups and Youth Groups:** SIGN UP on our current events page/website for 2021-2022 groups Kingdom Kids (K-3<sup>rd</sup>), Crossing Zone (4th-6th), Middle School (7th-8<sup>th</sup>) and High School (9th-12<sup>th</sup>).

**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.

**The 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.

**Deacon Sunday is November 14.**