



Sunday, May 8, 2022 ~ 4th Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- Have you **checked in** for worship?

*please stand as you are able

Way of the Week #24

24. TELL YOUR STORY. God has done and is doing something unique in your life. Has God answered a prayer, provided help, or blessed you? Share it. Ask God for opportunities to share your faith in Christ by words and deeds.

Ideas for Action: At the start of each morning this week, think about one thing you're grateful to God for from the previous 24 hours. Got it? Now share it with someone else in the course of today.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Wes Allen

Music in Preparation for Worship

Come Ring Joy

Starks

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

*Call to Worship

Wes Allen

Shout to God with songs of great joy!

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

God has made us whole.

God has called us to a ministry of hope and love.

Come, let us celebrate the love of God!

Let us praise God's name and serve God joyfully. AMEN.

*Prayer of Adoration

Wes Allen

Hymn No. 5 (congregation)

Come, Thou Almighty King

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession

Stuart Spencer

Prayer of Confession

God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole. Amen.

Silent prayer for personal confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Alleluia! Amen.

Children's Sermon

Wes Allen

Anthem

Now Everybody Sing

Junior Choir; Nancy Bender, Piano

Leaf

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

Stuart Spencer

Offertory

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Offertory Music

O Worship the King

Bell Choir; Marion Norcross, Director; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Eithun

Sermon

Stuart Spencer

"Easter in You"

Scripture Text: Ephesians 1: 15-23 (page 192 Pew Bible NT)

Sermon Series: The Master's Plan

Hymn No. 353 (congregation)

For the Beauty of the Earth

Music in Preparation for Service

Alleluia

Bell Choir; Kathy Gunsallus, Director

Benediction and Going Forth

Stuart Spencer

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8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Video Streaming:	Harris A. Ransom
Flower Arrangers:	Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop
Ushers:	John Miller, Jack Terry, Joe Scheideler
Trustee Greeter:	Patrick McIlroy
Check-In Volunteer:	Deacon Paul Gordon
Nursery Caregiver:	Amy Coombe
Hospitality:	Chelsea Margerum

Worship Flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of mothers.

- ✓ **Coffee Hour and Bagel Volunteers Needed** -- We are bringing back bagels for coffee hour. Volunteers are needed to pick up the bagels from Manhattan Bagel in Maple Shade at 8:00-8:30 a.m. Sunday morning, and deliver to the church. Would you be willing to do this once every 6-8 weeks? Bagels will be charged to FPC's account so you won't need to pay for them. Please contact [Lissa Herman](#) (856-745-7357) or [Sue Piper](#) (856-722-0581) to volunteer. Helpers are also needed to assist Chelsea Margerum staff the coffee hour on Sunday mornings.
- ✓ **Teacher Appreciation Sunday is May 22** -- Last day of children's Sunday School will be Sunday, May 22. We will recognize our adult and children's teachers with ICE CREAM as we close out the education year. The Deacons will have ice cream, snacks, coffee, games, and mingling, as we honor and thank the children's and adult teachers. We will meet on the Sanctuary Courtyard (weather permitting) during the education hour (**9:45-10:45 am**). EVERYONE aged 0 to 99+ is welcome to join in the fun. If you came to Sunday School just once, or even not at all, this is your chance to jump in! In worship that day we will honor all our teachers.

Work of God's People (see *Connections*, eblast and website for details)

- **VBS registration is OPEN!** Children entering Kindergarten through entering 6th grade are invited to "Make Waves" at VBS **June 27- July 1** (9:00 am-Noon). [Sign up online](#). See *Connections* for details. Adults and Teens (7th grade and older): we're looking for **volunteers** for this super fun week! Sign up online.
- **2022 Inquirers' Class** -- Are you interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown and possibly joining the congregation? This three-part series is designed to work better with today's busy schedules. Classes are May 11 (hybrid), May 14 (Zoom) & May 15 (Zoom); new members will be welcomed on May 22. [Sign up online](#) or contact Wes Allen in the church office at 856.235.1688.
- **2022 Graduates** -- please fill out a [brief online form](#) with your school information. We will recognize our graduates on Sunday, May 15 for Graduation Recognition Sunday.
- **Couples Night Out** -- May 20 - 6:00-10:00 p.m. at the historic Union League of Philadelphia. Cost per couple is \$325 (includes a four-course meal and guest speaker). Join us for a much needed night out, connect with couples, and strengthen your relationship and faith. [Sign up online on our events page](#).
- **NEW:** Stay up to date with FPC Moorestown's sermon series by subscribing to our weekly sermon podcast now available on Apple Podcasts, Amazon Music, Google Podcasts, Spotify and Anchor. Full services continue to be available with video on YouTube and Facebook or by visiting www.fpcmoorestown.org.
- **Officer Training** -- Incoming elders, deacons and trustees will participate in Officer Training on two remaining session in May: Thursday, May 12: 7:00-8:15 p.m. (Zoom); and Thursday, May 19: 7:00-8:15 p.m. (Zoom). Officers will be examined by Session at its May meeting, May 24th (Fellowship Hall hybrid, 7-8 p.m.). Installation and Ordination of officers will be on May 29 at 9:30 a.m. (Fifth Sunday).
- **NEW! The Sanctuary Hearing Assist system** now has new receivers which are speech and music capable, using our streaming sound, with zero delay. The system may be used with headphones, neck loops, and the new low profile surround earphone. The system is available during Sanctuary streaming times which include worship, music events, funerals, and weddings. Please see an usher if you need assistance.
- Worship at 9:30 a.m. for our **5th Sunday** blended worship May 29 in the Sanctuary.
- **Tree Dedications** -- On **Sunday, May 22**, immediately after the 11:00 am service, we will have a brief service of dedication for the rosebud trees out by the Labyrinth, in memory of Kim Murphy and in honor of Jan Amos' fifteen-year leadership of the Stephen Ministry. Everyone is invited to attend, especially friends of Kim and of Jan and of Stephen Ministry.



[Strawberry Festival Returns Friday, June 3!](#)

The 63rd Annual Strawberry Festival is back! It's an evening packed with friends from our community and LOTS of FUN and FREE! The evening will bring homemade cakes with fresh strawberries, and ice cream. Come out and enjoy The Moorestown Community Band, The Trophy Wives Band, face painters, balloon artists, fun inflatables, food tent (CASH ONLY) and more! There are MANY opportunities to volunteer -- sign-ups are in Commons Lobby or please use the Sign-up Genius. **LOTS of volunteers are needed!** [See our website page and current events page.](#)