



Sunday, July 3, 2022 ~ 4th Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- Have you **checked in** for worship?

*please stand as you are able

Way of the Week #7

7. **CELEBRATE OUR UNITY, SAVOR OUR DIVERSITY.** Thank God that, like parts of the human body, we're not all the same. Be open to learn from others, regardless of their age, background, experience, or tenure with our church. We make better decisions and grow as people when we consider multiple perspectives. Listen with curiosity to others and consider how to use their ideas.

Ideas for Action: Seek out someone from a different background, culture or race and meet three or four times to get to know their lives and stories. Pray with them for racial and social healing.

[Watch the new Way 7 Video from Kelly LePenske Sponseller.](#)

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

Music in Preparation for Worship

Joel Krott, Organ

On An American Folk Hymn

McKay

*Call to Worship

Elder Gayle Payne

We gather this morning appreciating our freedom to worship God.

May God continue to bless the Church of Christ in this land.

We draw near to the God who rules over all nations

May God continue to bless our country and all the countries in the world.

We seek to live in harmony and peace together with all peoples on the earth.

May God continue to establish peace on earth and help us understand that it begins in our hearts.

Come, let us worship the Lord!

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Payne

Hymn No. 417 (verses 1, 2)

Joel Krott, Organ

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

Congregational singing

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession

Rev. Spencer

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, Maker of heaven and earth, we seek your mercy and grace today.

When we are weary, O God, give us bread for the journey.

When we are complacent, O God, set a fire in our bellies.

When we are frightened, O God, put courage in our hearts and hands.

When we are angry, O God, turn our anger into faithful response.

When we are bewildered, O God, help us to see and follow You.

When we stray, turn us around.

When we fail, give us another chance.

When we sin, forgive us.

And hear our silent prayers.

Silent prayer for personal confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, let us proclaim the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Let us go out into the world as people made new by God.

Amen.

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

Rev. Allen

Offertory

Rev. Allen

*THANK YOU for your faithfulness and for remembering the church with your summer giving. Our ministry continues year round and your offerings allow us to support church operations and our work in the world. Take advantage of a simple, secure [automatic withdrawal](#) or donate from your phone via the Church Center app. Send offerings by mail to **P.O. Box 868, Moorestown, NJ 08057.***

Offertory Music

The National Anthem (verse 4)

John S. Smith

Grace Rykaczewski, Soprano

O thus be it ever when freeman shall stand
Between their lov'd home and the war's desolation!
Blest with vict'ry and peace may the heav'n rescued land
Praise the power that hath made and preserv'd us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto " "In God is our trust,"
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and home of the brave.

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"Gear Up"

Scripture Text: Ephesians 6: 10-24 (page 195 Pew Bible NT)

Sermon Series: The Master's Plan

Lord's Supper

Rev. Spencer

The Invitation to the Table (*Please prepare a communion serving for yourself and any who are worshipping with you.*)

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn No. 417 (verse 4)

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Our Fathers' God, to Thee

Congregational singing

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

America, The Beautiful

Ward/Larson

Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

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9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

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| Beadle: | Elder Gayle Payne |
| Audio Technician: | Harris E. Ransom |
| Live Stream Technician: | Dan Carson |
| Flower Arrangers: | Stacy Schaffer and Karin Miller |
| Ushers: | John Miller, Jack Terry, Joe Scheideler |
| Trustee Greeter: | John Miller |
| Check-In Volunteer: | Deacon Alice Conley |
| Nursery Caregiver: | Amy Coombe |
| Hospitality: | Chelsea Margerum - volunteers needed |

Worship flowers are given by Barbara Lewis in loving memory of the marriage of Allen and Barbara Lewis.

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

- **Vacation Bible School** – Last week we welcomed the community to FPC Moorestown for our “Make Waves” VBS June 27-July 1. More than 100 children attended and it was a marvelous week. See the July 10 issue of *Connections* for all the wonderful people who helped with this outreach.
- **Holiday Hours** -- The church campus will be CLOSED Monday, July 4 for Independence Day.
- **Summer Worship:** 9:00 a.m. Traditional and 10:30 a.m. Contemporary. **Outdoor Worship:** July 31: 5th Sunday Blended Worship (9:30 a.m.) and August 28: Contemporary Worship (10:30 a.m.).
- **“Wednesday Evening Prayer on the Porch”** -- Join the Prayer Committee at 7:00 pm for fellowship and prayer in the cool of the evening on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays during the summer. Remaining dates: July 13, July 27, Aug. 10, Aug. 24; see event page and website or contact Pam Engle at pam@pamengle.com.
- **Help us help others** -- Good news - our collections will continue until the containers are full! See our event page and *Connections* for missions collections: rice, boxed milk, and proteins; cleaning supplies; paper products; school supplies, sports equipment; books. Drop off outside Missionwares store.
- You are invited to **“Fun in the Arabian Sun”** - a fundraiser for the Arabic Evangelical Church of South Jersey, Sunday, July 23 from 4:30-8:30 pm outside on the church grounds ... come for an evening of fun filled with Arab cuisine, games and music. Cash only please.
- Looking for a gently used sofa and loveseat or sectional for Carol's House to replace the current worn one. Neutral color please. Contact Linda Jagiela at missions@fpcmoorestown.org or cell 267-275-7582.
- **New Sermon Series “Esther's Choice”:** Beginning Sunday, July 10, our 10-week summer sermon series is based on the Old Testament book of Esther. Pastors Spencer and Allen preach this ‘page turner’ of a story that demonstrates how God uses ordinary people to bring change in dangerous times.
- **New Couple Series: Begins Sept. 14, 7:00-8:30 p.m. (Zoom)** -- Wes and Jennifer Allen lead an 8-week virtual study on Terrence Real's book, *Us: Getting Past You & Me to Build a More Loving Relationship*. [Register online](#) on our event page or website. Order a copy of the book on [Amazon](#) or online retailer.
- **FPC MOORESTOWN WEEKLY PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES** [\(see Prayer Page on website for links\)](#)
 - **Mondays 9-10 AM** – Jim Cole leading; Prayer Chapel. Anyone needing or wanting to pray for others is welcome to join Jim.
 - **Tuesdays 9-10 AM** – Jim Cole leading (Zoom)
 - **Wednesdays** (2nd & 4th in July & August): *Prayer on the Porch* (7:00 PM)
 - **Thursdays 7:30-8:30 AM** (Zoom) – Pray for our church, nation and the world. For link please contact Sue Piper (storybooksue@comcast.net).
 - **Thursdays 12:30-1:00 PM (Zoom)** – Pray for discipleship and disciple-making at FPCM
 - **Thursdays 7:00 PM** – Live Stream Prayer Service, praying for our church and discipleship
 - **Sundays 10:00 AM** (summer) – After traditional worship, beadles available to pray with you or for you (David Room). Jim Cole available in the Prayer Chapel in Commons Lobby for prayer.
 - Submit confidential **online prayer requests** – visit <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/prayer>
 - **Fall and Spring Prayer retreats** to unplug and savor time away in meditation
 - **Prayer Vigils** sponsored by the Prayer Committee for stewardship, National/World Day of Prayer