



Sunday, July 24, 2022 ~ Twelveth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons)

Way of the Week [Video](#)

Brian Catanella

10. JOIN HANDS. Work as a team. Collaborate with each other, our professional staff, lay leaders, and our congregants to find the best solutions. Collaboration lightens the load; generates better ideas than individuals working alone; and unleashes the gifts God has given us all.

Ideas for Action: Is there some task you're doing at church that you could invite someone to share with you? Think of someone from our church who can help you sort out a challenge or problem you're facing.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

In the River

Hosanna (Be Lifted Up)

Prayer of Confession

Eric Davis

My friends in Christ, please pray with me.

O God of life, eternity cannot hold You nor can our little words catch the wonder of Your kindness or the depth of Your mercy. Yet in the space of our small hearts and in silence, You can come close and repair us.

Silence for personal prayer

O God of eternal life, grant us Your forgiveness:

For our careless thoughts, for our thoughtless deeds, for our empty speech, and the words with which we've wounded others; for our false desires, for our hateful actions, for our wastefulness and for all we've left untended. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

O loving Jesus, hung on a tree yet raised in the morning, scatter the sin from our souls as the mist from the hills; begin what we do, inform what we say, and redeem who we are.

In you, we place our hope, our great hope, our living hope this day and forever. Amen.

Greeting

Sharing with Our Children

Rev. Spencer

Offertory

Rev. Spencer

*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. For gifts of stock please call the church office.*

Song of Praise

Worship Team

I Surrender

Sermon

Rev. Spencer

Listening with God's Ears

Scripture Text: [Esther 2:19-23 \(NLT\)](#)

Sermon Series: Esther's Choice

Closing Song

Worship Team

Your Grace is Enough

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Spencer

Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

10:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team:	Martin Bass-Guitar; Don Stevens-Bass; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Christine Bass-Keys; Barry Overton-Drums; Michelle Davis-Vocals
Flower Arrangers:	Martha Derry and Fran Green
Ushers:	Dave Barr
Trustee Greeter:	Wendy Dougherty
Check-in:	Vicki Terry
Hospitality:	Chelsea Margerum

Today's pulpit flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband Jack's brother, Alex, by Rumi Sinunu.

Check-ins: Check-in is self-check in only on your smart phone. A deacon volunteer is available to assist. *Please remember to check in from home when watching the live stream.*

We are looking for additional **Ushers** for the Contemporary Service. Men and women welcome. Contact coordinator Steve Connlain at sconnlain@gmail.com or the church office.

“Called to Reconciliation: How the Church Can Model Justice, Diversity, and Inclusion”: Rev. Wes Allen and Dr. Leslie Spencer lead this 5-week discussion on Jonathan Augustine's new book. The discussion will start **Sunday, July 24 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom.**

Prayer on the Porch: *2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 7:00 PM* - Join the Prayer Committee for a time of prayer and fellowship on the Van Camp Porch (July 27, Aug. 10, 24).

Fire Pit Fridays: Come on out for a night of fellowship around the fire pit! All ages are welcome. Marshmallows will be provided. We have some seating around the fire pit, but you may wish to bring your favorite lawn chair. This event will take place weekly, weather permitting. No registration is required - just show up. Contact Cheryl Gaskill with questions (856-904-3056).

Special Congregational Meeting is called by Session. It will held on Sunday, July 31, 2022 after the 9:30 Worship Service. The purpose of the Meeting is to elect an Elder, Deacon, and Trustee effective immediately.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY REVIEW: The 225th General Assembly met last month. Elder Becca Neindorff served as a commissioner to the Assembly representing our Presbytery. Following our 5th Sunday Worship and Special Meeting of the Congregation, we'll review the highlights of the Assembly with a report from Becca. The G. A. Review will be held in Miller Commons about 15 minutes after the close of the Congregational Meeting. The meeting will be livestreamed. Be sure to review the summary of the Assembly beforehand.

Fresh Air Home (North Wildwood), *Wed., Aug. 17 at 9:00 a.m.*: Volunteer for a day at the beach with our mission partner! Youth 14+ are welcome (earn service hours). Sign up online or contact Milt McFalls.

Registration is OPEN for the **Fall Prayer Retreat** at Holy Cross Monastery, October 18-21. Pastor Spencer leads a study of spiritual practices from **“Where God Happens: Discovering Christ in One Another” by Rowan Williams**. Printed forms also available. Cost: \$305 including study book; \$290 if purchasing the book on your own. Registration and fees are **due by Sept. 11.**

Couples' Book Group - 7:00-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays (9/14-11/2): Wes & Jennifer Allen lead this hybrid 8-week study on Terrence Real's book, **Us: Getting Past You & Me to Build a More Loving Relationship**. You can order a copy of the book on Amazon or any other 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 7:00 PM** (2nd & 4th in July & August) - Prayer on the Porch
- **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 or for you (David Room). Jim Cole also available in the Prayer Chapel in Commons Lobby for prayer.
- Submit confidential **online prayer requests** – visit <https://www.fpcmoores town.org/prayer>
- **Fall & 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, etc.