



Sunday, July 24, 2022 ~ 7th 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 #10

10. JOIN HANDS. Work as a team. Collaborate with each other, our professional staff, our 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.

[Watch the new Way 10 Video from Brian Catanella.](#)

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

Sam Scheibe, Piano

Prelude (from Suite Bergamasque)

Debussy

*Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 103)

Elder Paul Booker

Give thanks to the Lord and don't forget all that God has done for you.

Yes, God forgives our sins, God brings healing to our bodies and souls, and God crowns us with mercy and love.

God alone brings deep satisfaction to our lives and God renews us with energy and hope, day by day.

This is what we know about God: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and overflowing with steadfast love.

As a father cares for his children, so does the Lord care for each one of us. Come now, and let us worship our great and gracious God!

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Booker

*Hymn No. 16

Give to Our God Immortal Praise

Congregation Singing

****Seating interlude*

Call to Confession

Elder Booker

Prayer of Confession

Elder Booker

Holy God, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not always sought you or your will. We have not lived as your grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us. Apart from you we are nothing. Only your grace can keep us standing. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us and make us whole. Set us free from our sins, and restore to us the joy of our salvation, now and forever. Amen.

Silent prayer for personal confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit, give us contrite hearts. May Jesus Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree, heal us by his wounds.

May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, speak words of pardon and peace for us. Amen.

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

Rev. Spencer

Offertory

*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.*

Offertory Music

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Suscepit Israel (from Magnificat)

Pergolesi

Mike Martin, Tenor; Sam Scheibe, Bass

*Suscepit Israel puerum suum.
Recordatus misericordiae suae.*

He has helped his servant, Israel
I remembrance of His mercy.

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

“Listening with God’s Ears”

Scripture Text: Esther 2: 19-23 (page 445 Pew Bible OT)

Sermon Series: Esther’s Choice

*Hymn No. 835

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

Congregation Singing

Music in Preparation for Service

Sam Scheibe, Piano

Improvisation on Suite Bergamasque

Sam Scheibe

Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

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## 9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

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| <b>Beadle:</b>                 | Elder Paul Booker                           |
| <b>Audio Technician:</b>       | Harris E. Ransom                            |
| <b>Live Stream Technician:</b> | Harris Ransom                               |
| <b>Flower Arrangers:</b>       | Martha Derry and Fran Green                 |
| <b>Ushers:</b>                 | Paul Lewis, Barry Leatherman, Leonard Fitts |
| <b>Trustee Greeter:</b>        | Wendy Dougherty                             |
| <b>Check-In Volunteer:</b>     | Deacon Vicki Terry                          |
| <b>Nursery Caregiver:</b>      | Amy Coombe                                  |
| <b>Hospitality:</b>            | Chelsea Margerum - <b>volunteers needed</b> |

**Worship flowers** are given to the glory of God by Rumi Sinunu in loving memory of her husband Jack’s brother Alex.

### **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.
- **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 (<mailto:storybooksue@comcast.net>).
- **Thursdays 12:30-1:00 PM (Zoom)** – Pray for discipleship and disciple-making at FPC Moorestown
- **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

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

- **Revised Health Protocols** – Effective July 17: masks are optional, congregational singing has resumed and food may be served inside with care to space appropriately.
- **NEXT WEEK: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday July 31: 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship in Miller Commons.** Immediately following worship, there will be a **Congregational Meeting** to elect 1 trustee, 1 elder and 1 deacon.
- **General Assembly Review:** The 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly met earlier this summer. This year's hybrid, three-week General Assembly broke new ground by meeting in-person in Louisville and later via Zoom. Elder Becca Neindorff served as a commissioner to the Assembly representing our presbytery. Following our Fifth Sunday worship and special meeting of the congregation, we'll review the highlights of the Assembly with a report from Becca. The GA Review will be held in Miller Commons about 15 minutes after the close of the congregational meeting. The meeting will be live streamed. Be sure to review the summary of the Assembly beforehand.
- **Looking for Ushers** -- We are in need of several ushers for the 10:30 a.m. Contemporary service. Can you help out every few weeks with this rewarding ministry? Contact Steve Connlain at [skonlain@gmail.com](mailto:skonlain@gmail.com).
- **Starting July 22: Introducing Fire Pit Fridays!** Come out for a night of fellowship around the fire pit! All ages from 1 to 101 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 (856-904-3056).
- **NEW:** Rev. Wes Allen and Dr. Leslie Spencer lead a 5-week discussion on Jonathan Augustine's new book, *Called to Reconciliation: How the Church Can Model Justice, Diversity, and Inclusion*. [Register online https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/bWnoYkxa](https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/bWnoYkxa) to select the best times that work for you to meet in person or via Zoom. **Starts the week of July 24th.**
- **[Volunteer for a day at the beach](#) on Wed. August 17th** to support our mission partner, the Children's Fresh Air Home. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Hereford Lighthouse in N. Wildwood, to welcome guests and have fun! During their busy day, children are treated to miniature golf, ice cream, the beach, and a cookout before heading home. Volunteers 14 and older welcome -- earn service hours! [SIGN UP online](#) or contact Milt McFalls at [love2golf\\_us@yahoo.com](mailto:love2golf_us@yahoo.com) or cell/text 856-996-5238.
- **["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 27, Aug. 10, Aug. 24; see event page and website or contact Pam Engle at [pam@pamengle.com](mailto:pam@pamengle.com).
- **[New: Couple Series Begins Sept. 14, 7:00-8:30 p.m. \(Zoom Hybrid\)](#)** -- 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.
- **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](#). [Online registration is now available](#); 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**.