



Sunday, August 7, 2022 ~ 9th 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 #12

Video: Adrienne Barr

12. OWN OUR CHURCH. The work of the church isn't defined by pastors and staff alone; it comes from each member actively participating in the life of Jesus Christ. Claim ownership of FPC Moorestown's mission, programs, and property. Each is an expression of how God is working among us! Support others. Be informed. Volunteer for a new role. Live like you're the church – because you are!

Ideas for Action: Spend a few minutes on our website to learn about some aspect of our ministry or mission that's new or unknown to you. Fuel your curiosity and consider getting involved in an area of ministry that brings you joy!

[Watch the new Way 12 Video from Adrienne Barr.](#)

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

Music in Preparation for Worship

Joel Krott, Organ

Grand Plein Jeu

Corrette

*Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 119: 1-5)

Elder Sarah Rotter

Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord

Happy are those who keep God's decrees, who seek God with their whole heart

Happy are we, when we leave everything behind and follow Christ.

O that our ways may be steadfast in keeping your commandments, O Lord.

Holy Spirit, gather us together and prepare our hearts for worship.

Lord, we worship you with joyful hearts.

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Rotter

Holy Lord, Creator God, Your words and ways are: **perfect, sure, right and clear**. Jesus Christ, our only Savior, Your words and ways are: **pure, true, and righteous — every one**. Their value, **beyond price**. Their goodness, **beyond delight**. Their counsel, **an enduring blessing**. Holy Spirit, sustainer and transformer, we ask this morning that you would fill our hearts with your love and goodness: **place in me a longing to desire Your Word; to embody Your Truth, to become Your disciple**. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, **Amen**.

*Hymn No. 108

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Congregation Singing

****Seating interlude*

Call to Confession

Elder Rotter

Prayer of Confession

Elder Rotter

We have been bought with a great price, yet we sin against You by choosing our ways over Your ways. You invite us into dynamic discipleship, but we are, at times, timid, weak-minded, and hard hearted in our response to follow you. Forgive us, O God, and may our hearts be revived, may our minds be renewed, and may our wills be conformed to Yours, through the work of Your transforming Spirit in our lives. Hear us now, O Lord, as we confess to you the sin of our own hearts in silence ...

Silent prayer for personal confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us (Rom. 8:34). Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Hallelujah, Amen!

*Gloria Patri No. 805

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, 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**. For gifts of stock please call the church office.*

Offertory Music

Joel Krott, Organ

Be Still My Soul

Sibelius

Margaret Munro, Soprano

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Wes Allen

“The Choice is Yours”

Scripture Text: Esther 4: 1-17 (page 446 Pew Bible OT)

Sermon Series: Esther’s Choice

*Hymn No. 532

Be Thou My Vision

Congregation Singing

Lord’s Supper

Rev. Allen

The Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Larghetto

Franck

Benediction and Going Forth/Ways Video

Rev. Allen

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9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle:	Elder Sarah Rotter
Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Stream Technician:	Jonathan Nawrocki
Flower Arrangers:	Carol Morgan and Carol Benner
Ushers:	Paul Lewis, John Miller, and James Clinton
Trustee Greeter:	Rich Corbin
Check-In Volunteer:	Deacon Susan Winner
Nursery Caregiver:	Amy Coombe
Hospitality:	Chelsea Margerum - volunteers needed

Worship flowers are given to the glory of God.

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.
- **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 sconnlain@gmail.com.
- **Summer Reminder** - Please remember to stay current with your pledge during the summer months, either through automatic electronic giving or by mailing your check to the office. Our ministry is year-round.
- **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).
- **[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 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: Aug. 10, Aug. 24; see event page and website or contact Pam Engle at pam@pamengle.com.
- **[New: Couple Series Begins Sept. 21, 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**.
- **Summer hours** conclude Sunday, Sept. 4 (Labor Day weekend). Office is CLOSED Monday, Sept. 5.
- **Welcome Back Sunday, Sept. 11**: Return to regular worship times 8:30 a.m. Traditional and 11:00 a.m. Contemporary, and meet John Roberts, new youth director, between services. EDUCATION HOUR: Adult Spiritual Formation kicks off with Dr. Steve Trzeciak 9:45-10:45 a.m. on "Live to Give," connecting to our September sermon series and new fall small groups. No children's/middle school Sunday School.
- **Remembrance Service** – Sunday, Sept. 11 at 4:30 p.m. led by Rev. Wes Allen (outdoor worship)
- **Attention Parents**: CREDO Parents Information Meeting for confirmation – Sunday, Sept. 18 at 12:15 p.m. in the Hayes Room. It will be hybrid. Open to all high school students.