



## Sunday, August 14, 2022 ~ Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

### Way of the Week [Video](#)

Jonathan & Karin Miller

**13. OPEN DOORS FOR OTHERS TO LEAD.** Encourage others to step into leadership by sharing responsibilities and mentoring. Let go of the jobs you've always done and allow new leaders to emerge. Remember that our youth and young adults are not solely the future of our church but are vitally important for our *present*.

Ideas for Action: As you consider whatever it is that you do regularly here, keep a look out for a younger person or a new member to invite to join you in the task. If the job requires training or coaching, offer it. Look to let go and hand off.

### Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

### Call to Worship *(adapted from Psalm 24)*

Rev. Allen

The earth is the Lord's, for He made it.

**Come, let us adore Him.**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

**Come, let us adore Him.**

The mercy of the Lord is everlasting.

**Come, let us adore him.**

Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouths shall proclaim Your praise.**

### Opening Prayer

### Songs of Praise

Worship Team

***Because of Your Love***

***Indescribable***

## Call to Confession

Rev. Allen

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## Prayer of Confession *(responsive)*

Rev. Allen

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Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

**For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity, I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**Therefore, let everyone, who is godly, offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found. Surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach Him. You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness *(adapted from Isaiah 6:7)*

Hear now, O Church, who stand in the gap for the world as representatives of God.

**We have been made clean.**

As the angel of the Lord touched the unclean lips of Isaiah and made the man whole in word and deed, readying him to do his will, He has done the same for us by the cleansing touch of His Son, Jesus Christ.

**In Him, the disparity between our word and deed is made right. In Him, our unkindness in action and in word has been forgiven.**

Go now in the purity of Christ Jesus to speak the Gospel through actions of justice, mercy, grace, and love.

**Hallelujah, amen!**

## Greeting

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## Sharing with Young Disciples

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## Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Allen

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## Offertory

Rev. Allen

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## Song of Praise

Worship Team

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***My Lighthouse***

## Sermon

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***Mission Impossible***

Scripture Text: [Esther 5:1-14 \(NLT\)](#)

Sermon Series: Esther's Choice

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***Our God is Able***

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**10:30 a.m. Worship Ministry**

<b>Worship Team:</b>	Martin Bass-Guitar; Wes Allen-Electric Guitar Don Stevens-Bass; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Christine Bass-Keys; Barry Overton-Drums; Michelle Davis & Cheryl Stevens-Vocals
<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	Martha Derry and Karen Arsenault
<b>Usher:</b>	Greg Connlain or Steve Connlain
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	Rich Corbin
<b>Check-in:</b>	Rachel Long
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Chelsea Margerum

**Today's pulpit flowers** are given to the glory of God.

**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](mailto:sconnlain@gmail.com) or the church office.

**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.

**Fire Pit Fridays:** Come 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 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).

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

**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**.

**CREDO: Parents' Information meeting** – Sunday, **September 18, 12:15 p.m. in the Hayes Room (hybrid)**.

**Couples' Book Group** - 7:00-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays (9/21-11/9): 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.

**Fall Inquirers' Class:** *Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m.* - Sign up online if you are interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown.

**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** (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.