



Sunday, August 21, 2022 ~ Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons)

Way of the Week [Video](#)

Dr. Bruce Main

14. GROW FAITH. Take advantage of every chance you have to form your faith – through Small Groups, classes, and personal study. Be a disciple and look to learn from those who know more of the Bible and Christian life than you do, then look for opportunities to share what you've gained with someone else.

Ideas for Action: If you're not currently in a Small Group, call the church office and ask for assistance in finding one. Ask for some time with someone whose faith you respect and pick their brains on their practices of faith formation.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

Call to Worship *(adapted from Psalm 22:25-31)*

Rev. Allen

From You comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear Him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him shall praise the Lord.

May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before Him.

For dominion belongs to the Lord, and He rules over the nations.

To Him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust; and I shall live for Him.

Posterity will serve Him. Future generations will be told about the Lord and proclaim His deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that He has done it.

Opening Prayer

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

Everlasting God

Never Once

Call to Confession

Elder Sarah Rotter

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Elder Rotter

Heavenly Father, we confess that we are unable to do all the work that You wish for us to do. We are held back by our own desires and our own apprehensions. We know that You make us bearers of Your image and ambassadors of Your Word; but we too often serve ourselves and not You. Forgive us and redeem us, so that we may grow closer to You. Guide us as people and as a Church to reveal Jesus's sacrifice and generous love through our gifts. We pray these things in His name; and we ask that you receive our continued confession in silence...

Silence for personal prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness *(adapted from Psalm 103:8-12)*

Elder Rotter

"The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse nor will He harbor his anger forever; He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us." Hallelujah, amen!

Greeting

Sharing with Young Disciples

Rev. Allen

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

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.*

Song of Praise

Worship Team

Because of Who You Are

Sermon

Rev. Allen

God is at Work

Scripture Text: [Esther 6](#)

Sermon Series: Esther's Choice

Closing Song

Worship Team

One Thing Remains

Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Allen

10:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team:	Martin Bass-Guitar; Wes Allen-Electric Guitar Don Stevens-Bass; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Christine Bass-Keys; Barry Overton-Drums; Michelle Davis & Cheryl Stevens-Vocals
Flower Arrangers:	Karin Miller and Rumi Sinunu
Usher:	Matt La Grou or Jeff Legath
Trustee Greeter:	Rich Corbin
Check-in:	Laurie LaMonica
Hospitality:	Chelsea Margerum

Today's pulpit flowers are given to the glory of God by Jane Murphy with thanks for special friends and in honor of Debbie Heller's birthday.

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.*

At the 9:00 Service this morning, the following **new Officers** were Ordained and Installed: Joyce Wenzke – Installed as Elder; JoAnn Reynick – Ordained as Deacon; Mike Welch – Installed as Trustee. Please welcome them for their term of service on each Board.

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.

Fire Pit Fridays: Come 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 own 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: *2nd & 4th 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** (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.