



**Sunday, August 21, 2022 ~ 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- Have you **checked in** for worship today?

\*please stand as you are able

**Way of the Week #14**

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.

[Watch the new Way 14 Video from Dr. Bruce Main.](#)

**Welcome and Work of God's People**

Rev. Wes Allen

**Music in Preparation for Worship**

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

*Andante*

Guilmant

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

Elder Jim Wiggans

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.**

## \*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Wiggans

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## \*Hymn No. 558

### ***Love Divine All Loves Excelling***

\*\*\*Seating interlude

## Call to Confession

Elder Wiggans

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## Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Wiggans

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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 ...

*Silent prayer for personal confession*

## Assurance of Pardon (adapted from Psalm 103: 8-12)

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!**

## \*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.**

## Ordination and Installation of Officers

Rev. Allen/Elder Wiggans

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Elder Joyce Wenzke

Deacon JoAnn Reynik

Trustee Mike Welch

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

Rev. Allen

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## Offertory

Rev. Allen

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## Offertory Music

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

### ***And The Best is Love***

Proulx

Alivia Nawrocki, Soprano

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost, Taught by thee,  
we covet most of thy gifts at Pentecost, Holy, heav'nly love,  
Love is kind, and suffers long; Love is meek, and thinks no wrong,  
Love than death itself more strong; Therefore give us love.  
Faith will vanish into sight; Hope be emptied in delight;  
Love in heav'n will shine more bright, Therefore give us love.  
Faith and hope and love we see, Joining hand in hand, agree;  
But the greatest of the three, And the best, is love.

## \*Doxology No. 809

### Sermon

Rev. Wes Allen

#### ***"God is at Work"***

Scripture Text: Esther 6: 1-13 (page 448 Pew Bible OT)

*Sermon Series: Esther's Choice*

## \*Hymn No. 297

### ***Spirit of the Living God***

### Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

#### ***Psalms of Glory***

Wells

## Benediction and Going Forth, Ways Video

Rev. Allen

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## 9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

<b>Beadle:</b>	Elder Jim Wiggans
<b>Audio Technician:</b>	Steve Margerum
<b>Live Stream Technician:</b>	Jonathan Nawrocki
<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	Karin Miller and Rumi Sinunu
<b>Deacon Flower Delivery:</b>	Deacon deliverers
<b>Ushers:</b>	John Miller, Barry Leatherman, Leonard Fitts
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	Bill Conner
<b>Check-In Volunteer:</b>	Deacon Karen Hynoski
<b>Nursery Caregiver:</b>	Amy Coombe
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Chelsea Margerum - <b>volunteers needed</b>

**Worship flowers** are given by Jane Murphy with thanks to God for special friends and in honor of Debbie Heller for Debbie's birthday August 20th.

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

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- **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](mailto: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 work continues 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).
- **"Wednesday Evening Prayer on the Porch"** -- Join the Prayer Committee at 7:00 p.m. for fellowship and prayer in the cool of the evening. Remaining date: Aug. 24.
- **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. "Live to Give," connecting to our September sermon series and new fall small group discussions. Sunday School begins Sept. 18.
- **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 and fees are due Sept. 11 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.
- **Remembrance Service** – Sunday, Sept. 11 at 4:30 p.m. led by Rev. Wes Allen (by cemetery cross).
- **Missions Dine and Donate Monday, Sept. 12** at Iron Hill Brewery, 124 E. Kings Highway, Maple Shade. Dine in, order online or takeout and 20% of the proceeds benefit Urban Promise International ministry Mercy Care in Malawi to assist in paying down their loan for their dormitory.
- **Bible Sunday is Sunday, Sept. 18** for our incoming third graders. If you would like your child to receive a Bible, contact Holly Ascitutto at [hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org). Sunday School for children and middle schoolers begins Sept. 18.
- **Attention Parents: CREDO Parents Information Meeting** – Sunday, Sept. 18 at 12:15 PM in the Hayes Room. It will be hybrid. Open to all high school students.
- **Fall Inquirers Class** for those newcomers interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown starts Wed. Sept. 21 and is a 3-part hybrid class. Visit our event page to learn more and to [register online](#).