



**Sunday, August 28, 2022 ~ Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons)

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

Rev. Jonathan Leath

**15. WELCOME CHANGE.** Be curious about new ideas, perspectives, and approaches. Get excited by the possibilities that change can bring. What worked in the past won't always work in the future, for God is doing new things.

Ideas for Action: This is a simple one, so try it. Sit in a different pew in the Sanctuary or seat in Miller Commons next Sunday. See what happens.

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

Rev. Stuart Spencer

**Call to Worship**

Elder Paul Grossmann

We gather today to worship the Lord God Who created us,  
**the One Who calls us with mercy;**  
the One Who equips us with power;  
**the One Who loves us without end.**  
With joyful hearts, let us worship God!

**Songs of Praise**

Worship Team

***God Who Saves***  
***Jesus, Lover of My Soul***

**Call to Confession**

Elder Grossmann

**Prayer of Confession *(unison)***

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to You the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast

the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

*Silence for personal prayer*

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## Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting; and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

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## Greeting

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## Sharing with Young Disciples

Rev. Spencer

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## Offertory

Rev. Spencer

*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.*

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## Song of Praise

Worship Team

***Because of Your Faithfulness***

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## Sermon

Rev. Spencer

***Pressing Your Luck***

Scripture Text: [Esther 8:1-17](#)

Sermon Series: Esther's Choice

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## Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Spencer

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## Closing Song

Worship Team

***Do It Again***

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## Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

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## 10:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

<b>Worship Team:</b>	Martin Bass-Guitar; Don Stevens-Bass; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Christine Bass-Keys; Barry Overton-Drums; Michelle Davis & Cheryl Stevens-Vocals
<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop
<b>Usher:</b>	Greg Connlain or Steve Connlain
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	Rich Corbin
<b>Check-in:</b>	Tamara Trzeciak
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Chelsea Margerum

**Today's pulpit flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our daughter, Kimberly Susan, by Philip and Linda Jagiela.

**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.

**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).

**Welcome Back Sunday, Sept. 11:** Return to regular worship times of 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 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.

**Crud Wars!** **Sunday, Sept. 11** at 2:00 p.m. kicks off our Youth programming for grades 7-12. [See Connections.](#)

**9/11 Remembrance Service** at 4:30 p.m. led by Rev. Wes Allen (by Cemetery cross)

**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.