



## Sunday, August 28, 2022 ~ 12<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 #15

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.

[Watch the new Way 15 Video from Rev. Jonathan Leath.](#)

### Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

### Music in Preparation for Worship

Glenn Rodgers, Organ

***Angels, Help Us to Adore Him***

Andrew Fletcher

### \*Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 84)

Elder Rebecca Castellanos

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty. I long, yes, I faint with longing to enter the courts of the Lord.

**With my whole being, body and soul, I will shout joyfully to the living God.**

Even the sparrow finds a home there, and the swallow builds her nest at a place near your altar, O Lord Almighty.

**A single day in your courts is better than a thousand anywhere else!**

For the Lord God is our light and protector. He gives us grace and glory. Come, let us worship God.

## \*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Castellanos

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## \*Hymn No. 77

### ***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty***

\*\*\*Seating interlude

## Call to Confession

Elder Castellanos

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## Prayer of Confession (unison)

Eternal God, You asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard. You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused. You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty. I closed them, for I did not want to see. You asked for my life, that you might work through me. I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved. Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you—only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. Father, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a usable instrument, that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross. Amen

*Silent prayer for personal confession*

## Assurance of Pardon

Jesus Christ, who offered himself without blemish to God, purifies our conscience from dead works to worship the living God.

**God graciously invites everyone to receive the forgiveness of sins and the eternal inheritance promised us through Christ. 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. Spencer

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## Offertory

*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

Glenn Rodgers, Organ

### ***Ride On, King Jesus***

Arr. Hall Johnson

Frank Mitchell, Bass

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## \*Doxology No. 809

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### Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

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#### ***“Pressing Your Luck”***

Scripture Text: Esther 8: 1-17 (page 449 Pew Bible OT)

*Sermon Series: Esther’s Choice*

## \*Hymn No. 834

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### ***Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing***

### Music in Preparation for Service

Glenn Rodgers, Organ

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#### ***Praising***

Gilbert Martin

### Benediction and Going Forth, Ways Video

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Rev. Spencer

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## 9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

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<b>Beadle:</b>	Elder Rebecca Castellanos
<b>Audio Technician:</b>	Harris Ransom
<b>Live Stream Technician:</b>	Jonathan Nawrocki
<b>Guest Organist:</b>	Glenn Rodgers
<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop
<b>Ushers:</b>	Paul Lewis, Jack Terry, Joe Scheideler
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	Paul Lewis
<b>Check-In Volunteer:</b>	Deacon Sue Winner
<b>Nursery Caregiver:</b>	Amy Coombe
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Chelsea Margerum - <b>volunteers needed</b>

**Worship flowers** are given by Linda and Philip Jagiela to the glory of God and in loving memory of their daughter Kimberly Susan Jagiela.

## Welcome Back Sunday ~ September 11, 2022

- **[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.
- **[Crud Wars Sunday, Sept. 11](#)** kicks off our youth programming for grades 7-12 with CRUD. [See Connections!](#)
- **Remembrance Service** – Sunday, Sept. 11 at 4:30 p.m. led by Rev. Wes Allen (by cemetery cross).
- **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.

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

- **Summer hours conclude Sunday, Sept. 4** (Labor Day weekend). Office is CLOSED Monday, Sept. 5.
- **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.
- **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).
- **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.
- **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 [hascitutto@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:hascitutto@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. This confirmation class is open to all high school students.
- **In honor of the church's 134th birthday on September 12**, members can donate to the future of our church by giving to the September 12 endowment fund. The fund is invested to earn income which helps to support the needs of our church. In September look for special pew envelopes and mailings; place gifts in the offering plate or [give securely online](#).
- **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](#).

