



Sunday, September 4, 2022 ~ Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons)

Way of the Week [Video](#)

Lucy Rorke-Adams

16. GIVE CHEERFULLY. Rejoice, you get to give! Think of giving as a privilege rather than an obligation, a joy instead of a burden. As you consider all that's been entrusted to you – time, abilities and money – ask, *“How is God calling me to share what I've been given?”*

Ideas for Action: Consider making a special financial gift this week to the church or one of our mission partners. What else, besides money, can you give this week? How about your time or your forgiveness?

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Call to Worship

Rev. Wes Allen

Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great.

God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.

Let us worship God today, for God is good.

God forgives us, encourages us, and loves us.

Let us worship God today –

because we are God's people.

Let us worship God.

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

Spirit Break Out

Yahweh

Call to Confession

Rev. Allen

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Rev. Allen

Holy God, we open our hearts to You this day and offer the truth of our lives: the fear that stifles us, the prejudice that blinds us, the ignorance that hobbles us, the doubt that plagues us. Help us, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely places; see the world with new and gracious eyes; move to those places where love is needed; have faith that You are with us. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silence for personal prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God.

God's mercy is deeper than the depths of the sea; and God's grace is wider than the whole of the earth. Trusting in that mercy and that grace, we receive God's pardon. Amen.

Greeting

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

Jesus Paid It All

Sermon

Rev. Spencer

Party On!

Scripture Text: [Esther 9:18-28](#)

Sermon Series: Esther's Choice

Wow Moments

Communion Song

Worship Team

Breathe

Communion

Rev. Allen

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution & the Lord's Prayer

The Bread and the Cup (*Please prepare a communion serving for yourself and any who are worshipping with you.*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Benediction and Going Forth

10:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team:	Martin Bass-Guitar; Don Stevens-Bass; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Christine Bass-Keys; Barry Overton-Drums; Michelle Davis & Cheryl Stevens-Vocals
Flower Arrangers:	Stacy Schaffer and Carol Benner
Usher:	Dave Barr
Trustee Greeter:	Rich Corbin
Check-in:	Jonathan Schramm
Hospitality:	Chelsea Margerum

Today's pulpit flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Evan by Mike & Joan Welch and all who loved him.

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 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 1:00 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** (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.