



**Sunday, September 11, 2022 ~ Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons)

**Way of the Week Video**

Dr. Richard Herman

**17. SHOW WHO YOU REALLY ARE.** Our church is for “real” people. Bring your true self, including your joys, your sorrows, your fears, your strengths, and your weaknesses. God loves you as you are. Don’t hide your struggles, failures, or problems.

Ideas for Action: This week sit down with or talk to another member by phone and share one area of struggle, failure, or a fear you have.

**Welcome and Work of God’s People**

Rev. Stuart Spencer

**Call to Worship**

John Roberts

We come to this time and space with our brokenness;  
**we come knowing healing takes time and can be painful.**  
We come to this time and space with open minds;  
**we come to be challenged and to grow.**  
We come to this time and space in faithfulness;  
**knowing God will never leave or abandon us.**  
Come, let us join in worship together.

**Songs of Praise**

Worship Team

***Hope Has a Name***  
***My Lighthouse***

**Call to Confession**

Rev. Wes Allen

## Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Rev. Allen

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Creator God, You molded and shaped the earth for us and established Your covenant with our ancestors. We have forgotten the covenant You made with us and with the earth and all of creation, turning to our own ways. We have misunderstood our role and have seen ourselves as having dominion and authority over creation and other people. We have misused resources and abused or neglected our neighbors instead of sharing Your love and building up Your reign on earth. Forgive us, O God, for not actively remembering to renew our covenants with You, with one another, and with the earth. Call us into the work of reparation and healing, confessing our sins so we might receive forgiveness, sharing mercy so we might know mercy, and working together for reconciliation and restoration. For You are the Great Repairer of the Breach, the Restorer of the broken, the Binder of wounds, the Great Healer. May we turn back to You and remember Your covenant endures forever as Your steadfast love remains with us eternally. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray all things.

*Silence for personal prayer*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Allen

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God is the Great Restorer and Healer. God is always ready and waiting to embrace us, to care for us, and to remind us His love for us and desire for us to love all people. Live into God's embrace, feel the Spirit moving, and know Christ is with you. Forgive, love, heal, and restore. Cultivate empathy, practice compassion, live into the work of restoration; and it shall go well with you. Share the Good News of God's love in Christ Jesus by living into it yourselves. Friends, we are forgiven!  
**Hallelujah, amen!**

## Testimony

John Roberts

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## Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Spencer

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## Offertory

Rev. Spencer

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## Song of Praise

Worship Team

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***Reckless Love***

## Sermon

Rev. Allen

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***Start Small***

Scripture Text: [Matthew 4:18-22](#)

Sermon Series: Live to Give

## Wow Moments

Rev. Allen

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## Closing Song

Worship Team

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*I Give You My Heart*

## Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Allen

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## 10:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

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<b>Worship Team:</b>	Martin Bass-Guitar; Don Stevens-Bass; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Christine Bass-Keys; Barry Overton-Drums; Jonathan Chen-Violin; Michelle Davis & Cheryl Stevens-Vocals
<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	Carol Morgan and Debbie Heller
<b>Usher:</b>	Matt La Grou or Jeff Legath
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	Jeff Legath
<b>Check-in:</b>	Sue Winner
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Chelsea Margerum

**Today's pulpit flowers** are given to the glory of God.

**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.

**Welcome Back Sunday, Sept. 11:** 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.**

**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).

**Pancakes & Pajamas:** *Sunday, September 18, 9:45-10:45 a.m.* – For our Sunday School kick-off, meet your teachers in your room. We will enjoy delicious pancakes, and get to know your classmates.

[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.

**Reliable Automobile:** We have had two requests to ask our congregation to help them find a good car. One is from a missionary who is getting her PhD. at Princeton Seminary and the other is from a couple who recently totaled their vehicle. Both are willing to pay for a vehicle but have not found anything. If you have a vehicle available, please e-mail [missions@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:missions@fpcmoorestown.org).

**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.fpcmoorestown.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.