



Sunday, September 11, 2022 ~ Welcome Back Sunday

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- Have you **checked in** for worship today?

*please stand as you are able

Way of the Week #17

Video: Rev. Dick 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.

[Watch the new Way 17 Video from Rev. Dick Herman.](#)

Welcome and Work of God’s People

Rev. Wes Allen

Music in Preparation for Worship

Layla Joshi, Organ

Prelude and Fugue in F Major

Krebs

***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,
For God will renew and restore us, now and always.

*Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Allen

*Hymn No. 130

Layla Joshi, Organ

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession

Elder Cheryl Gaskill

Prayer of Confession

Elder Gaskill

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.

Silent prayer for personal confession

Assurance of Pardon

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!**

*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.**

Testimony

John Roberts

We welcome John Roberts, our Interim Youth Director and Area Director for Young Life

Anthem

Hide Not Thy Face

Farrant

Evelyn Santiago Schultz, Soprano; Amanda Schkeeper, Alto; Greg Nappa, Tenor; Frank Mitchell, Bass

Hide not Thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not off Thy servant in Thy displeasure: for we confess our sins unto Thee, and hide not our unrighteousness: for Thy mercy sake, deliver us from all our sins.

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

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Offertory

Rev. Spencer

*THANK YOU for your faithfulness and for remembering the church with your 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. **Gifts to the September 12 Fund to honor the church's 134th Birthday may use special pew envelopes, be mailed, or given securely online.***

Offertory Music (from Psalm 119: verses 174, 175)

I Have Longed for Thy Saving Health

Byrd

Evelyn Santiago Schultz, Soprano; Amanda Schkeeper, Alto; Greg Nappa, Tenor; Frank Mitchell, Bass

I Have Longed for Thy Saving Health, O Lord.
Thy law in my delight, O Lord.
O let my soul live and it shall praise Thee, and Thy judgements shall help me.

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Wes Allen

"Start Small"

Scripture Text: Matthew 4: 18-22 (page 2 Pew Bible NT)

Sermon Series: Live to Give

*Hymn No. 115

Layla Joshi, Organ

Fairest Lord Jesus

Music in Preparation for Service

Vikram Joshi, Harpsichord

Solo Per Il Cembalo

CPE Bach

Benediction and Going Forth, Ways Video

Rev. Allen

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8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle:	Elder Cheryl Gaskill
Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Stream Technician:	Jonathan Nawrocki
Flower Arrangers:	Carol Morgan and Debbie Heller
Guest Organist:	Layla Joshi
Ushers:	Michael Welch, Rich Corbin, Tom Samuel
Trustee Greeter:	Paul Lewis
Check-In Volunteer:	Deacon Jason Rose
Nursery Caregiver:	Amy Coombe
Hospitality:	Chelsea Margerum - volunteers needed

Worship flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Welcome Back Sunday.

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

- **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 "Live to Give" and new fall small group discussions.
- **Registration and fees are due TODAY for the Fall Prayer Retreat** at Holy Cross Monastery Oct. 18-21.
- **Fire Pit Fridays** – Come for a night of fellowship around the fire. Church grounds, 6-9 p.m. See events pg.
- **Crud Wars Sunday, Sept. 11** kicks off our youth programming for grades 7-12. A blast! [See Connections!](#)
- **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.
- **In honor of the church's 134th birthday on September 12, 2022**, 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. Give online, in worship, through our app or through the mail.
- **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.
- **NEW! Join us for our Sunday School kick off** Sunday, Sept. 18 from 9:45-10:45 a.m. with a **Pancakes and Pajamas Party**. Get to know your classmates and teachers. Parents can pick up their children in the classrooms. This is the beginning of a great year! **K-2nd**: Rm 13; **Grades 3-5**: Rm 3-4; **Grades 6-8**: 3rd Floor.
- **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.
- **PW Fall Gathering** will be Monday, September 19 at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Speaker: Arlita Winston.
- **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.
- **Fall Inquirers Class** for 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](#). Welcome!
- In search of a reliable automobile: We have had two requests to ask our congregation to help them find a good reliable 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 email missions@fpcmoorestown.org.
- The Stewardship Committee invites the congregation to save the date for **Consecration Sunday**, October 16 (**9:30 a.m.** combined worship). It's going to be a great day! Watch for details.