

LIVE TO  
GIVE



**Sunday, September 18, 2022 ~ Bible 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 #18

Video: Dr. Jenny Legath

**18. ASK FOR HELP.** Part of being a real and authentic member of the church is to acknowledge your weaknesses and be willing to ask for God's help and the support of others. None of us can go it alone. Vulnerability is a sign of strength and a gift to others.

**Ideas for Action:** First think about what you need help with right now. Then, share that need with someone else from our congregation this week. [Watch the new Way 18 Video from Dr. Jenny Legath](#)

### Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

### Music in Preparation for Worship

Joel Krott, Organ

***Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word (two settings)***

J.S. Bach BWV 730 and 731

### Introit

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

***Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word (two settings)***

J.S. Bach

Adult Choir

Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word we are gathered all to hear Thee.  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear Thee;  
By Thy teachings, sweet and lowly, drawn from earth to love Thee solely.

### \*Call to Worship

Elder Paul Grossmann

Loving God, we come to you with a heart full of thanksgiving and a deep desire to worship. You are greater than we can understand.

**Open our eyes that we may see the wonderful truths you have shown us in Jesus.**

You are more loving than we can imagine.

**Help us to give ourselves to you fully so that we can learn what you want us to be in Christ.**

Loving God, in Jesus Christ you chose to come to the world in humility. You chose the downward path that the world saw as foolish. You used what the world considered weak. How we worship and praise you, now and always!

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### \*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Grossmann

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### \*Hymn No. 311

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#### **God Has Spoken by His Prophets**

\*\*\*Seating interlude

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### Call to Confession

Elder Grossmann

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### Prayer of Confession (offered in unison)

Elder Grossmann

**Gracious and gentle God, you are full of peace and you welcome us back to you like a mother. We admit before you the evil of our hearts. We acknowledge that we are easily filled with anger, jealousy, and revenge. Our pride often gives rise to discord and bitter feelings between others and ourselves. Too often we have offended and grieved you by our words, our attitudes, and our behaviors. Have mercy upon us, Lord God. Amen.**

*Silent prayer for personal confession*

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### Assurance of Pardon

The LORD is faithful in all his words and gracious in all His deeds. The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are crushed by heavy loads.

**Today we will trust God more than we trust our failures and shortcomings. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

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### \*Gloria Patri No. 805

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### Anthem

#### **Lord, You Have The Words**

Richard Proulx

Adult Choir; Grace Rykaczewski, Soprano; Amanda Schkeeper, Alto; Bells: Melissa McNab & Kathy Gunsallus

*Lord, You have the words of everlasting life.*

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul; the decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

*Lord, You have the words of everlasting life.*

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commands of the Lord are true, all of them just.

*Lord, You have the words of everlasting life.*

They are more precious than gold, than a heap of precious gold; sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb.

*Lord, You have the words of everlasting life.*

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

Rev. Wes Allen

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## Offertory

Rev. Wes Allen

*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 134<sup>th</sup> Birthday may use special pew envelopes, be mailed, or given securely online.***

## Offertory Music

### ***The Goodness of God***

C.P.E. Bach

Amanda Schkeeper, Alto; Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

How great is the goodness of God almighty! Is there any man who has not known His goodness?  
For all gifts come from God Almighty. All praise and honor belongeth to Him.  
Let all consider what he hath given. All that we have are gifts from above.  
The Lord hath not forgotten us, and we should not forget His love.  
O God, let Thy goodness and love be boundless and always remain before our eyes.  
O strengthen us with Thy great power. Let all our lives be given to Thee.  
O grant comfort in time of trouble, be Thou our Guide through joyful days.  
For we would not forget Thy goodness. With thankful hearts we sing Thy praise.

## \*Doxology No. 809

## Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

### ***"Be Thankful"***

*Sermon Series: Live to Give.* Scripture Text: Colossians 3: 12-18 (page 201 Pew Bible NT)

## \*Hymn No. 316

### ***For Your Holy Book We Thank You***

## Music in Preparation for Service

Joel Krott, Organ

### ***Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word***

J.S. Bach BWV 706

## Benediction and Going Forth, Ways Video

Rev. Spencer

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## 8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

<b>Beadle:</b>	Elder Paul Grossmann
<b>Audio Technician:</b>	Harris E. Ransom
<b>Live Stream Technician:</b>	Jonathan Nawrocki
<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	Debbie Heller and Fran Green
<b>Ushers:</b>	Paul Lewis, Barry Leatherman, Leonard Fitts
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	Mike Ramage
<b>Check-In Volunteer:</b>	Deacon Vicki Terry
<b>Nursery Caregiver:</b>	Amy Coombe
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Chelsea Margerum - volunteers needed

**Worship flowers** are given to the glory of God and in celebration of our third graders receiving their Bibles today.

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

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- CONGRATULATIONS to the following third grade students who are receiving their Bibles today: Jacob Allen; Adriana Butler; Fiona LaGrou; Steven Margerum; and Chloe Moffa
- YES, you can still sign up for [Live to Give small groups](#), which parallel our sermon series. Groups will be reading the book "Wonder Drug." See our event page or website.
- **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-2<sup>nd</sup>**: Rm 13; **Grades 3-5**: Rm 3-4; **Grades 6-8**: 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor; **High School**: Hayes Room.
- **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.
- TODAY our **high school youth group** kicks off its program year – 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Miller Commons; interim youth director John Roberts and youth advisors Dave Fauvell, Sami Fauvell and Carl Krott.
- [Registration is OPEN for kids groups and youth groups](#) – please sign up your students so we can get an accurate list of participants. [See our event page or website](#). Kids/middle school groups begin **Oct. 12**.
- [Fire Pit Fridays](#) – Come for a night of fellowship around the fire. Church grounds, 6-9 p.m. See events pg.
- [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.
- **PW Fall Gathering** will be Monday, September 19 at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Speaker: Arlita Winston. Will also be available via Zoom. See event page for Zoom link.
- [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 any 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!
- Presbyterian Women invite the congregation **Sunday, Sept. 25 at 9:45 a.m.** to a dedication of a magnolia tree in honor of the women who have served PW and our church as moderators. Van Camp Porch.
- 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](mailto:missions@fpcmoorestown.org).
- The Stewardship Committee invites you to Save The Date for [Consecration Sunday](#), October 16 (**9:30 a.m.** combined worship). And we'll be tailgating! Watch for details. There will be a **12-Hour Prayer Vigil** on Saturday, October 15 (5 am-5 pm) to pray for Consecration Sunday and Church Has Left The Building. Watch for sign up opportunities.