



Sunday, September 25, 2022

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

*please stand as you are able

Way of the Week #19

Video: Dave Fauvell

19. ACCEPT AND DON'T CAST STONES. God's love opens the doors of our church to all people. Just as Jesus did, welcome people as they are. It's not up to us to judge. Love unconditionally, and as Christ has received you, receive others.

Ideas for Action: Approach someone you normally avoid at church for whatever reason. Make a point to speak to them this week.

[Watch the new Way 19 Video from Dave Fauvell](#)

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

Music in Preparation for Worship

Joel Krott, Organ

Adagio in C Major

W.A. Mozart K. 356

Introit

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Holy Lord, Holy Lord

Johann Eusebius Schmidt

Adult Choir; Grace Rykaczewski, Director

Holy Lord, Holy Lord, thanks and praise be ever Thine,
That Thy Word to us is given, teaching us with power divine,
That the Lord of earth and heaven, everlasting life for us to gain,
Once was slain, once was slain.

*Call to Worship

Elder Matt Livingston

God of all creation, our chief end is to glorify you, and enjoy you forever.

**Our deep delight is in your presence, our fondest thoughts are of you,
our strongest longing is for your house.**

In this hour of worship, help us to become who we are meant to be --

a community that breathes thankfulness, voicing your praise in all we do.

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Livingston

*Hymn No. 5

Come, Thou Almighty King

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession

Rev. Wes Allen

Prayer of Confession (offered in unison)

**Holy God, giver of blessings, we thank you for the mercies we know,
and ask your forgiveness when we fail to acknowledge you as the source of all good.**

When we hoard your gifts, when we say, "that's mine,"

When we ignore the bounty around us, when are blind to the good,

Forgive us. Help us to share, to see, to live gratefully.

Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Silent prayer for personal confession

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the Good News: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting.

Let us proclaim the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*Gloria Patri No. 805

Stewardship Moment ~ Live to Give

Jen Allen

Anthem

Laudáte Dóminum

W.A. Mozart from Vespers K. 339

Adult Choir; Evelyn Santiago Schulz, Soprano; Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Laudáte Dóminum omnes gentes

Omnes populi;

Quóniam confirmáta est

Super nos misericórdia eius

Et véritas Domini mánet in aeternum

Praise the Lord, all ye nations (peoples)

praise him, all ye peoples.

For his loving kindness (mercy)

has been bestowed upon us,

and the truth of the Lord endures for eternity.

*Glória Patri et Filio
Et Spiritui Sáncto
Sicut érat in pricipio et nunc et semper
Et in sáecula sáeculorum. Amen.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be
world without end. Amen.

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

Rev. 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

Sing Unto the Lord

G.F. Handel

Frank Mitchell, Bass; Joel Krott, Piano

Sing unto the Lord, all you nations; sing His praises among all people.
Let all the earth be joyful; and praise His name with singing, for great is our Lord.
Sing unto Him with thanksgiving; sing unto God with joy, O sing unto the Lord;
Say unto the nations that the Lord God is merciful, and ruleth the world with righteousness.

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"Be Purposeful"

Sermon Series: Live to Give. Scripture Text: Matthew 6: 1-4 (page 71 Pew Bible NT)

*Hymn No. 834

Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Trumpeting in Bb

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Benediction and Going Forth, Ways Video

Rev. Spencer

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8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Matt Livingston; **Audio Technician:** Harris E. Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Flower Arrangers:** Gretchen Birdsall and Robin Godonis; **Ushers:** Jack Haag, Jack Terry, Joe Scheideler; **Trustee Greeter:** Bill Conner; **Check-In Volunteer:** Deacon Laurie LaMonica; **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe; **Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum (volunteers needed)

Worship flowers are given to the glory of God.

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

- 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.
- **Sunday School 9:45-10:45 a.m.:** This is the beginning of a great year! **K-2nd:** Rm 13; **Grades 3-5:** Rm 3-4; **Grades 6-8:** 3rd Floor; **High School:** Hayes Room. Adult Spiritual Formation 9:45-10:45 a.m.
- [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](#). Informal middle school gatherings Sept. 28, Oct. 5, official start **Oct. 12**. High school youth group began Sept. 18.
- [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. Special envelopes are in the pews.
- [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](#) met this weekend and today Session is welcoming several people interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church.
- 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.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** The Stewardship Committee invites you to a special [Consecration Sunday](#), October 16 (**9:30 a.m.** combined worship). And we'll be TAILGATING! See our event page or [website](#) 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 and your Giving Packet in the mail.
- "Prayer on the Porch" will resume on the 4th Wednesday, Sept. 28th at 7:00 PM, and will continue on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. We do have heaters so it will be warm and cozy! Bring a blanket!
- **Church Has Left The Building is Coming!** Sunday, October 30 5th Sunday – worship at **9:30 a.m.** Sign up online for a collection of projects that can be done that day or that weekend. See the project list at <https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/groups> and our [event page](#) or website. Scan the QR code to go right to our CHLTB information page.

