



## Sunday, October 2, 2022 ~ World Communion 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 #20

Video: Paul Booker

**20. FIND STRENGTH IN BELONGING.** At FPC Moorestown, you're loved and valued. Claim us as your family. Rather than withdrawing, allow struggles and disappointments to deepen your sense of belonging. Pray for chances to bring healing to relationships. Please be patient! God isn't yet finished with us or with you.

**Ideas for Action:** Is there a disappointment you've been carrying about the church? In prayer, offer it to the Lord and ask for His help in releasing it. If you've been sitting on the sidelines at home, get back in the game by returning to worship and joining a small group, a class or a committee. We need you.

[Watch the new Way 20 Video from Paul Booker](#)

### Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

### Music in Preparation for Worship

#### **Tower Bells**

Couper

Bell Choir: Jim Cole, Lissa Herman, Melissa McNab, Sawyer McNab, Peg Pierce, Stacy Schaffer  
Marion Norcross, Director; Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

### \*Call to Worship

Elder Nancy Chumney

I love the Lord because the Lord is my strength.

**Yes, the Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my Savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find rest & protection.**

God is my shield, the strength of my help, and the source of my hope.

**I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy of all my praise. I cry out to God because he will free me from my fears.**

Let us now call out to God. Let us praise God's powerful name. Let us trust God and open our lives before him. Come, let us worship God.

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### \*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Chumney

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### \*Hymn No. 562

**Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Sky**

\*\*\*Seating interlude

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### Call to Confession

Elder Chumney

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### Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Elder Chumney

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Day or night, it is always the right time to come before the Lord, our God,

**For God already knows what lies in our hearts.**

Let us offer up our hopes yet unmet:

**For peace, for reconciliation, for grace.**

Let us offer up the wrongs we have done:

**Our greed, our apathy, our meanness.**

Let us offer up the good we have left undone:

**Forgiving another, offering mercy, choosing compassion.**

And in silence, let us offer God the whole of our hearts.

*Silent prayer for personal confession*

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### Assurance of Pardon

My friends, God is not done with us, not by a long shot. You are more beloved than you can ever know, and God is working in you and in the world beyond our wildest imagining. The beginning of all that is forgiveness. So know that you are indeed forgiven, and be at peace. Amen. And let the people of agree and say: **Amen.**

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### \*Gloria Patri No. 805

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### Stewardship Moment ~ Live to Give

Tamara Trzeciak

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### Anthem

**God of Beauty**

Lovelace

Choristers; Carol Manion, Piano

God, Who touchest earth with beauty, make my life anew:

With Thy Spirit recreate me, pure and strong and true.

Like Thy springs and running waters make me crystal pure

Like Thy rocks of towering grandeur make me strong and pure.

Like Thy dancing waves in sunlight make me glad and free.

Like the straightness of the pine trees, Let me upright be.

God, Who touchest earth with beauty, make my life anew:

Keep me ever by Thy Spirit pure and strong and true.

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

Rev. Spencer

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## 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.

## Offertory Music

### **All Night, All Day**

Spiritual/Simms

Grace Rykaczewski, Soprano and Lilly Rykaczewski, Alto; Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

#### **Refrain:**

All night, all day, angels watchin' over me, my Lord.

All night, all day, angels watchin' over me.

Now I lay me down to sleep. Angels watchin' over me, my Lord.

Pray the Lord my soul to keep. Angels watchin' over me. **Refrain**

Guide me 'cause I want to be good. Angels watchin' over me, my Lord.

Help me act the way I should. Angels watchin' over me. **Refrain**

Yes, angels watchin' over me.

## \*Doxology No. 809

## Sermon

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### **"Find Common Ground"**

**Sermon Series:** Live to Give. **Scripture Text:** 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13 (page 175 Pew Bible NT)

## \*Confession of Faith (The Apostles' Creed) (inside cover of hymnal)

## Lord's Supper ~ World Communion Sunday

Rev. Spencer

The Invitation to the Table (*follow pastor's directions for processing forward to receive the elements*)

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration ~ The Prayer of Thanksgiving

## \*Hymn No. 563

### **Lord, I Want To Be a Christian**

## Music in Preparation for Service

Joel Krott, Organ

### **Lord, I Want to Be a Christian in my Heart**

Spiritual, arr. Callahan

## Benediction and Going Forth, Ways Video

Rev. Spencer

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## 8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

**Beadle:** Elder Nancy Chumney; **Audio Technician:** Harris E. Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Flower Arranger:** Stacy Schaeffer and Carol Benner; **Ushers:** Paul Lewis, Brett Couvillion, James Clinton; **Trustee Greeter:** John Miller; **Check-In Volunteer:** Deacon Jonathan Schramm; **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe; **Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum (volunteers needed)

**Worship flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Fernando Mancillas by his wife Gina Mancillas.

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

- [Fire Pit Fridays](#) – Come for a night of fellowship around the fire. Church grounds, 6-9 p.m. See events pg.
- "Prayer on the Porch" resumes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4th Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. We do have heaters so it will be warm and cozy! Bring a blanket! Next meeting: **Wed. Oct. 12.**
- **Sunday School 9:45-10:45 a.m.:** This is the beginning of a great year! **K-2<sup>nd</sup>:** Room 13; **Grades 3-5:** Room 3-4; **Grades 6-8:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor; **High School:** Hayes Room. Adult Spiritual Formation 9:45-10:45 a.m.
- **Adult Spiritual Formation is now in full swing.** Nearly 50 people explored what it means to "Live to Give" with class leaders Paul Grossmann and Nancy Chumney this past week. Come join us this week! We meet at 9:45 am in Fellowship Hall AB. Everyone is welcome! Zoom hybrid option is also available.
- [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 get together on Wed. Oct. 5 too, official start **Oct. 12.** High school youth group began Sept. 18 so jump in.
- [Pastor & Program Staff Appreciation Sunday](#) is celebrated on the second Sunday in October (October 9). Help us celebrate the ministry of Rev. Stuart Spencer, Rev. Wes Allen, and our program staff, by sending them a note of appreciation sharing your gratitude and kind words of appreciation. Bring a card with you to either worship service or use a blank card we'll have available in the Commons Lobby. Kids: they'd love to receive artwork or a picture from you too!
- There will be a [12-Hour Prayer Vigil](#) on Saturday, October 15 (5 am-5 pm) to pray for our two major stewardship events Consecration Sunday AND Church Has Left The Building. Sign up on our [event page](#) or website. For information contact Pam Engle or any member of the Prayer Committee.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** The Stewardship Committee invites you to [Consecration Sunday](#), October 16 (9:30 a.m. combined worship) when we will dedicate our financial gifts for 2023. And we'll be TAILGATING! See our event page or [website](#). Children's Sunday School will meet at 9:30 a.m. during worship. Submit your tailgate RSVP online or in worship Oct. 2 or Oct. 9. You're welcome to wear your favorite jersey too! Watch your mail for your Giving Packet with a letter from Pastor Stuart, your 2023 Estimate of Giving Card and more. For information contact the church office at 856.235.1688.
- [Couples Night Out](#) -- On Friday, Oct. 21 from 6-9 pm, join us for an enjoyable evening out with your spouse and other couples from FPC Moorestown and the community. After sharing a meal we will hear from Ruth Wright, a marriage and family therapist in Moorestown. Whether your last marital dispute was about the toilet seat being left up or how to discipline your children, you will leave with foundational tools to designed to make you and your spouse a united front. Cost per couple is \$20. [Register online on our event page](#) or through *Signups* right on the Church Center app. 😊
- **SIGN UP: Church Has Left The Building!** Sunday, October 30 5<sup>th</sup> 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. New for 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays this year: Children's Sunday School WILL meet at 9:30 a.m. during worship.

