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Rev. Wesley Allen, Associate Pastor



Sunday, February 5, 2023 ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

Jesus is Coming Back Mighty to Save

Call to Confession

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Prayer of Confession (based on Isaiah 55)

God, we are thirsty, and You call us to Your waters. However, sometimes we try to slake our thirst from other sources.

Forgive us when we turn away from the Living water that You offer.

God, we are hungry, and You offer us Bread without cost. But sometimes we pay too much for food that does not nourish.

Forgive us when we do not accept Your gracious provision.

Forgive us, God, for the many ways we fail to trust You:

when we spend our money for that which is not bread and labor for that which does not satisfy. God, we seek You; we call upon You.

Have mercy on us; for we know You will abundantly pardon.

Silence for personal prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

This is the good news of the gospel, and it is for you and for all.

Whatever you have done, whatever you have failed to do, whoever you are, whoever you wish you were but are not:

By the grace and mercy of the Lord Jesus, you are accepted, you are welcomed.

You are washed clean; you are raised up.

You are forgiven; you are set free.

In the love of Jesus Christ, you are loved forever.

In the waters of baptism, we are set free to let go what is old and broken, to live a new life in the resurrection, and to follow together a joyful way, after Jesus Christ, our loving Savior.

Thanks be to God! The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all—family, friends, strangers and enemies alike. Amen.

Greeting	Rev. Spencer
Sharing with Young Disciples	Rev. Spencer
Wow Moments	Rev. Allen

Way of the Week Video – Jonathan & Karin Miller

13. OPEN DOORS FOR OTHERS TO LEAD. Encourage others to step into leadership by sharing responsibilities and mentoring. Let go of the jobs you've always done and allow new leaders to emerge. Remember that our youth and young adults are not solely the future of our church but are vitally important for our *present*.

<u>Ideas for Action</u>: As you consider whatever it is that you do regularly here, keep a look out for a younger person or a new member to invite to join you in the task. If the job requires training or coaching, offer it. Look to let go and hand off.

Offertory Rev. Spencer

THANK YOU for your faithfulness in remembering the FPC Moorestown with your giving. Your offerings allow us to sustain church programs. Take advantage of secure <u>automatic withdrawal</u> or donate from your phone via the Church Center app. If you are watching via live stream, you can give online now as well. When mailing your offerings, please send to **P.O. Box 868, Moorestown, NJ 08057**.

Song of Praise Worship Team

This is How I Fight My Battles

Sermon Rev. Spencer

Me on the Menu, Part 1 Scripture Text: John 6:35, 41-52

Sermon Series: Let's Eat!

Communion Song Worship Team

More and More

Communion Rev. Allen

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution & the Lord's Prayer

The Bread and the Cup (Please prepare a communion serving for yourself and any who are worshipping with you.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team: Martin Bass-Guitar; Don Stevens-Bass; Barry Overton-Drums; Christine Bass-

Keys; Cheryl Stevens, Michelle Davis-Vocals

Flower Arrangers: Stacy Schaffer and Martha Derry
Usher: Matt La Grou or Jeff Legath

Trustee Greeter: Mike Ramage
Check-in: Rachel Long
Hospitality: Chelsea Margerum
Nursery Caregiver: Amy Coombe

Today's pulpit flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Allen Judson Lewis, by Barbara.

<u>Check-ins</u>: Check-in is <u>self-check in only</u> on your smart phone. A volunteer is available to assist. *Please remember to check in from home when watching the live stream.*

Nursery care is provided for children ages 0-5 years old in Room 12.

We are looking for additional **Ushers** for the Contemporary Service. Men and women welcome. Contact coordinator Steve Connlain at sconnlain@gmail.com or the church office.

<u>Adult Spiritual Formation</u>: Starting this Sunday, we will offer two classes: **How We Love** - This 9-week couples' study (Feb. 5-Apr. 2) is designed to strengthen your marriage. "How We Love" explores the five broken Love Styles preventing intimacy and effective communication in relationships — *in the Hayes Room*.

The Book of Acts - Acts chronicles some of the most important events in Christian history. This 12-week study (Feb. 5-Apr. 30) will help you understand these historic events and provide the tools and resources for daily application in the 21st century.

<u>Annual Meeting of the Congregation</u> will be held **Sunday, Feb. 5** at **12:30 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall and also on Zoom. (*See Event page for Zoom link.*) Coffee and brunch items will be available. The purpose of the Meeting is to receive the 2022 Annual Reports and approve the Pastors' Terms of Call. Copies of the 2022 Annual Report are available at church and online via our e-blast.

<u>Ukraine – Keep the Music Alive!</u> On **Saturday, Feb. 11** at **7: 30 p.m.**, West Jersey Chamber Music Society presents a Concert with the Arcadian Trio in our Sanctuary. Tickets (\$28/ea.) can be purchased at the door or through <u>wicms.org</u>. A donation will be taken at the Concert for Ukrainian relief efforts.

<u>Winter Inquirers' Class</u>: The Membership Committee will be holding a three-part Inquirers' Class for those interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Church as a whole, and possibly joining the congregation. The Class will meet on the following dates:

Wednesday, Feb. 15: 7:00-8:30 PM *via Zoom* **Saturday, Feb. 18:** 9:00 AM-1:00 PM (*Hayes Room*)

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)
- **Thursdays 7:30-8:30 AM** (Zoom) Pray for our church, nation, and the world. For link, please contact Sue Piper (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** 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.