



Sunday, March 12, 2023 ~ Third Sunday in Lent
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

The Ten Commandments

Call to Worship (*adapted from John 12*)

"Jesus said to them, 'The Light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the Light, so that the darkness may not overtake you.'

Arise, shine; for your Light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going.

For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness will blanket all people; but the Lord will arise upon us and His glory will appear over us.

While you have the Light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.

Nations shall come to our light and kings to the brightness of our dawn."

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

You, You Are God

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

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Lord God, we know that You are life, the life which is the light of the world. But sometimes we allow darkness to close in. We find ourselves driven apart from You. We confess that we do not always trust Christ's gifts. We sacrifice grace and truth in order to get ahead in the world. We fail to go to the people and places You went because of fear and convenience. We do not always listen to Your Spirit's teaching and direction, trusting instead in our own intellect or hard work. Please forgive our thoughtlessness, carelessness, willful ignorance and disobedience. Hear us now, O Lord, as we confess and seek Your forgiveness.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, hear the Good News:
today is the day of salvation!
Christ is the Light of the world.
Darkness cannot overcome it.
In Christ, we are forgiven.
Hallelujah, amen!

Greeting

Wow Moments

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Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

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Way of the Week [Video](#) – Jenny Legath

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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.

Offertory

*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 [automatic withdrawal](#) 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

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Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Sharing with Young Disciples

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Sermon

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Crossing the Road at Rush Hour

Scripture Text: [Luke 8:26-39](#)

Sermon Series: Crossing the Road with Jesus

Closing Song

Worship Team

I Surrender

Benediction and Going Forth

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11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team:	Martin Bass-Guitar; Don Stevens-Bass; Barry Overton-Drums; Christine Bass-Keyboard; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Cheryl Stevens-Vocals
Flower Arrangers:	Debbie Heller and Carol Morgan
Usher:	Matt La Grou or Jeff Legath
Trustee Greeter:	Brian Catanella
Check-in:	Karen Hynoski
Hospitality:	Chelsea Margerum
Nursery Caregiver:	Amy Coombe

Today's pulpit flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of George Honeyford by Mitzi.

Check-ins: Check-in is self-check in only 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.

Adult Spiritual Formation: We are offering two classes: **How We Love** - This 9-week couples' study is designed to strengthen your marriage. "How We Love" explores the five broken Love Styles preventing intimacy and effective communication in relationships. – *Hayes Room*

The Book of Acts - Acts chronicles some of the most important events in Christian history. This 12-week study will help you understand these historic events and provide the tools and resources for daily application in the 21st century. – *Fellowship Hall A*

Lenten Small Groups: For Lent 2023, we are reading Dr. Bruce Main's book, "*Why Jesus Crossed the Road.*" Our hope is that the book will challenge us to get out of our comfort zone and go to the people and places Jesus went. Books (\$11) can be purchased at the church or online. Join one of our 3 Study Groups.

NEW: Praying the Bible - Thursdays in Lent. Stuart Spencer leads a Zoom Lectio Divina from 6:30-7:00 p.m. on March 16, 23, 30. Learn how to pray using words and images from the Bible. To Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82155873927?pwd=WnBQeDdha0xYYkVCekVOakpkVEZrZz09>

Palm Sunday Concert: *April 5, 7:30 p.m. in our Sanctuary* – West Jersey Chamber Orchestra & Chorale along with our Adult Choir will perform Haydn's "**St. Theresa Mass**". Tickets are \$28; \$18 Seniors; Children Free.

Spring Prayer Retreat, Tuesday, May 2 to Friday, May 5: Pastor Spencer leads a Prayer Retreat at Holy Cross Monastery in NY. Join him for a time of renewal. For additional information and registration, visit our website: fpcmoorestown.org.

Couples' Retreat – May 19-21: Join us for FPC Moorestown's annual Couples' Retreat! This year we will be staying at The Dormer House, a quaint Victorian bed & breakfast located in historic Cape May. The cost is \$450 per couple and includes breakfast, two nights, group sessions with a licensed marriage & family therapist, and dinner on Saturday. **Register** on our website under Current Events.

Camp Johnsonburg: Camp Offerings the week of July 16–21 include:

1. **Elementary Students** (2nd -5th grade) - **Mystery Camp**: Your group will have to solve the mystery over the course of the week, finding clues where you least expect them. You'll make new friends, try new activities, and have a blast swimming in the pool and lake, boating, making your dinner over a campfire, and a whole lot more. Limited spots available for this one, so sign up soon!
2. **Middle School & High School students** (6th–12th grade) – **Night Owl**: Enjoy God's creation in the *dark*--with stargazing, worshipping around a campfire, glow-in-the-dark night games, and much more! Campers will get to stay up later and sleep in later. Experience your favorite activities during the day AND by the light of the moon--as well as Night Owl only activities that no other camp session gets to do. *The middle and high school programs are run separately from each other, including activities, accommodations, etc.*

Register at www.campjburg.org | Camp Johnsonburg allows families to pay over time; and they offer tiered pricing depending on level of need. Camper registration costs range from \$590-\$890 for the week. Scholarships are available through The Presbytery For Southern New Jersey and First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown. If interested or you have any questions, please contact Wes Allen (wallen@fpcmoorestown.org).

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.