



Sunday, March 26, 2023 ~ Fifth Sunday in Lent
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

The Ten Commandments *for Children*

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

Here for You
Your Great Name

Prayer of Confession (*responsive*)

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Our hearts are hard, O God –
Soften them with your love. (*Silence*)
Our hands are clenched, O God –
Open them with your grace. (*Silence*)
Our feet are planted too firmly, O God –
Invite us to follow Jesus. (*Silence*)
Our lives are not our own, we know –
Let us live and move and have our being in You, O God. Amen.

Kyrie (*Time for silent confession*)

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy upon me.

Assurance of Forgiveness

My dear and beloved friends in Christ, this Good News is for all the world: Jesus was born, lived and died, and rose again that we would be freed from sin and death. Know that indeed you are forgiven, and be at peace.

By the rich grace of God will we trust and accept this Good News. Amen!

Greeting

Sharing with Young Disciples

Rev. Spencer

Wow Moments & Prayer (including the Lord's Prayer)

Rev. Allen

Way of the Week Video – Paul Booker

Rev. Allen

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!

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

Worship Team

The Stand

Sermon

Rev. Spencer

Judea: Who Exactly is My Neighbor?

Scripture Text: [Luke 10:25-37](#)

Sermon Series: Crossing the Road with Jesus

Closing Song

Worship Team

One Thing Remains

Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team:	Martin Bass-Guitar; Don Stevens-Bass; Barry Overton-Drums; Christine Bass-Keyboards; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Cheryl Stevens & Winnie Jiang-Vocals
Flower Arrangers:	Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop
Usher:	Matt La Grou or Jeff Legath
Trustee Greeter:	Jeff Legath
Check-in:	Kourtney de la Cruz
Hospitality:	Chelsea Margerum
Nursery Caregiver:	Amy Coombe

Today's pulpit flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Franz Schneider & our parents by Sheila; and in loving memory of Carl W. Slemmer by Renée & Family (communion table).

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 study will help you understand these historic events and provide the tools and resources for daily application in the 21st century. – *Fellowship Hall A*

Praying the Bible - Thursdays in Lent. Stuart Spencer leads a Zoom Lectio Divina from 6:30-7:00 p.m. on March 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 2, 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.

Holy Week Worship Schedule:

Thursday, April 6 (7:30 p.m., Miller Commons)

Maundy Thursday Drama Presentation: "From the Table to the Cross" and including the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 7

- Good Friday Community Worship: Noon, FPCM Courtyard (outdoor)
- Good Friday Tenebrae Worship: 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary - We move from light to dark as the Crucifixion nears.

Easter Sunday, April 9 - He is Risen! Alleluia!

- 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship (Cemetery Cross)
- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons)

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, worshiping 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.campiburg.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.