



**Sunday, April 16, 2023 ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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

\*please stand as you are able

**Welcome and Work of God's People**

Rev. Wes Allen

**Music in Preparation for Worship**

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

***Christ is Arisen***

Leupold

**\*Call to Worship**

Elder Wiggans

This is the good news—the grave is empty; Christ the Lord is risen!

**Alleluia! This is the good news—the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.**

Alleluia! This is the good news—once we were no people; now we are God's people.

**Alleluia! Jesus is our peace, and his peace cannot be taken from us.**

Come, let us rejoice, sing, and be glad! Let us worship God!

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

Elder Wiggans

**\*Hymn No. 243**

***Christ is Alive***

\*\*\**Seating interlude*

**Call to Confession**

Elder Wiggans

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## Prayer of Confession (offered in unison)

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Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives:  
The fear that stifles us, the prejudice that blinds us,  
The ignorance that hobbles us,  
The doubt that plagues us.  
Help us, we pray, that we will  
Find courage in unlikely place,  
See the world with new and gracious eyes,  
Move to those places where love is needed,  
Have faith that you are with us.  
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Silent prayer for personal confession*

## Assurance of Pardon

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Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God!

**Alleluia! Amen.**

## \*Affirmation of Faith

written by Rev. Brian Miller

We believe in God the Father, who created the world, was faithful when we were not, and who continuously seeks to redeem the world. We believe in God the Son, Jesus Christ, who humbled himself by becoming human and moving into our neighborhood; was sent by the Father to give us life; embodied and taught the righteous love of God; and who, though he knew no sin, became sin and was put to death on a cross. We believe that three days later, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead by the power of God; was seen in bodily form by his disciples. We believe that the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus gives us victory over any form of sin and brokenness and allows us to know the full love of God for the world. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who actively works in our lives, giving us grace to be like Jesus, and send us to show God's love for the world. Glory to God! Amen.

## \*Gloria Patri No. 805

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## Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Stuart Spencer

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

Rev. Spencer

## Way of the Week #23: Worship with Your Whole Heart

Rev. Wes Allen

**23. WORSHIP WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART.** Your life is meant to be an act of worship. Every breath, action, and thought flows from God and can bring him glory. Praise God everywhere and embrace the opportunities to regularly worship with your church family.

**Ideas for Action (try to complete by 12 noon Tuesday):** Every morning this week, recite the Jesus Creed: "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12: 29-31)

## Offertory

Rev. Allen

*Thank you for your faithfulness and for remembering FPC Moorestown with your giving. Your offerings allow us to sustain our church programs. Take advantage of simple, secure [automatic withdrawal](#) or donate easily from your phone via the Church Center app. If you're watching via live stream, you can take part and give online right now as well! When mailing your offerings, please send to **P.O. Box 868, Moorestown, NJ 08057.***

Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Mat. 6:21	My Offering	
	Name: _____	Address: _____
	Amount: _____	
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## Offertory Music

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

### ***I Know That My Redeemer Liveth (from Messiah)***

Handel

Janet Wilkie, Soprano

I know that my redeemer liveth,  
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

- Job 19: 25

## \*Doxology No. 809

## Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

### ***"Fear Locked the Doors"***

Scripture Text: John 20: 19-23 (page 115 Pew Bible NT)

## \*Hymn No. 295

### ***Breathe on Me, Breath of God***

## Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

### ***Holy Spirit Ever, Ever Dwelling (Hymn 289)***

Cherwien

## Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Wes Allen)

Rev. Spencer

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## 8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

**Beadle:** Elder Jim Wiggans; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Flower Arrangers:** Stacy Schaffer and Karen Arsenault; **Ushers:** Dave Rebuck, Brett Couvillion, James Clinton; **Trustee Greeter:** Wendy Dougherty; **Check-In Volunteer:** Deacon Michael Hock; **Nursery Caregivers:** Amy Coombe; **Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum (volunteers needed)

**Worship flowers** are given by Dr. Lucy Rorke-Adams to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert R. Rorke.

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

- **Congregational Meeting** -- The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown, New Jersey, has called a special meeting of the congregation. This meeting will be held **Sunday, April 30**, immediately following the 9:30 AM worship service in the sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to elect Elders, Deacons and Trustees to a term of office beginning June 1, 2023. No other business may be brought before the congregation other than the preceding item.
- **Fifth Sunday Worship – Sunday, April 30 – 9:30 am** blended worship; Congregational Meeting (see above); **NEW:** church-wide 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday service project for Cathedral Kitchen. Our Deacons will lead us in making sandwiches, decorating placemats and designing centerpieces for the tables at CK. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. Everyone is welcome! **Sign-up Genius link coming soon!**
- **Adult Spiritual Formation (Sundays 9:45-10:45 am):** **The Book of Acts** study is extended until May 21. Meets in FH Hall A. **NEW!** Beginning April 16 is a marriage study **“You and Me Forever.”** Dive into Scripture to understand what it means to have a relationship that satisfies the deepest parts of our souls. Sign up online or right through the Church Center app *Signups*. Meets in the Hayes Room.
- We'll be meeting in the Cooperative Garden at 12:30 pm **April 16 and April 23** to [plant more of our crops](#). Please bring a shovel (if you have one and can do shoveling work), a trowel and gardening gloves. Remember that this is weather-dependent, so check your email if it looks like rain.
- **2023 Spring Inquirers' Class** -- Are you interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown and possibly joining the congregation? The Membership Committee invites you its Spring Inquirers Class. The three-part series will meet **Wed. April 19, Sat. April 22 and Sunday, April 23** – [please see event page for complete times/schedule](#). New members will be welcomed at worship **Sunday, April 30** (9:30 am 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday). *Our Session, our church's governing body, asks those interested to please attend both the April 22 and April 23 sessions.* Participants will focus on questions of membership, our relationship with Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, what it means to be a disciple, and a faithful member of this congregation.
- **April 21 Spaghetti Dinner Friday, April 21 from 6:30-8:00 pm;** dinner includes spaghetti, dinner salad, roll, dessert and beverage. Free will offering to benefit programs of Haiti Outreach Ministries. Keynote Speaker: Pastor Leon Dorleans, founder of Haiti Outreach Ministries. Hosted by Mission Committee
- Registration is OPEN for summer camp at Camp Johnsonburg **July 16-21**. [See event page for all the fun!](#)
- PARENTS: Sign up for the end of year parties for Kingdom Kids and Crossing Zone – **Wednesday, April 26!** [See our event pages](#) or sign up right through the Church Center app.
- We are looking for individuals high school or older to learn our **live stream system and audio** for our Sunday morning broadcasts. We will train! Help us continue our live stream ministry. [See event page](#).
- **Do you know of a 2023 graduate?** Please fill out a [brief form](#) to submit names of those high school, college or post-grad graduates to [Jan Martin](#) in the church office.
- CREDO students will meet with church Elders on **Tuesday, April 25 at 6:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be provided. The dinner and meeting with Session will conclude by 7:00 pm. CREDO students will be celebrated in the Worship Service on **Sunday, May 14**.