



**Sunday, April 16, 2023** ~ Second Sunday of Easter  
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

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

Rev. Wes Allen

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**Songs of Praise**

Worship Team

***Because of Your Love  
Overcome***

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**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Rev. Allen

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 places; 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.

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**Assurance of Forgiveness**

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.**

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**Affirmation of Faith** (*by 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 sends us to show God's love for the world. Glory to God! Amen.

## Greeting

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## Sharing with Young Disciples

Rev. Stuart Spencer

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## Wow Moments

Rev. Spencer

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## Way of the Week [Video](#) – Rev. Wes Allen

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**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: 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)

## Prayers of the People & Offertory

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## Song of Praise

Worship Team

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### ***Because of Who You Are***

## Sermon

Rev. Spencer

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

Scripture Text: [John 20:19-23](#)

Sermon Series: The Quiet Coming of the Holy Spirit

## Closing Song

Worship Team

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### ***The Wonderful Cross***

## Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

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## 11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

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**Worship Team:** Martin Bass-Guitar; Don Stevens-Bass; Wes Allen-Electric Guitar; Barry Overton-Drums; Christine Bass-Keyboards; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Cheryl Stevens-Vocals

**Flower Arrangers:** Stacy Schaffer and Karen Arsenault

**Usher:** Matt La Grou or Jeff Legath

<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	Rich Corbin
<b>Check-in:</b>	Susan Winner
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Chelsea Margerum
<b>Nursery Caregiver:</b>	Amy Coombe

**Today's pulpit flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert R. Rorke by Lucy Rorke-Adams.

**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: **You & Me Forever (4/16-6/11):** In his book, Francis & Lisa Chan dive into Scripture to understand what it means to have a relationship that satisfies the deepest parts of our souls. The \$25 registration fee includes one copy of the book and workbook. **Register** on our website under Current Events. – *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 21<sup>st</sup> century. – *Fellowship Hall A*

**Missions Spaghetti Dinner** - *Friday, April 21, 6:30-8:00 p.m.:* Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, roll, dessert, and beverage. Freewill offering to benefit programs of Haiti Outreach Ministries. Keynote Speaker: Pasteur Léon Dorléans, founder of Haiti Outreach Ministries.

**Special Congregational Meeting:** This Meeting will be held on April 30, immediately following the 9:30 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.

**Service Project** for Cathedral Kitchen – *April 30, 11:00 a.m.:* 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.**

**Couples' Retreat** – *May 19-21:* It's not too late to register for FPC Moorestown's annual Couples' Retreat! This year we will be staying at The Dormer House, a quaint 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:

- Elementary Students** (2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade) - **Mystery Camp:** Your group will have to solve the mystery over the course of the week. 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!
- Middle School & High School students** (6<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> 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. *The middle and high school programs are run separately from each other, including activities, accommodations, etc.*

Register at [www.campjburg.org](http://www.campjburg.org). 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.

**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](mailto: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.fpcmoores town.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.