



Sunday, April 30, 2023 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter; 5th Sunday

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship (Miller Commons) -- Have you **checked in** for worship today?

*Please stand as you are able

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

***Call to Worship** (*adapted from Ezekiel 37*)

Elder Becky Castellanos

"This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones:

I will make breath enter you and you will come to life.

I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin.

I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord."

Come, Spirit of the living God, and breathe life into Your people.

***Prayer of Adoration**

Elder Castellanos

***Songs of Praise**

Worship Team

Glorious Day

Stanfill, Ingram, Smith, Curran

Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)

Tomlin, Cates, Ingram

Call to Confession

Elder Castellanos

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy Father, it is astounding how many ways we find to doubt You. At times, we doubt Your power and Your ability to do actual miracles in our lives. In other situations, we doubt that Your methods and solutions are indeed the best way to go. We fool ourselves into believing that our ways will be superior to Your ways. And, most importantly, we doubt that all You are doing for us is the result of a great love for us. Our heads believe in Your love, but our hearts often lag behind. Have mercy upon us, Lord. Help us with our disbelief. Forgive us for looking through worldly eyes instead of asking You for heavenly vision.

Thank You for Your endless grace and patience. More than anything, we want to walk in Your will. We pray all of this in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.

Silent prayer for personal confession

Assurance of Pardon

The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow and courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Hallelujah! Amen.**

Reception of New Members (Inquirers' Class)

Rev. Allen, Elder Gayle Payne

*Greeting

Way of the Week #25: Rejoice Always

25. REJOICE ALWAYS. The Kingdom of God is a party! Let healthy laughter fill our meetings, our meals, and even our worship. Allow the joy of our faith be clearly evident in our speech and on our faces.

Ideas for Action (try to complete by 12 noon Tuesday: Throw a party for the coming weekend and invite a couple of individuals or families from the church over to celebrate. Don't forget the cake! What's the occasion? The joy of knowing and serving Jesus and belonging to our church family are reasons enough.

Wow Moments

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

Rev. Allen

Offertory

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<i>Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matt. 6:21</i>	My Offering	
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Offertory Music

Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire

Tyler Kim, Tenor

Plainsong

*Doxology No. 809

Rebecca Neindorff, Piano

Sermon

Rev. Allen

"See For Yourself"

Scripture Text: [John 20:24-29](#) (page 115 Pew Bible NT)

*Song of Praise

Worship Team

Great Are You Lord

Leonard, Ingram, Jordan



9:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Becky Castellanos; **Audio Technician:** Taylor Adair; **Visuals:** Alice Conley; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Flower Arrangers:** Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop; **Ushers:** Michael Welch, John Miller, Paul Grossmann; **Trustee Greeter:** John Miller; **Check-In Volunteer:** Deacon Susan Shaffer; **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe; **Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum (*volunteers needed*); **Worship Team:** Martin Bass, Christine Bass, Rebecca Neindorff, Wes Allen, Don Stevens, Barry Overton, Cheryl Stevens, Michelle Davis

Worship flowers are given to the glory of God and with great joy as we warmly welcome our new members to our First Presbyterian Church family.

We welcome the following **New Members** to FPC Moorestown:

<i>Name</i>	<i>E-mail Address</i>	<i>Phone No.</i>	<i>Home Address</i>
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Tim & Ginny Powell	tdp1414@yahoo.com gep1414@yahoo.com	781-361-0561 (T) 781-336-8337 (G)	315 Amy Way Cinnaminson, NJ 08077
Sam Speers	hollydonahue@comcast.net	908-907-5768	21 Bramley Road Moorestown, NJ 08057

Work of God's People *(See Connections, e-blast, website and our app for details)*

- **TODAY: [Congregational Meeting](#)** -- Session has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation **Sunday, April 30**, immediately following the 9:30 AM worship service in Miller Commons. The purpose of the Meeting is to elect Elders, Deacons and Trustees to a term of office beginning June 1, 2023.
- **TODAY: [Fifth Sunday Worship – Sunday, April 30](#)** -- After worship, our Deacons will lead us in making 250 turkey and cheese sandwiches for Cathedral Kitchen, decorating placemats, and designing centerpieces for the tables at CK. Light snacks and refreshments provided. All ages welcome.
- **Sunday, May 7: [Youth Choir Concert](#)** (7:00 pm) in the Sanctuary - Junior Choir, Choristers and Chapel Choir with the West Jersey Chamber Orchestra. Freewill offering
- **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. We will honor our graduates on **Graduate Recognition Sunday**, May 7, with an insert in the worship guide.
- The next round of our Ways (Round 10), begins next week, **Sunday, May 7**. Please pick up a copy of our revised *Ways Study Guide* at church, which has been refreshed with new references. Copies are also available in the church office.
- Spring into action for our [American Red Cross Blood Drive](#) – **Friday, May 12** from 1-6 pm in Miller Commons. To sign up, contact Debbie Heller at 856-273-6838 or dheller374@comcast.net, or visit redcrossblood.org/give and enter “First Presbyterian Moorestown.”
- **Vacation Bible School Registration is OPEN!** [See our Event page](#) for information on the **June 26- June 30** VBS. At *Stellar* VBS, we will launch on a cosmic quest where we will have a blast shining Jesus' light into the world,
- Last day of **children's Sunday School** will be Sunday, **May 21**, Teacher Appreciation Sunday. We will honor our teachers, Small Group leaders, DBS leaders, and Youth leaders this Sunday.
- 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](#).
- **Save the Date! [64th Strawberry Festival](#)** – **Friday, June 2 (6:00-9:00 pm)**: Watch for sign-up sheets and online sign-ups to volunteer at the many places that need your help. Freewill offering suggested \$8 adults, \$4 children. Proceeds will be used for community outreach through FPC Moorestown. [See Event page](#).
- Ribbon Cutting of the [Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden](#) – **Monday, June 12 at 6:00 pm** by the garden.
- Registration is OPEN for summer camp at Camp Johnsonburg **July 16-21**. [See Event page for all the fun!](#)