



Sunday, May 7, 2023 ~ The Lord's Supper, Graduate Recognition Sunday

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

The Lone Wild Dove

Wilbur Held

Introit

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Jesus, Stand Among Us

Filitz

Adult Choir

Jesus, stand among us in Your risen power; Let this time of worship be a hallowed hour.
Breathe the Holy Spirit into every heart; Bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart.

***Responsive Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 147)**

Elder Eagles

How good it is to sing praises to our God!

Great are You, Lord and mighty in power. You understand everything about each one of us. You heal the brokenhearted and bind up our wounds. You sustain the humble and delight in those who hold You in awe and put their hope in Your endless love.

Blessed are those who rely on God, who hope in God alone,

You uphold the cause of the oppressed and give food to the hungry. You set prisoners free, You give sight to the blind. You lift up those who are bowed down and broken. You watch over the ones who are new among us and sustain the fatherless and the widow.

Lord, show us this morning Your sufficiency, Your abundance, Your outstretched arms and our deep need to be infused and enthused with your Holy Spirit.

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*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Eagles

*Hymn No. 356

All Creatures of Our God and King

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession

Elder Eagles

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Heavenly Father, we confess that we often place our hopes in the powers that we see in the world, allowing ourselves to be lifted and brought down by people and institutions that are flawed and fleeting. We also confess that we do not always seek the goodness and opportunity that you may allow those powers to bear. Help us become faithful citizens who focus on your Kingdom while seeking your will in our own. Hear our prayers as we continue our confession in silence ...

Silent prayer for personal confession

Assurance of Pardon (adapted from Isaiah 35: 10)

Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness

Sing a song of redemption!

Let sorrow and sighing be no more.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Response

Sawyer McNab, Piano

We Can Sing Our Praise to God

Grantham

God Made Everything

Knowles

Primary Choir

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Recognizing our Graduates (see insert)

Rev. Spencer

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

Rev. Spencer

Anthem

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Edward Shippen Barnes

Adult Choir; Amanda Schkeeper, Alto

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew, That I may love what Thou didst love,
and do what Thou wouldst do.

continued

Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure, Until with Thee I will one will, to do or to endure.
Breathe on me, breath of God, Till I am wholly Thine, Till all this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.

Way of the Week #1: Be Third

Rev. Spencer

- 1. BE THIRD.** God is first, others are second, and you're third. Don't just think about your own interests, be interested in others. Don't think less of yourself, just think of yourself less and others more.

Ideas for Action: Ask God, "Whom can I serve today?" Look for an opportunity to be last ... in line, the last to speak, or last to be served.

Offertory

Rev. Spencer

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Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Mic. 6:21		My Offering	
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Amount:	_____		

Offertory Music

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

The Lone, Wild Bird

Adult Choir; Janet Wilkie, Solo

Southern Folk Tune

Arr. David N. Johnson

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight is still with Thee, nor leaves Thy sight.
And I am Thine! I rest in Thee. Great Spirit come, and rest in me.
The ends of earth are in Thy hand, The Sea's dark deep and far off land.
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*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Wes Allen

"Being Clothed with Power"

Scripture Text: Luke 24: 35-49 (page 90 Pew Bible NT)

The Lord's Supper and Home Communion

Rev. Allen, Elders

The Invitation to the Table (*please prepare a communion serving for those worshipping at home*)
The Words of Institution
The Prayer of Consecration
The Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn No. 289

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit

Stoldt

Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Leslie Spencer)

Rev. Allen

8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Lorenzo Eagles; **Communion Elder:** Cheryl Gaskill; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Flower Arrangers:** Martha Derry and Fran Green; **Ushers:** Paul Lewis, Gail Sorin, Leonard Fitts; **Trustee Greeter:** Mike Ramage; **Check-In Volunteer:** Deacon Vicki Terry; **Nursery Caregivers:** Amy Coombe; **Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum (volunteers needed)

Worship flowers are given by Sheila Schneider to the glory of God and in loving memory of Franz Schneider and their parents.

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

- **TONIGHT: Sunday, May 7:** [Youth Choir Concert](#) (7:00 pm) in the sanctuary; Junior Choir, Choristers and Chapel Choirs with the West Jersey Chamber Orchestra. Free will offering. Live stream on our website.
- **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.”
- Registration is OPEN for summer camp at Camp Johnsonburg **July 16-21**. [See event page for all the fun!](#)
- **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. 😊
- The next round of our Ways (Round 10), begins TODAY, **Sunday, May 7**. Please pick up a copy of our revised *Ways Study Guide*, which has been refreshed with new references. Copies are also available in the church office or to [download](#) from our website.
- **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.
- **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. Free will offering, suggested \$8 adults, \$4 children. Proceeds will be used for community outreach through FPC Moorestown. [See event page.](#)
- **The End of the Year party** for the middle school youth group will be **Wednesday, May 10** at the Trzeciak's home (3 Walnut Court, Moorestown, 6:30-8:00 pm). Last regular meeting will be **Wed. May 3** at the church; pizza will be served as Family Dinner concluded on April 26.
- In May, we are celebrating mothers and mothers to be. Join us in collecting change for Options for Women to help them provide free ultrasounds to women. Pick up a baby bottle and save your change through the month of May. Bring the bottles to church on **Sunday, June 11th** and join us for a baby shower at 9:45 am to share brunch and hear speakers from Options For Women.
- Ribbon Cutting of the [Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden](#) – **Monday, June 12 at 6:00 pm** by the garden
- 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.](#)