



**Sunday, May 7, 2023** ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter  
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

\* please stand as you are able

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### Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

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

Rev. Allen

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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### \*Songs of Praise

Worship Team

***Holy Water***

***Way Maker***

## Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Rev. Allen

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 ...

*Silence for personal confession*

## Assurance of Forgiveness *(adapted from Isaiah 35:10)*

Rev. Allen

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!**

## Greeting

## Sharing with Young Disciples

Mike Jones

## Wow Moments

Rev. Spencer

## Recognition of Graduates *(see insert)*

Rev. Spencer

## Way of the Week [Video](#) – Leslie 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.

## Prayers of the People & Offertory

Rev. Spencer

*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.*

## Song of Praise

Worship Team

***Fill My Cup***

## Sermon

Rev. Wes Allen

***Being Clothed with Power***

Scripture Text: Luke 24: 35-49

Sermon Series: The Quiet Coming of the Holy Spirit

## Communion Song

Worship Team

***I Will Follow***

## Communion

Rev. Spencer

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Invitation to the Table  
Words of Institution & the Lord's Prayer  
The Bread and the Cup (*Please prepare a communion serving for yourself and any who are worshipping with you.*)  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Allen

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## 11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

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<b>Worship Team:</b>	Martin Bass-Guitar; Don Stevens-Bass; Wes Allen-Electric Guitar; Barry Overton-Drums; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Christine Bass-Keyboards; Cheryl Stevens-Vocals
<b>Audio Operator:</b>	Taylor Adair
<b>Visuals Operator:</b>	Alice Conley
<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	Martha Derry and Fran Green
<b>Usher:</b>	Greg Connlain or Steve Connlain
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	Bill Conner
<b>Check-in:</b>	Deacon Caroline Joyce
<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 Franz Schneider and our parents by Sheila Schneider.

**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 tools and resources for daily application. – *Fellowship Hall A*. **Concludes May 21.**
- **Youth Choir Concert** – TONIGHT, 7:00 p.m.: Come support our young choir members as they perform favorite selections from this year. They will be accompanied by the West Jersey Chamber Orchestra. Free will offering.
- **Couples' Retreat** – May 19-21: It's not too late to register for FPC Moorestown's 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 and family therapist, and dinner on Saturday. **Register** on our website under Current Events.
- **Last regular meeting for the Middle School Youth Group** will be *Wed. May 3* at the church; pizza will be served as Family Dinner concluded April 26. **The End of the Year party** for the youth group will be *Wednesday, May 10* at the Trzeciak's home (3 Walnut Court, Moorestown, 6:30-8:00 pm).

- [64<sup>th</sup> Annual Strawberry Festival](#) - *Friday, June 2, 6-9 p.m.*: The evening will bring homemade cakes with fresh strawberries & ice cream. Enjoy live bands, face painters, balloon artists, inflatables, food tent (CASH ONLY), & more! There are many opportunities to volunteer. Watch for sign up sheets. 😊
- [Stellar VBS!](#) – *June 26-30, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.*: Kids will take off on an out-of-this-world adventure that is light years of faith-building fun. Cost is \$25 (\$20/addtl. child). Please **Register by June 14** for this incredible week. See back of Connections or our event page.
- [Camp Johnsonburg](#): Camp offerings the week of *July 16–21* include **Elementary Students** (2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade) - **Mystery Camp and Middle & High School Students** (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade): **Night Owl**. 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, so sign up soon! Register at [www.campjburg.org](http://www.campjburg.org). Camper registration ranges from \$590-\$890 for the week. Scholarships are available through The Presbytery For Southern New Jersey and First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown.
- **Options for Women** -- 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 bottles to church on *Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>* and join us for a baby shower at 9:45 am to share brunch and hear speakers from Options.
- **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.
- Ribbon Cutting of the [Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden](#) – *Monday, June 12 at 6:00 pm* by the garden
- **Ways Guide** -- The next round of our Ways (Round 10), begins TODAY (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.

#### **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, the Beadle Elder is 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.