



**Sunday, May 14, 2023** ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter; CREDO Recognition, Mother's Day  
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. Stuart Spencer

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### \*Responsive Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 62)

Our souls wait in silence;  
**our hope rests in God**  
our rock  
**our salvation**  
our refuge.  
**We will not be shaken.**  
In this time of worship,  
**we pour out our hearts because we trust in God's steadfast love.**  
Come, my friends, and let us worship God!

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### \*Songs of Praise

Worship Team

***All For You***  
***The Blessing***

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### Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Rev. Spencer

**O Creating, Everlasting God who loved us into being, we your children praise you. When we fall, you lift us up, when we fail you restore us, when we are wounded you nurse us, when we grieve you weep with us, when we celebrate you laugh with us. But sometimes we don't reach out to you, we are embarrassed, or we forget, or we feel silly. Help us to reach out to you at any and all times of our lives we pray. Amen**

*Silence for personal confession*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

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Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## Greeting

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### Recognition of CREDO Members

Rev. Wes Allen

Carson Cristella (11:00, mentor Jonathan Schramm), Will Gaskill (8:30, mentor Rich Corbin),  
Avery LaMonica (mentor Dave Fauvell), Alex Perkowski (8:30, mentor Steve Connlain).

### Wow Moments

Rev. Allen

### Way of the Week #2: Speak the Truth with Love-Dr. Amit Joshi

Rev. Allen

- 2. SPEAK THE TRUTH WITH LOVE.** Speak honestly and directly in a way that clearly reflects love and support for one another. Be courageous enough to say what needs to be said, even when it's difficult. Address issues directly with those who are involved or affected; speak to, not about, others.

**Ideas for Action (try to complete by 12 noon Tuesday):** Is there a difficult conversation you've been delaying? Is there someone you've been talking about instead of being direct? Pray for courage and grace to have the conversation, in person, if possible.

### Prayers of the People & 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.*

### Offertory

Worship Team

***I Give Myself Away***

### Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

***Don't Leave Before the Miracle***

Scripture Text: Acts 1: 1-5

Sermon Series: The Quiet Coming of the Holy Spirit

### Closing Song

Worship Team

***You Won't Let Go***

### Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

## 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>	Stacy Schaffer, Karin Miller and Sherrell Fitts
<b>Usher:</b>	Jeff Legath and/or Matt LaGrou
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	Jeff Legath
<b>Check-in:</b>	Deacon Jeff Mason
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Chelsea Margerum (volunteers needed)
<b>Nursery Caregiver:</b>	Amy Coombe

**Worship flowers** are given by Rumi Sinunu to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband Jack.

**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.

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

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- **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.
- **June 4: Legacy Giving/Wills Emphasis Sunday**, invites us to consider how to share the blessings God has given us beyond our lifetime through donations, wills, memorials, and personal estate planning.
- **We are currently ordering tee shirts** for upcoming events for the Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden. Shirts are \$15-19 and we are accepting online orders only at this time. Orders are due **by Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** so we will have the shirts for the Garden Dedication June 12 as well as the Strawberry Festival. Please visit at <https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1761613> to order and pay.
- **Ribbon Cutting of the Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden** – *Monday, June 12 at 6:00 pm* by the garden. We will be joined by Moorestown Mayor Nicole Gillespie, members of the town council and the Ritter family who have graciously funded the initial construction of the garden. Please join us as Pastor Spencer dedicates the garden, Mayor Gillespie offers her support and the Ritter family cuts the ribbon to commemorate the official start of this new ministry to the Moorestown community. See our event page and website for all the current garden happenings.
- **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! Free will offering (suggested \$8 adults, \$4 children). There are many opportunities to volunteer. [See sign up sheets ONLINE](#) and in the narthex and Commons Lobby. 😊
- **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. Adults and Teen Volunteers (7<sup>th</sup> grade and older): we need you! Sign up on the [VBS page in 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 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.
- **Adult Spiritual Formation:** We are offering two classes: **You & Me Forever** (4/16-6/11): [Register](#) on our website under Current Events. - *Hayes Room*. **The Book of Acts** - Acts chronicles some of the most important events in Christian history. Explore these historic events and tools and resources for daily application. – *Fellowship Hall A*. **Concludes May 21**.
- **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 **11:30 am** to share brunch and hear speakers from Options (*note time change due to summer hours*)
- **PW Spring Gathering** -- **Thursday, June 8 at 6:00 pm** ~ Miller Commons. Come hear engaging speakers: Jen Allen, Rev. Debby Brincivalli & Dr. Leslie Spencer. Boxed dinner available \$15 (see order form on [event page](#)-orders due **May 25**); an event of the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery For Southern New Jersey
- **Ways Guide** -- The next round of our Ways (Round 10), began May 7. 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.
- **Summer Worship Schedule** -- The Worship Committee has announced that summer worship hours will begin on **Sunday, June 4**, and will conclude Sunday, Sept. 3. Worship times will shift to 9:00 am Traditional and 10:30 am Contemporary, beginning June 4. There is no children's Sunday School or Adult Spiritual Formation in the summer.

#### **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.