



Sunday, May 21, 2023 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter, Teacher Appreciation

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. Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Veni Creator Spiritus

Guilmant

***Responsive Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 100)**

Elder Leonard Fitts

Make a joyful noise to the Lord.

Worship God with gladness.

Come into God's presence with singing.

We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

Give thanks to the Lord; bless God's holy name,

for God's steadfast love is present now and endures forever.

***Prayer of Adoration**

Elder Fitts

***Hymn No. 303**

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine (Tune 59)

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession

Elder Fitts

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O Lord, you are our shepherd, and yet we want.
We lie down when we could act, we stir the pot when we could offer peace,
We wander tempting paths instead of following you.
We see courage and comfort in earthly things rather than in you.
We hate our enemies and refuse to break bread with them, we see scarcity even when you offer us abundance.
We pray for forgiveness, for your goodness and mercy, so that we might dwell in You, in your grace, forever. Amen.

Silent prayer for personal confession

Assurance of Pardon

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Alleluia! Amen.

*Gloria Patri No. 805

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Spencer

Solo

O Lord, Whose Mercies Numberless

Handel

Tyler Kim, Tenor

O Lord, whose mercies numberless o'er all Thy works prevail.
Though daily mankind Thy laws transgress, Thy patience cannot fail.
If yet our sins remain before Thee, let Thy love our lives control.
Now, Lord, within us repentance see, and come to heal each wounded soul.

Thank You to our Teachers and Leaders (see insert)

Rev. Spencer

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

Way of the Week #3: Listen Generously

- 3. LISTEN GENEROUSLY.** Be quick to listen and do so with your undivided attention. Minimize the distractions and let go of the need to agree or disagree. Suspend your judgment and be curious to know more rather than jumping to conclusions. Above all, listen to understand.

Ideas for Action (try to do by 12 noon Tuesday): Put aside phones and laptops. Turn off the TV or computer and face someone you love. Focus on what the other is saying; not on what you want to say. Be careful that you're not interrupting because you're not listening to them.

Offertory

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<i>Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.</i> <small>Mat. 6:21</small>	My Offering Name: _____ Address: _____ Amount: _____
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Offertory Music

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

O Worship the King

Eithun

Bell Choir: Jim Cole, Barbara Fletcher, Lissa Herman, Melissa McNab, Sawyer McNab, Peg Pierce, Stacy Schaffer, Vicki Terry; Marion Norcross, Director

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"You Will Receive _____"

Scripture Text: Acts 1: 6-11 (page 118 Pew Bible NT)

*Hymn No. 293

Spirit, Working in Creation

Music in Preparation for Service

Joel Krott, Organ

Come Holy Ghost, Lord God

Armsdorf

Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Brian Gaskill)

Rev. Spencer

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8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Leonard Fitts; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** DFX Sound Vision; **Flower Arrangers:** Debbie Heller, Carol Benner and Lisa Heisler; **3rd Sunday Flower Delivery:** Diane Samuel and Mike McNeil; **3rd Sunday Flower Arranger:** Jo Ann Reynik; **Ushers:** Dave Rebuck, Brett Couvillion, James Clinton; **Trustee Greeter:** John Miller; **Check-In Volunteer:** Deacon Diane Samuel; **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe; **Hospitality:** Jane Murphy, Mike McNeil, Lissa Herman, Jo Ann Reynik

Worship flowers are given by Jane Murphy in loving memory of her dear husband Kim Murphy.



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.

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

- **TODAY: Last day of children's Sunday School is today, May 21**, Teacher Appreciation Sunday. We will recognize our teachers, small group leaders, DBS leaders and youth leaders (see insert).
- **On Sunday, May 28, Pentecost Sunday**, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper at both services. We will not partake in communion on Sunday, June 4. You are encouraged to wear red for Pentecost.
- **NEW: [Worship Survey](#)** -- The Worship Committee asks all members to please complete a [brief online survey](#) regarding worship times and formats at FPC Moorestown. Hard copies are also available in both worship spaces if needed. **Please complete by May 31.** Questions, please see [Paul Booker](#), Worship chair.
- **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. ☺ Adults and Teen Volunteers (7th grade and older): we need you! Sign up on the VBS page.
- Registration is OPEN for summer camp at Camp Johnsonburg **July 16-21**. [See event page for all the fun!](#)
- **[64th Strawberry Festival](#) – Friday, June 2 (6:00-9:00 pm)**; find sign up sheets ONLINE and at church, sign up 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.](#)
- 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 **11:30 am** to share brunch and hear speakers from Options For Women (*note time change due to summer hours*)
- Dedication 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 has graciously funded the initial construction of the garden. Please join us as the family cuts the ribbon to commemorate this new ministry to the Moorestown community.
- **Help us continue our live stream ministry.** 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! [See event page.](#)
- New officers will be examined by Session **May 23 (7 pm)**. Installation and Ordination of officers will be May 28. Terms begin June 1. Thank you to our outgoing officers and welcome to our new church leaders
- **[Summer worship hours](#)** will begin **Sunday, June 4** and conclude Sunday, Sept. 3. Worship shifts to 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) and 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons). There is no children's Sunday School or Adult Spiritual Formation in the summer (adult class ends June 11).
- **[The funeral reception committee](#)** is a valuable asset to our church. This ministry team provides a time of hospitality and fellowship following the funeral worship service. Several volunteers are needed to help set up, serve, and clean up after the funeral receptions, which are usually held in Fellowship Hall. Please contact leader Winnie Lyall at wlyall43@gmail.com or 856-305-4969 to volunteer for this team.