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Rev. Stuart Spencer, Pastor/Head of Staff Rev. Wesley Allen, Associate Pastor



**Sunday, May 21, 2023** ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

**Songs of Praise** 

Worship Team

You, You Are God Fighting for My Heart/Chasing After Me

## **Prayer of Confession** (unison)

Leslie Spencer

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.

Silence for personal confession

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

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.

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### **Sharing with Young Disciples**

Holly Asciutto

Wow Moments Rev. Spencer

## Way of the Week Video – Bryan Gaskill

**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:** 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.

# **Moment for Stephen Ministry**

Elizabeth Drzaszcz

## **Prayers of the People & Offertory**

Rev. Spencer

THANK YOU for your faithfulness in remembering the FPC Moorestown with your giving. Your offerings allow us to sustain church programs. Take advantage of secure <u>automatic withdrawal</u> or donate from your phone via the Church Center app. If you are watching via live stream, you can give online now as well. When mailing your offerings, please send to **P.O. Box 868, Moorestown, NJ 08057**.

**Song of Praise** 

Worship Team

**Holy Spirit** 

Sermon Rev. Spencer

You Will Receive

Scripture Text: Acts 1:6-11

Sermon Series: The Quiet Coming of the Holy Spirit

Closing Song Worship Team

Awesome is the Lord Most High

**Benediction and Going Forth** 

Rev. Spencer

### 11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team: Martin Bass-Guitar; Don Stevens-Bass; Barry Overton-Drums; Rebecca

Neindorff-Piano; Christine Bass-Keyboard; Cheryl Stevens-Vocals

Flower Arrangers: Debbie Heller, Karin Miller and Sherrell Fitts

**Deacon Deliverers:** Mike McNeil and Diane Samuel **Usher:** Dave Barr or JoAnn Reynik

Trustee Greeter: Brian Catanella
Check-in: Andrew Ehala
Hospitality: Need volunteers
Nursery Caregiver: Amy Coombe

**Today's pulpit flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Kim Murphy, by Jane.

<u>Check-ins</u>: Check-in is <u>self-check in only</u> 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.

TODAY: Last day of children's Sunday School, Teacher Appreciation Sunday. We will recognize our teachers, Small Group leaders, DBS leaders, and Youth leaders (see insert).

**NEW:** Worship Survey - The Worship Committee asks all members to complete a <u>brief online survey</u> 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 <u>Paul Booker</u>, Worship Chair.

On **May 28, Pentecost Sunday**, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper at both Services. We will not partake in communion on June 4. You are encouraged to wear red for Pentecost.

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 the tools and resources for daily application in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. – *Fellowship Hall A* 

<u>64<sup>th</sup> Strawberry Festival</u> – **Friday, June 2 (6:00-9:00 p.m.):** Find sign-up sheets ONLINE and at church 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.

<u>Stellar VBS!</u> – 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**. Adults and Teen Volunteers (7<sup>th</sup> grade & older): we need you! Sign up on the VBS page.

**Camp Johnsonburg**: Camp Offerings the week of July 16–21 include:

- 1. **Elementary Students** (2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade) **Mystery Camp**: Your group will have to solve the mystery over the course of the week. 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 for this one, so sign up soon!
- 2. **Middle School & High School students** (6<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade) **Night Owl:** Enjoy God's creation in the *dark*--with stargazing, worshiping around a campfire, glow-in-the-dark night games, and much more! Campers will get to stay up later and sleep in later. *The middle and high school programs are run separately from each other, including activities, accommodations, etc.*

Register at <a href="www.campjburg.org">www.campjburg.org</a>. Camper registration costs range from \$590-\$890 for the week. Scholarships are available through The Presbytery For Southern New Jersey and First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown.

#### **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).
- 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, Beadles 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 <a href="https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/prayer">https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/prayer</a>
- 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.