



**Sunday, May 28, 2023 ~ Pentecost; Officer Installation & Ordination; Communion**  
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- Have you **checked in** for worship today?

\*please stand as you are able

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### Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

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### Music in Preparation for Worship

Layla Joshi, Organ

**Ah, Holy Jesus**

Brahms

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### \*Responsive Call to Worship

Elder Frank Manion

Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers -- **come, Holy Spirit.**

With tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame -- **come, Holy Spirit.**

With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues -- **come, Holy Spirit.**

With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation -- **come, Holy Spirit.**

With power from above to make our weakness strong -- **come, Holy Spirit.**

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### \*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Manion

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### \*Hymn No. 290

***Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart***

\*\*\*Seating interlude

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### Call to Confession

Elder Manion

## Prayer of Confession (in unison)

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Merciful and gracious God,  
Our hearts cry out for you to make us whole again.  
Even as we celebrate that you have come to dwell within us,  
We have sinned against you and abandoned your commandments.  
We have been jealous, possessive, ambivalent, and impulsive.  
We have not heeded your Word and we have not cherished your covenant.  
Help us to glorify you in all times and in all places.  
As our souls thirst for your living waters,  
Quench our needs and satisfy our love.  
That we may come back to you and be sent forth  
To fill the world with your mercy and grace.  
In the name of your son, Jesus Christ,  
And by the power of the Holy Spirit who is at work within us, Amen.

*Silent prayer for personal confession*

## Assurance of Pardon

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God brings us new life when our bones are dry, and hope when we are hopeless. God washes us in mercy and ignites us with the Spirit.

**By the grace of God through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free. Amen.**

## \*Gloria Patri No. 805

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## Pentecost Reading

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Rev. Allen & Rev. Spencer

## Ordination and Installation of Officers

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Rev. Allen & Rev. Spencer

Elder Matt Livingston

*In Baptism each Christian is called to ministry in Christ's name. God calls some persons from the midst of congregations to fulfill particular functions, so that the ministry of the whole people of God may flourish. In ordination the church sets apart with prayer and the laying on of hands those who have been called by God through the voice of the church to serve as officers of Christ's church. In installation the church sets in place with prayer those who have been previously ordained as deacons, ruling elders, and other areas of ministry in Christ's church (adapted from the Book of Order; W-4.0401).*

**ELDERS:** Pam Engle, Gayle Payne, Melody Ransom, Dave Rebuck, Ginny Weber

**DEACONS:** Dave Barr, Karen Hynoski, Mike McNeil, Susan Shaffer, Bobbi Vogelsong, Jessica Zorn

**TRUSTEES:** Pete Honeyford, Joe Molloy, Bill Mueller

## Questions to the Congregation

1. Do we, the members of the church, accept these as Elders, Deacons and Trustees chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?
2. Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

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

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Rev. Allen

4. ALWAYS ENCOURAGE AND CELEBRATE. Show gratitude and appreciation by regularly acknowledging the good works you see everywhere. Look for signs of spiritual growth and maturity among our members and staff. When you see it, point it out and rejoice. Pass on good reports that you hear about others.

**Ideas for Action (try to complete by 12 noon Tuesday):** Write a text or a note to someone close to you who just did something wonderful or important. With many details, tell them why you're grateful or delighted by them.

Offertory

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.**

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

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

**Ah, Holy Jesus**

Bedford

Lilly Rykaczewski, Soprano; Ava Callahan, Alto

There is a green hill far away, outside a city wall,  
Where our dear Lord was crucified, Who died to save us all.  
O dearly, dearly has He loved! And we must love Him too,  
and trust in His redeeming love, and try His will to do.  
Ah, holy Jesus, how have You offended,  
that we to judge You have in hate pretended?  
By foes detrued, by Your own rejected, O most afflicted.

\*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

**"The Never Ending Sermon"**

Scripture Text: Acts 2: 37-40 (page 120 Pew Bible NT)

\*Hymn

**Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread**

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread, but do not then depart;  
Savior, abide with us and spread Thy table in our heart.  
There sup with us in love Divine; Thy body and Thy blood,  
The living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.

The Lord's Supper and Home Communion

Rev. Spencer, 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

## Music in Preparation for Service

Joel Krott, Organ

### *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*

Peeters

## Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Mindy Holman)

Rev. Spencer

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## 8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

**Beadle:** Elder Frank Manion; **Communion Elder:** Joyce Wenzke; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Flower Arrangers:** Karin Miller and Rumi Sinunu; **Ushers:** Steve Shaffer, Gail Sorin, John Miller; **Trustee Greeter:** John Miller; **Check-In Volunteer:** Deacon Jenna Cole; **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe; **Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum (volunteers needed for this ministry)

**Worship flowers** are given by Timm (Becker) and her family Eric, Emma and Claire in loving memory of Susan Becker, Bob Becker Sr., and Bob Becker Jr.

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

- [64<sup>th</sup> Strawberry Festival](#) – **Friday, June 2 (6-9 pm)**; SIGN UP ONLINE and at church, volunteer at many places that need your help. Suggested donation \$8 adults, \$4 children. Venmo too! Donate \$ via Venmo for cakes if you can't bake or buy. Event proceeds will be used for community outreach through FPC Moorestown. [See event page](#). It's just one week away. We need you. 😊
- **On 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 wills, memorials, donations and personal estate planning.
- **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 (7<sup>th</sup> grade and older): we need you! Sign up on the VBS page.
- Throughout 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. Bring the bottles to church on **Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>** and join us for a baby shower at **11:45 am** to share brunch and hear speakers from Options For Women (*note time change due to summer hours*)
- Registration is OPEN for Camp Johnsonburg summer camp **July 16-21**. [See event page for all the fun!](#)
- Dedication and ribbon cutting for the [Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden](#) – **Monday, June 12 at 6:00 pm** by the garden. Come celebrate this new community ministry. Our first crops are in!
- **NEW: [Worship Survey](#)** -- The Worship Committee asks 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. **Please complete by May 31**. Questions, please see [Paul Booker](#), Worship chair.
- [Summer worship hours](#) begin **Sunday, June 4**. 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 in the summer; Adult Spiritual Formation features new drop-in series from 10:00-10:45 am starting June 4.