



**Sunday, June 4, 2023 ~ Trinity Sunday; Legacy Giving Sunday/Wills Emphasis**  
**9:00 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. Stuart Spencer

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**Music in Preparation for Worship**

Joel Krott, Organ

***My Lord, What a Morning***

Spiritual, Arr. Hahn

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

Elder Castellanos

I wait quietly before God this morning, for my victory always comes from Him.

**God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will never be shaken.**

Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is certainly found in Him.

**Let us trust in God at all times. Pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge.**

God has spoken plainly, and I have heard it many times: Power belongs to you; unfailing love, oh Lord, is yours. So, then, let us worship God!

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**\*Prayer of Adoration**

Elder Castellanos

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**\*Hymn No. 99**

***When Morning Gilds the Skies***

\*\*\*Seating interlude

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**Call to Confession**

Elder Castellanos

## Prayer of Confession (in unison)

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Holy God, we know that in so many ways  
We have run from you,  
We have ignored your call,  
We have closed our eyes to your presence,  
We have disbelieved your mercy,  
We have disregarded your words,  
We have belittled ourselves,  
We have forsaken others.

So we ask, once again, for your forgiveness. We ask you to stay with us as we turn away from what is wrong and hurtful to what is bright and life-giving. And hear now our silent prayers.

*Silent prayer for personal confession*

## Assurance of Pardon

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Friends, let us proclaim the Good News:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

Let us go out into the world as people made new by God. **Amen.**

## \*Gloria Patri No. 805

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## Sharing with our Young Disciples

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Rev. Wes Allen

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

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Rev. Spencer

## Way of the Week #5: Assume Positive Intent

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Rev. Spencer

**5. ASSUME POSITIVE INTENT.** Decide to trust that other members are being fair, honest, and concerned for the well-being of our church. Set aside your own judgments and preconceived notions. Surrender the urge to criticize and judge – it doesn't help. Graciously give people the benefit of the doubt.

**Ideas for Action:** Take a "criticism inventory." Just how critical are you, really? Ask someone you love and trust to tell you how you're doing in this area. Try a 24-hour fast from all forms of criticism. No complaining or criticism for an entire day.

## Moment for Mission: "Live Forward. Give Forward." (see insert)

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Earl Gage, Elder

*On Legacy Giving/Wills Emphasis Sunday we ask you to consider how to share the blessings God gave you by remembering the church in your estate planning. The dream is to keep our church caring and working here after our lifetime through these legacy gifts. Visit [fpcmoorestown.org/legacy-giving/](http://fpcmoorestown.org/legacy-giving/) to learn more.*

## Offertory

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

## Offertory Music

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

### ***My Lord, What a Morning***

Spiritual, Arr. Greg Gilpin

**Chapel Choir Ensemble:** Juliet Barton, Taylor Clayton, Alivia Nawrocki, Anna Lawlor, and Thanvi Pantapali, Soprano; Ava Callahan, Lilly Rykaczewski, Amanda Appleton, Jess Zorn, Alto; Sawyer McNab, Alex Perkowski, Matthew Stewart, Ivan Denissov, Baritone

## \*Doxology No. 809

### Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

#### ***“Leaving Clues”***

**Scripture Text:** Hosea 1: 1-2:1 (page 835 Pew Bible OT)

**New Sermon Series:** God’s Huge Heart

## \*Affirmation of Faith (from *Our World Belongs to God*)

Rev. Spencer

As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world—which some seek to control, and others view with despair—we declare with joy and trust: **Our world belongs to God! From the beginning, through all the crises of our times, until the kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever: Our world belongs to God! God is King: Let the earth be glad! Christ is victor: His rule has begun! The Spirit is at work: creation is renewed! Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!**

## \*Hymn No. 644

### ***God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (Tune 20)***

## Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

### ***Tell His Praise and Sing His Story***

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## Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Mike Baker)

Rev. Spencer

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## 9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

**Beadle:** Elder Becky Castellanos; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Steve Drzaszcz; **Flower Arrangers:** Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop; **Ushers:** Michael Welch, Wendy Dougherty, Paul Grossmann; **Trustee Greeter:** Wendy Dougherty; **Check-In Volunteer:** Deacon Rachel Long; **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe; **Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum (volunteers needed for this ministry)

**Worship flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nancy O’Connor by Mike O’Connor and Morgan O’Connor.

**NEW: Our World Belongs to God.** In our summer sermon series on the book of Hosea, each Sunday, we’ll read a portion of a statement of faith called, “Our World Belongs to God,” from the Christian Reformed Church. While not having confessional status, it is meant to give a hymn-like expression of our faith within the heritage of the Reformed confessions, especially addressing issues that confront the church today. Visit <https://www.crcna.org/welcome/beliefs/contemporary-testimony/our-world-belongs-god>. (over)

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

- **TODAY:** [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). **NEW:** Adult Spiritual Formation offers a casual [Drop-in and Discuss series](#) 10:00-10:45 am in the Lounge this summer, exploring the sermon text (see additional resources on Adult Spiritual Formation page). Series begins TODAY; stop in whenever you can. Children's Sunday School is on summer break – see you in the fall. ☺ During summer months *Connections* prints every two weeks.
- [64<sup>th</sup> Strawberry Festival](#) –THANK YOU to everyone who hulled, volunteered, brought or baked cakes, donated, welcomed visitors, spooned strawberries, coordinated needs, attended, supported, wrangled children, and cleaned up at our church's largest event!
- [PW Spring Gathering](#) -- All women of the church are invited to a Joint Spring Gathering on **Thursday, June 8th at 6:00 pm** in Miller Commons for a panel presentation, "What is a Christian Woman to Do?" featuring Rev. Dr. Debby Brincivalli, Dr. Leslie Spencer and Jennifer Allen. Learn about the PWPFSNJ, its purpose and missions. Please register to attend on our [event page](#). Order forms for a boxed supper **due by Friday, June 2**. [Download a copy](#) and return to the church with \$15 payment. Contact: [Jane Murphy](#)
- **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.
- [Baby Shower](#) -- Don't forget! Only one week remains for our baby bottle campaign for Options for Women. Now is the time to finish filling your bottle with checks, cash, and coins. Bring your bottle back on **June 11**. All of your donations go to Options to provide free pregnancy screening, ultrasounds and education. Join us for a baby shower on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at **11:45 am** in Miller Commons.
- 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! See our event page for weekend dates to come water, weed, plant and harvest our garden.
- **Help us continue our live stream ministry.** We are seeking individuals high school or older to learn our live stream system and audio for our Sunday morning broadcasts. We will train! [See event page](#).
- [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. **Please complete by May 31**. Questions, please see [Paul Booker](#), Worship chair.
- [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](mailto:wlyall43@gmail.com) or 856-305-4969 to volunteer for this team.