



Sunday, June 18, 2023 ~ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

God is Able

Blessed Be Your Name

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Rev. Wes Allen

O God, You make covenants with Your people, and You keep them from generation to generation. We receive grace from You, but we are slow to extend it to others. We break our word; we bargain to get ourselves the best terms; and we find ourselves using deceit and infidelity to get our way. All too often, we can't be trusted. Thank You for never giving up on us despite all the ways we fall short. Make us keepers of our word. Equip us to say what we do and to do what we say. Pardon us for our sins — these and all others — as we continue to confess in silence ...

Silence for personal confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

When we speak of our sin. When we stop the silence and cover up. God is faithful to forgive our guilt. Let us live as people forgiven by God through Jesus Christ. Embrace forgiveness. Embrace the resurrection and proclaim God's salvation to the ends of the earth.
Thanks be to God!

Greeting

Baptism

Revs. Spencer & Allen; Elder Gayle Payne

James Macpherson Dempster

Parents: Evan & Cara Dempster

Mila Valentina Macbride

Parents: Daniel & Ariana Macbride

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

Rev. Allen

Our new life in Christ is celebrated and nourished in the fellowship of congregations, where we praise God's name, hear the Word proclaimed, learn God's ways, confess our sins, offer our prayers and gifts, and celebrate the sacraments.

God meets us in the sacraments, communicating grace to us by means of water, bread and wine. In baptism, whether of the newly born or newly converted, God reminds and assures us of our union with Christ in covenant love, the washing away of our sin, and the gift of the Holy Spirit — expecting our love and trust in return.

Congregational Response: *Jesus Loves Me, This I Know*

Wow Moments

Rev. Spencer

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Way of the Week [Video](#) – Kelly Sponseller

7. CELEBRATE OUR UNITY, SAVOR OUR DIVERSITY. Thank God that, like parts of the human body, we're not all the same. Be open to learn from others regardless of their age, background, experience, or tenure with our church. We make better decisions and grow as people when we consider multiple perspectives. Listen with curiosity to others and consider how to use their ideas.

Ideas for Action: Seek out someone from a different background, culture, or race and meet three or four times to get to know their lives and stories. Pray with them for racial and social healing.

Sermon

Rev. Allen

What's Love Got to Do with It?

Scripture Text: [Hosea 2:14-3:5](#)

Sermon Series: God's Huge Heart

Closing Song

Worship Team

Jesus, We Love You

Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Allen

10:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team:	Martin Bass-Guitar; Don Stevens-Bass; Barry Overton-Drums; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Christine Bass-Keyboards; Cheryl Stevens, Michelle Davis-Vocals
Flower Arrangers:	Stacy Shaffer and Karen Mason
Delivery Flower Arranger:	Lisa Heisler
Usher:	Dave Barr
Trustee Greeter:	Mike Welch
Check-in:	Jenna Cole
Hospitality:	Chelsea Margerum
Nursery Caregiver:	Amy Coombe

Today's pulpit flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Boyce M. Adams by Lucy Rorke-Adams.

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: <https://www.crcna.org/welcome/beliefs/contemporary-testimony/our-world-belongs-god>.

Sermon Series: Use this link to our website to access [additional resources](#) for our new Sermon Series on the Book of Hosea.

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.

Summer worship hours: Worship shifts to 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (*Sanctuary*) and 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Commons*). Adult Spiritual Formation offers a casual drop-in series 10:00-10:45 am in the Lounge. There is no children's Sunday School in the summer. During summer months, *Connections* prints every two weeks.

Adult Spiritual Formation: Drop in & Discuss - Join us each Sunday morning this summer, beginning June 4, to discuss the day's sermon text. We will gather from 10:00-10:45 a.m. Get your coffee and drop in for 10 minutes or for 40. – *Lounge*

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). **Adults & Teen Volunteers** (7th grade & older): **we need you!** Sign up on the VBS page.

Family Paintballing, Pemberton, NJ – Thurs., July 13 from 8:30 am-4:30 pm: Join us for an action-packed day of Paintballing in the Pine Barrens. (The minimum age to participate is 10 years old.) Cost: \$70 per person; \$50 w/ your own equipment - [Register & pay online](#).

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

1. **Elementary Students** (2nd -5th 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** (6th–12th grade) – **Night Owl:** Enjoy God's creation in the *dark*--with stargazing, worshipping 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 www.campjburg.org. 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.

Whitewater Rafting! *Lehigh River, PA* - Sat., **Aug. 5** from **8:00 am-5:00 pm**: Everyone is welcome, so bring the whole family & invite your friends for an unforgettable experience. (The minimum age to participate is 8 years old.) Cost: \$70 per person - [Sign up & pay online](#).

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*)
- **Thursdays 7:00 PM** – Prayer on the Porch – Join our Prayer Team for a time of prayer on the Van Camp Porch (*1st & 3rd Thursdays June-Sept.*)
- **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 <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.