



Sunday, June 25, 2023 ~ 4th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 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. Wes Allen

Music in Preparation for Worship

Joel Krott, Organ

A New Ground

Purcell Z T682

***Responsive Call to Worship**

Elder Grossmann

Who is this God whom we have come to worship?

God, who is the Creator of all.

The Creator of birds and trees, wind and sea?

God is the Creator of all things, seen and unseen.

Then let us worship the God of Creation, the God of all things, great and small.

Let us worship God!

***Prayer of Adoration**

Elder Grossmann

***Hymn No. 312**

How Sure The Scriptures Are!

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Mouris Yousef

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, deed, and attitude, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your name. Amen.

Silent prayer for personal confession

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus calls us to be His own and to live as a forgiven, free, and grace-filled people. We have been made holy through the death of Jesus Christ.

This is God's Gospel promise: to forgive our sins and to give us eternal life by grace alone because of Christ's one sacrifice, completed on the cross. Amen.

*Gloria Patri No. 805

Commissioning for Vacation Bible School (see insert)

Rev. Allen

*The 2023 edition of Vacation Bible School begins **tomorrow!** VBS is June 26-30, 9 am-noon, and involves over 100 children and volunteers. At "Stellar" VBS children will launch on a cosmic quest and have a blast shining Jesus' light into the world. Open to the community. **See the insert for how you can P-R-A-Y-F-O-R-V-B-S.***

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

Rev. Allen

Way of the Week #8: Jump In

8. JUMP IN. Life is full of unexpected problems and needs, large and small. Pay attention to moments when God calls you to action, no matter how ordinary or extraordinary the situation may be. See "disruptions" as invitations to share Christ's love. Write a note. Visit the sick or the grieving. Share a meal.

Moment for Mission: World Refugee Day

Jean Kunkel

World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honor refugees around the globe. It falls each year on June 20th and celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution. Look for special pew envelopes today for donations to the ministry of our missionary Nadia Ayoub who is working with Ukrainian refugees in Greece. For information visit <https://www.unhcr.org/world-refugee-day>.

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.*

<i>Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matt. 6:21</i>	My Offering	
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Offertory Music

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

We Sing to Him

Purcell

Alivia Nawrocki, Soprano

We sing to Him Whose wisdom formed the ear, our songs, let Him Who gave us voices hear;
We joy in God Who is the spring of mirth, Who loves the harmony of heav'n and earth;
Our humble sonnets shall that praise rehearse, Who is the music of the universe.
And whilst we sing, and whilst we sing we consecrate our art, and offer up with every tongue a heart.

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"The Case Against Us"

Scripture Text: Hosea 4: 1-12 (page 837 Pew Bible OT)

New Sermon Series: God's Huge Heart

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

"Fallen in that first sin, we prove each day that apart from grace we are guilty sinners: we fail to thank God, we break God's laws, we ignore our tasks. Looking for life without God, we find death; grasping for freedom outside the law, we trap ourselves in Satan's snares; pursuing pleasure, we lose the gift of joy." Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Hymn No. 462

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Music in Preparation for Service

Joel Krott, Organ

When in the Hour of Utmost Need

J.S. Bach BWV 641

Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Kari Rotter)

Rev. Spencer

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9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Paul Grossmann; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Flower Arrangers:** Carol Morgan and JoAnn Reynik; **Ushers:** Dave Rebeck, Brett Couvillion, James Clinton; **Trustee Greeter:** Matt Moxhay; **Check-In Volunteer:** Deacon Kourtney de la Cruz; **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe; **Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum (volunteers needed for this ministry)

Worship flowers are given by Barbara Lewis to the glory of God and in loving memory of the marriage of Allen and Barbara Lewis.

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>.

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

- **YES, you can walk in to register for Vacation Bible School – it starts TOMORROW!** [See our event page](#). At *Stellar* VBS we will launch on a cosmic quest where we will have a blast shining Jesus' light into the world. ☺ Open to the community so bring your friends. VBS is June 26-30, 9 am – noon. **See how you can P-R-A-Y-E-R-V-B-S on the insert.**
- **For VBS Mission Time**, the students will be making holdover bags for Christian Caring Center's ministry with the homeless. [See our event page](#) for items you can donate for this special collection.
- **NEW: Youth Summer Book Study**, Wednesday evenings starting **June 21**, led by Cheryl Gaskill and Dave Fauvell. SIGN UP on our [event page](#)! We'll be looking at "More Than A Carpenter" by Josh McDowell, a skeptic turned believer, and his son, Sean McDowell.
- **Summer Reminders:** Summer Worship is 9:00 a.m. Traditional and 10:30 a.m. Contemporary. Adult Spiritual Formation offers a drop-in series **10:00-10:45 am** in the Lounge. Children's Sunday School is on summer break – see you in the fall. ☺ During summer months *Connections* prints every two weeks.
- **For July and August, we will not be offering the Thursday Prayer Service. Instead, the congregation is encouraged to participate in [Thursday Evening Prayer on the Porch](#).** Come pray with the Prayer Committee on the first and third Thursdays at 7:00 pm: remaining dates **July 6**; July 20; Aug. 3; Aug. 17
- **High Schoolers:** Did you know we have a summer camp trip in July! Join Burlington County Young Life for an incredible [summer camp July 19-24](#) at Saranac Village, NY. [See the scoop on our event page!](#)
- Registration is OPEN for Camp Johnsonburg summer camp **July 16-21**. [See event page for all the fun!](#)
- **Recent Member Reception & Ice Cream Social: Sunday, July 30, 5th Sunday, 9:30 am** Blended Worship. After our Fifth Sunday worship we have something very special planned -- a church-wide ice cream social and reception to honor our recent church members, coordinated by the Membership Committee and Deacons. *SIGN UP on our event page and through the Church Center app SIGNUPS.* ☺
- **Trek Malawi with UrbanPromise** -- Pastor Spencer will be away July 7-18 joining Jim Dugan and other riders on a 300-mile bicycle trek through the country of Malawi for UrbanPromise. For pastoral concerns please contact Rev. Wes Allen or the church office. You can pray along with Stuart, Jim and the group daily. Watch for a *Prayer Guide* on our website and event pages.
- **NEW! Family Paintball and Whitewater Rafting!** Check out our events page online or through *Signups* on the Church Center app about two exciting family adventures this summer. Sign up and pay online at <https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/registrations/events>.
- Would you like to **donate flowers** in honor or memory of someone special? Openings remain for several dates this summer. Each vase is \$40. Contact Rumi Sinunu at (856) 266-4047 cell or rts319@gmail.com.
- **Please submit 2023-24 event dates**, room requests, planning dates and meeting schedules to the church office by **August 1** for the church calendar and summer staff planning session.

