



Sunday, July 16, 2023 ~ 7th 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

Pastorale

Richard Purvis

*Responsive Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 12)

Elder Pam Engle

Help, Lord, for the godly are no more; the faithful have vanished from among men.

Everyone lies to his neighbor; their flattery lips speak with deception.

May the Lord cut off all flattering lips and every boastful tongue that says, 'We will triumph with our tongues; we own our lips – who is our master?'

Because of the oppression of the weak and the groaning of the needy, I will now arise, says the Lord, "I will protect them from those who malign them."

And the words of the Lord are flawless, like silver refined in a furnace of clay, purified seven times.

O Lord, you will keep us safe and protect us from such people forever.

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Engle

*Hymn No. 340

Amid the Thronging Worshipers

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession

Elder Engle

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Elder Engle

Gracious Lord, our efforts at being faithful seem to produce mixed results. Sometimes we do what is right and the result is pain and suffering. Other times we turn our back on what is right and things seem to go just fine. Faithful living is confusing to us. Forgive us when we are faithful in order to gain an advantage. Forgive us when we reject faithful living because we can't see any benefit in it for ourselves. Have mercy on us, we pray, and help us to love You so deeply that the one desire of our heart is to honor you with our lives, no matter what the outcome. Hear us now, O Lord, in this moment of silent prayer and confession, as we release our burdens to you.

Silent prayer for personal confession

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Engle

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful. He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sin.

In Christ we are forgiven! Hallelujah. Amen.

*Gloria Patri No. 805

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Allen

Way of the Week #11: Make Others at Home Here

Rev. Allen

11. MAKE OTHERS AT HOME HERE. Warmly welcome newcomers and visitors. Offer your name with a smile. Reach out and greet the person you don't know after worship, during Coffee Hour, in Youth Group or Sunday School. Show a genuine interest in others.

Ideas for Action: Look for someone you don't know very well. Invite that person for coffee, a walk or a meal and get to know them. Keep your eyes peeled for the guest or visitor at our church and offer your name with a smile of welcome. Stay open to adding a new friend.

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

Rev. Allen

Offertory

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

Joel Krott, Piano

Come Unto Him

James P. Dunn

Frank Mitchell, Bass

All ye who wander, wearied and distressed, all ye whose souls are sad and care oppress'd,
All ye who dread the falling of the night,
Come unto Him Whose love makes all things right.
All ye who mourn whose grief is unconsol'd, all ye whose tale of tears is never told,

All ye whose ills, no human help can cure,
Come unto Him Whose loving aid is sure.
All ye who dwell in fear of what may be, all ye who dare not voice afflictions plea,
All ye who anguish hopeless in your sin,
Come unto Him Whose love will take you in.

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Wes Allen

“Don’t Be a Wild ... ”

Scripture Text: Hosea 6:11 – 7:3; 7:11-12; 8:4, 7-9 (page 838 Pew Bible OT)

Sermon Series: God’s Huge Heart

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

Rev. Allen

In our world, where many journey alone, nameless in the bustling crowd, Satan and his evil forces seek whom they may scatter and isolate; but God, by his gracious choosing in Christ, gathers a new community— those who by God’s gift put their trust in Christ. In the new community all are welcome: the homeless come home, the broken find healing, the sinner makes a new start, the despised are esteemed, the least are honored, and the last are first. Here the Spirit guides and grace abounds.

*Hymn No. 532

Be Thou My Vision

Music in Preparation for Service

Joel Krott, Organ

Be Thou My Vision

Jane Nixon

Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Alecia Connlain)

Rev. Allen

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9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Pam Engle; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Flower Arrangers:** Debbie Heller and JoAnn Reynik; **3rd Sunday Deacon Flower Arranger:** JoAnn Reynik; **3rd Sunday Deacon Flower Deliverers:** Vicki Terry and Mike McNeil; **Ushers:** Paul Lewis, Barry Leatherman, Leonard Fitts; **Trustee Greeter:** Bill Mueller; **Check-In Volunteer:** Deacon Andrew Ehala; **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe; **Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum (volunteers needed for this ministry)

Worship flowers are given to the glory of God and with prayers of thanksgiving for Nate Mann’s heart surgery.

[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, and *Connections* prints every two weeks in the summer. Fifth Sunday is July 30 (**9:30 am** blended worship, *Miller Commons*.)

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

- **Congregational Meeting** -- Following 5th Sunday worship July 30 in **Miller Commons**, there will be a brief Congregational Meeting to elect two (2) Deacons and one (1) Trustee. [See the Official Notice here ...](#)
- **Recent Member Reception & Ice Cream Social: Sunday, July 30, 5th Sunday, 9:30 am** Blended Worship. After worship, stop in Fellowship Hall for a church-wide ice cream social and reception to honor the past four new member classes, coordinated by the Membership Committee and Deacons. **PLEASE RSVP on our event page and through the Church Center app SIGNUPS.**
- **Help needed to clean the mission house property** -- The Millers will return to Carol's House on July 20 and spend a year with us while they plan their retirement from the mission field. The property needs some TLC. If you are available to weed, blow out flower beds and trim bushes anytime before the Miller's arrive, your help will be greatly appreciated! Please let Linda Jagiela by emailing missions@FPCMoorestown or texting 267-275-7582.
- **Lunch for Camden VBS students at Atsion Lake** -- On **Thursday, July 27**, volunteers are needed to make and take lunch for 25 VBS students from Bridge of Peace Church in Camden. If you can make cookies in advance, donate watermelon, or come serve at Atsion Lake please let Linda Jagiela know (missions@FPCMoorestown or text 267-275-7582)
- **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 Malawi, Africa for UrbanPromise. For pastoral concerns please contact Rev. Wes Allen or the church office. [Follow along with the Prayer Guide on our website and event pages](#) and pray for the group daily. On Sunday, July 23 Stuart will share his trip's adventures.
- **Youth Summer Book Study**, Wednesday evenings, 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.
- For July and August, our Thursday Prayer Service is on hiatus. All are encouraged to come to **Thursday Evening Prayer on the Porch** and pray with the Prayer Committee on the first and third Thursdays at 7:00 pm: remaining dates: **July 20; Aug. 3; Aug. 17**. In case of rain or excessive heat, we will pray in the Lounge.
- **NEW! Whitewater Rafting (August 5)!** Check out our [events page online](#) or through *Signups* on the Church Center app about an exciting family adventure. Sign up and pay online at <https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/registrations/events>.
- **EVENT:** Come enjoy fun in the sun and volunteer at the **Children's Fresh Air Home on Thursday, August 17** in North Wildwood. The campers are from UrbanPromise and we will be serving them lunch, and helping with this day at the beach. Carpool from the church; contact [Linda Jagiela](mailto:Linda.Jagiela) if you can help: 267-275-7582 cell/text or missions@fpcmoorestown.org.
- **Please submit 2023-24 event dates**, room requests, planning dates and meeting schedules to Jan or Alison in the church office by August 1 for the church calendar and summer staff planning.
- **Read an Update letter** from Pastor Stuart with exciting news of Dave Fauvell's hiring as youth director, 5th Sunday reception July 30, September worship times and our Presbytery. *Find it on our website, event page, and eblast.*