



Sunday, July 16, 2023 ~ Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

Joy

Overcome

Call to and Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Rev. Allen

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.

Silence for personal confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

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.

Greeting

Sharing with Our Young Disciples

Wow Moments

Way of the Week [Video](#) – Alecia Connlain

11. MAKE OTHERS AT HOME HERE. Warmly welcome 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 visitor at our church and offer your name with a smile of welcome. Stay open to adding a new friend.

Song of Praise

Worship Team

The Great I Am

Sermon

Rev. Allen

Don't Be a Wild...

Scripture Text: [Hosea 6:11-7:3](#), 11-12; 8:4, 7-9

Sermon Series: God's Huge Heart

¹¹ For you also, O Judah, a harvest is appointed. When I would restore the fortunes of my people ¹ when I would heal Israel, the corruption of Ephraim is revealed, and the wicked deeds of Samaria; for they deal falsely, the thief breaks in, and the bandits raid outside. ² But they do not consider that I remember all their wickedness. Now their deeds surround them, they are before my face. ³ By their wickedness they make the king glad, and the officials by their treachery.

¹¹ Ephraim has become like a dove, silly and without sense; they call upon Egypt, they go to Assyria. ¹² As they go, I will cast my net over them; I will bring them down like birds of the air; I will discipline them according to the report made to their assembly.

⁴ They made kings but not through me; they set up princes but without my knowledge. With their silver and gold, they made idols for their own destruction.

⁷ For they sow the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind. The standing grain has no heads, it shall yield no meal; if it were to yield, foreigners would devour it. ⁸ Israel is swallowed up; now they are among the nations as a useless vessel. ⁹ For they have gone up to Assyria, a wild ass wandering alone; Ephraim has bargained for lovers.

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

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.

Closing Song

Worship Team

Jesus, Lover of My Soul (It's All About You)

10:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team:	Martin Bass-Guitar; Don Stevens-Bass; Barry Overton-Drums; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Christine Bass-Keyboard; Cheryl Stevens, Sharon Budka-Vocals
Flower Arrangers:	Debbie Heller and JoAnn Reynik
Delivery Flower Arranger:	JoAnn Reynik
Usher:	Greg Connlain or Steve Connlain
Trustee Greeter:	Peter Honeyford
Check-in:	JoAnn Reynik
Hospitality:	Chelsea Margerum
Nursery Caregiver:	Amy Coombe

Today's pulpit flowers are given to the glory of God.

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*

Youth Summer Book Study - Wednesday evenings, led by Cheryl Gaskill and Dave Fauvell. SIGN UP on our [Event page](#)! We're looking at "More Than A Carpenter" by Josh McDowell, a skeptic turned believer, and his son, Sean McDowell.

During July and August, we are suspending the Thursday Evening Prayer Service. You are encouraged to join the Prayer Committee for [Prayer on the Porch](#) at **7:00 p.m.** (*July 20, Aug. 3, 17, Sept. 7, 21*) for a time of prayer & fellowship on the Van Camp Porch. (*In the case of inclement weather, it will be held in the Lounge.*)

Missions Minded

Help Needed at Mission House: The Millers will return to Carol's House on July 20 and will spend a year with us. The property needs some TLC. If you are available to weed, blow out flowerbeds, and trim bushes anytime before the Millers arrive, your help will be greatly appreciated. Please let Linda Jagiela know by e-mailing missions@fpcmoorestown.org or texting 267-275-7582.

Lunch for VBS Students at Atsion Lake: On Thursday, July 27, volunteers are needed to make and take lunch to 25 VBS students from Bridge of Peace Church. If you can assist by baking cookies, donating watermelon, or coming and serving at Atsion Lake, please let Linda Jagiela know by e-mailing missions@fpcmoorestown.org or texting 267-275-7582.

Special Congregational Meeting – July 30, 10:30 a.m.: A Meeting will be held immediately following the 9:30 Worship Service to elect two Deacons and one Trustee to a term of office beginning June 1, 2023.

Ice Cream Social - July 30 at 10:45 am, Fellowship Hall: Plan to stay after the 9:30 Service for food, fellowship, and to welcome the newest members of our church.

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** – 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.fpcmoorestown.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.