



Sunday, July 23, 2023 ~ 8th 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. Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

Joel Krott, Organ

Adagio

Mozart K. 356

*Responsive Call to Worship

Elder Gayle Payne

We have gathered in God's holy presence, the One who etches grace on our hearts.

This is the place where God will transform us into disciples.

We glorify our God, who yearns for justice, not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

This is the place where God will write compassion on our souls.

We give thanks to God for unceasing grace; we remember God's persistence in saving us.

This is the place where God will breathe the Word into our lives.

Come, you who loved by the Lord, and let us worship God!

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Gayle Payne

*Hymn No. 745

Jesus Shall Reign

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession

Elder Payne

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Elder Payne

God of Glory, sometimes it seems we cannot decide. We say we will live to serve others, but end up meeting only our needs. We claim to live in a way that honors Christ, but we do not take him to work, school, home. We believe that the gospel can transform the lives of others, but leave little room for transformation in our own live. Forgive us, merciful God. Instead of grumblers, may we be ambassadors of grace. Instead of apathy, help us carry compassion to the hurting. Instead of worrying, may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to reach out and bring the kingdom of God to everyone we meet. Amen.

Silent prayer for personal confession

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Payne

This is the good news: there is no ranking in God's kingdom. God graces everyone in same way, with mercy, restoration, new life.

God keeps His promise to redeem us fully. We have been forgiven; we have been made new people. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Gloria Patri No. 805

Sharing with Young Disciples/Commissioning Becca Neindorff

Rev. Spencer

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

Rev. Spencer

Way of the Week #12: Own Our Church

Rev. Spencer

12. OWN OUR CHURCH. The work of the church isn't defined by pastors and staff alone; it comes from each member actively participating in the life of Jesus Christ. Claim ownership of FPC Moorestown's mission, programs, and property. Each is an expression of how God is working among us! Support others. Be informed. Volunteer for a new role. Live like you're the church – because you are!

Ideas for Action: Spend a few minutes on our website to learn about some aspect of our ministry or mission that's new or unknown to you. Fuel your curiosity and consider getting involved in an area of ministry that brings you joy!

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

Offertory Music

Joel Krott, Piano

When I Think Upon Thy Goodness

Haydn

Amanda Schkeeper, Alto

When I think upon Thy goodness, and recall Thy tender care,
Then, O God, my heart rejoiceth how great Thy wonders are.
For mercy ever floweth: like Thy love it hath no bound.
And Thy truth is ever near us for in Thee is comfort found.

God is love and God is Spirit. He alone hath life and power.
Now God we sing and praise Thee; how great Thy wonders are.
God is love and faileth never. On His power shall we rely.
Now O God we sing and praise Thee; how great Thy wonders are!

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Spencer, Jim Dugan

“God’s Huge Heart for Malawi”

Scripture: James 1: 14-20 (Pew Bible page 218 NT)

Sermon Series: God’s Huge Heart

Malawi Trekkers 2023: Urban Promise International formed a team of cyclists who rode more than 300 miles from Lilongwe to Blantyre, Malawi, visiting Urban Promise ministry sites along the way. Our goal is to raise \$50,000 in support of children's programs at our African affiliates. Visit our trek site to learn more and to support a rider including Jim Dugan or Stuart Spencer:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/MW/Lilongwe/TrekMalawi2023>

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

“Joining the mission of God, the church is sent with the gospel of the kingdom to call everyone to know and follow Christ and to proclaim to all the assurance that in the name of Jesus there is forgiveness of sin and new life for all who repent and believe. The Spirit calls all members to embrace God’s mission in their neighborhoods and in the world: to feed the hungry, bring water to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and free the prisoner. We repent of leaving this work to a few, for this mission is central to our being.” Lord, may it be so among us. Amen.

*Hymn No. 743

Christ for the World! We Sing

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Trumpet Finale

Gabrieli/Wolff

Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Adrienne Barr)

Rev. Spencer

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9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Gayle Payne; **Audio Technician:** Harris E. Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Harris A. Ransom; **Flower Arrangers:** Martha Derry and Karen Arsenault; **Ushers:** John Miller, Gail Sorin, Joe Scheideler; **Trustee Greeter:** John Miller; **Check-In Volunteer:** Deacon Diane Samuel; **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe; **Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum (volunteers needed for this ministry)

Worship flowers are given by Brian and Barbara Duffy to the glory of God and in memory of Philip Spencer and Dick Harrison, and in honor of the Spencer Family.

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

- The Dedication and Ribbon-Cutting of the Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden will be **Monday, July 24th at 6:00 pm**. Special guests will be Moorestown Mayor Nicole Gillespie, members of the town council and the Ritter family who has graciously funded the initial construction of the garden. **NEW: If you have home produce, you can now donate that to the garden as well.** We can accept it during times we are harvesting, which is every Thursday and Saturday morning from 9-9:40 am. Anyone wishing to donate produce can bring it to the garden or Our Lady of Good Counsel Heritage House (Main Street, back door, 9:45 am).
- **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.org or text 267-275-7582)
- **Congregational Meeting** -- Following 5th Sunday worship July 30 in *Miller Commons*, there will be a brief Congregational Meeting to elect three (3) Deacons and one (1) Trustee. [See the Official Notice here ...](#)
- **Ice Cream Social: Sunday, July 30, 5th Sunday, 9:30 am Blended Worship.** After our 5th Sunday worship we're having a party: 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 so we can get a headcount.** 😊
- **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.
- **NEW! Whitewater Rafting (Aug. 5)!** Check out our [events page online](#) or through *Signups* on the Church Center app about this exciting family adventure this summer. Sign up and pay online at <https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/registrations/events>.
- For July and August, our Thursday Prayer Service is on hiatus. Instead, all are 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: **Aug. 3; Aug. 17; Sept. TBD.**
- **EVENT:** Come help out at the [Children's Fresh Air Home on Thursday, August 17](#) from 8 am-5 pm in North Wildwood. The campers are from UrbanPromise and we will be serving them lunch, and helping with their day at the beach. Carpool from the church; contact [Linda Jagiela](#) if you can help: 267-275-7582 cell/text.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Read an Update letter** from Pastor Stuart with exciting news 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, eblast.*