



Sunday, July 23, 2023 ~ Eleventh 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

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Holy Water

Call to and Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Elder Rebecca Neindorff

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 life. 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.

Silence for personal confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

This is the Good News: there is no ranking in God's kingdom. God graces everyone in the 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.

Greeting

Sharing with Young Disciples & Commissioning of Becca Neindorff

Rev. Spencer

Wow Moments

Rev. Spencer

Way of the Week [Video](#) – Adrienne Barr

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.

Song of Praise

Worship Team

Come, Lord Jesus (Even So Come)

Sermon

Rev. Spencer & Jim Dugan

God's Huge Heart for Malawi

Scripture Text: [James 1:14-20](#)

Pastor Spencer & Jim Dugan share from their recent 300-mile bicycle Trek through Malawi, Africa for UrbanPromise.

Sermon Series: God's Huge Heart

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

"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.

Closing Song

Worship Team

Everlasting God

Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

10:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team:	Jeff German-Guitar; Don Stevens-Bass; Curtis Blain-Drums; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Cheryl Stevens, Michelle Davis, Sharon Budka-Vocals
Live stream Technician:	Matthew Miller
Flower Arrangers:	Martha Derry and Karen Arsenault
Usher:	Dave Barr
Trustee Greeter:	Rich Corbin

Check-in: Rachel Long
Hospitality: Chelsea Margerum
Nursery Caregiver: Amy Coombe

Today's pulpit flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Philip Spencer and Dick Harrison by Barbara and Brian Duffy.

Nursery care is provided for children ages 0-5 years old in Room 12.

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.

Malawi Trekkers 2023: UrbanPromise International formed a team of cyclists who rode more than 200 miles from Lilongwe to Blantyre, Malawi, visiting UrbanPromise 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>

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.*

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.

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.

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.

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.** (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.)*

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](#).

Come help at the [Children's Fresh Air Home](#) on **Thursday, Aug. 17** from 8 am-5 pm in North Wildwood. The campers are from UrbanPromise. We will be serving them lunch and helping with their special day at the beach. To carpool from the church, contact [Linda Jagiela](#) or if you can help (267-275-7582 cell/text).

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.