



Sunday, September 17, 2023 ~ Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

Welcome

Rev. Wes Allen

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

Your Grace is Enough
This is Amazing Grace

Wow Moments

Rev. Allen

Call to Worship

Here we are Lord, your creatures, your people standing before You;
gathered together to praise You and worship You.

This is Your day, Father; and we thank You for giving this day to all of us.

Help us to always remember that each day is a blessing and a gift from You. We know that we are not owed anything from You.

Be with us in our midst, Lord, and let us feel Your breath upon our faces.

Call to and Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Rev. Allen

O Lord, You are our Shepherd, and yet we want. We lie down when we could act; we stir the pot when we could offer peace; and we wander tempting paths instead of following You. We see courage and comfort in earthly things rather than in You. We hate our enemies and refuse to break bread with them. We see scarcity even when You offer us abundance. We pray for forgiveness, for Your goodness and mercy, so that we might dwell in You in Your grace forever. Amen.

Silence for personal confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting; and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. I declare to you the truth of the Gospel. Therefore, let God’s people believe and say:
Alleluia! Amen.

Greeting

Presentation of 3rd Grade Bibles

Rev. Stuart Spencer & Holly Asciutto

Commissioning of 2023-34 Teachers

Rev. Spencer & Holly Asciutto

K-1: Jenny Legath & Karen Alecxih; **2nd-3rd grades:** Holly Asciutto & Lori Bell; **4th-6th grades:** Leslie Spencer & Philip Jagiela; **Adult Education:** Lissa Herman, Lorenzo Eagles, Wes Allen

Way of the Week [Video](#) – Dr. Paul Booker

Rev. Spencer

20. FIND STRENGTH IN BELONGING. At FPC Moorestown, you’re loved and valued. Claim us as your family. Rather than withdrawing, allow struggles and disappointments to deepen your sense of belonging. Pray for chances to bring healing to relationships. Please be patient! God isn’t yet finished with us or with you.

Ideas for Action: Is there a disappointment you’ve been carrying about the church? In prayer, offer it to the Lord and ask for His help in releasing it. If you’ve been sitting on the sidelines at home, get back in the game by returning to worship and joining a Small Group, a class, or a committee. We need you, and you need us.

Offering Ourselves and Song of Praise

Worship Team

Cornerstone

Sermon

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An Evening with Your Enemies

Scripture Text: [Acts 16:16-34](#)

Sermon Series: Biblical Hospitality: Inviting Outsiders to Be Family

Closing Song

Worship Team

Jesus, We Love You

Work of God’s People and Benediction

Rev. Spencer

11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team:	Martin Bass-Guitar; Don Stevens-Bass; Barry Overton-Drums; Christine Bass-Keys; Cheryl Stevens-Vocals
Audio Technician:	Taylor Adair
Live Stream Technician:	Matthew Miller
Visuals:	Alice Conley

Flower Arrangers:	Stacy Shaffer and Barbara Wetherill
Usher:	Greg Connlain or Steve Connlain
Trustee Greeter:	Matt Moxhay
Check-in:	Kourtney de la Cruz
Hospitality:	Chelsea Margerum
Nursery Caregiver:	Amy Coombe

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

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

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.*

New Worship Times: Beginning September 17, our Sunday morning schedule will change. As recommended by the Worship Committee and approved by Session, the Traditional Service will begin at 9:00 a.m. Sunday School will be held from 10:15-11:00 a.m. The Contemporary Service will still be held at 11:00 a.m.

Sermon on the Mount – Fellowship Hall A: Starting on September 17, we will begin a new Adult Education class on the centerpiece of Jesus' teachings. In His sermon as recorded by Matthew in chapters 5-7 of his Gospel, Jesus reveals the principles of what true discipleship looks like. Please **Register** online for this class.

TODAY: **Crud Wars**, the kick-off for Middle School (grades 7, 8) and High School Youth Groups (grades 9-12). Join us for a cruddy and messy set of games! We will meet in the field next to the main parking lot. Wear clothes you don't care about. [Sign up online](#). Friends welcome.

The Chosen: This 8-week Small Group will gather beginning Sunday, September 17, **4-6 pm (NEW TIME)**, at the home of Dick and Lissa Herman to watch and discuss each episode in light of the Gospel accounts. You must Register online to participate in this Group.

PW Fall Gathering - **September 18 at 7:00 PM**: In the Commons (and live stream), Arlita Winston will introduce the new study, "Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus in Luke-Acts".

ALPHA is an 11-week course that creates a space where people are excited for a conversation about faith, life and God. Each week's talk looks at a different question around faith. A new series of Wednesday evening sessions began on Sept. 6. [Sign up online](#) or through the Church Center app.

Join the Prayer Committee for **Prayer on the Porch** at **7:00 p.m. (Sept. 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.)*

Stephen Minister Training Class: We will be starting a new class for those who would like to train to be a Stephen Minister, beginning on Monday, **October 2**. We will meet in Room 2 for 10 weeks. Please [REGISTER online](#) or contact leader Doris Kahley at 609-261-8474 or d.kahley@verizon.net.

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.