



Sunday, October 1, 2023 ~ World Communion Sunday
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

Welcome

Rev. Wes Allen

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

Happy Day

The Cross

Up Above My Head

Wow Moments

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Call to Worship

Rev. Allen

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to God all my life.

Put your trust in the Lord who created all that is around us.

Put your trust in God who keeps faith forever and ever.

Praise the Lord and put your trust in the One who calls us to worship today.

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Rev. Allen

Lord Jesus, Bread of Life, we are hungry and thirsty. We are starving for something that can fill us, something that we can trust. We want to be rid of the emptiness of our lives, so we fill them with empty promises, empty calories, and empty relationships; and then we find ourselves dying, desperate, and still wanting more. Lord, we are so sorry. You offer us more than our fill. You offer us everything. Help us to turn from our ways of sin and death to the fullness of your life. Amen.

Silence for personal confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

May God forgive us, Christ renew us, and the Spirit enable us to grow in love.

We will trust God's powerful promises and live now as free and grateful people. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Worship Team

Greeting

Rev. Spencer

Stewardship Moment (video)

Joel Krott

Way of the Week Video – Rachel Long

Rev. Allen

22. REST AND REFLECT. Make time in your week to step back from work, school, and stressful demands. Since Christ has freed us, we no longer have to be obsessively driven. Take a walk, play, nap, meet up with friends, share a meal, or just take some time in solitude.

Ideas for Action: Can you make your Sunday more of a Sabbath day of rest for you and your family? Connect with God using worship music. Unplug from the devices for part or all of the day. Seek the joy of the Lord in creation. Eat a meal together. Be silent with God and pray. Prioritize wholeness and rejuvenation in Christ.

Offering Ourselves and Song of Praise

Worship Team

The Stand

Sermon

Rev. Spencer

House Rules

Scripture Text: [Matthew 24:42-51](#)

Sermon Series: *Our House, God's House*

Communion Song

Worship Team

The Table

Communion and Home Communion

Rev. Spencer, Elders

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution & the Lord's Prayer

The Bread and the Cup (*Please prepare a communion serving for yourself and any who are worshipping with you.*)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Work of God's People and Benediction

Rev. Spencer

Today's pulpit flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Fernando, by Gina Mancillas.

11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team:	Wes Allen-Electric Guitar; Don Stevens-Bass; Barry Overton-Drums; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Cheryl Stevens, Michelle Davis-Vocals
Communion Elders:	Jenny Legath, Steve Trzeciak
Audio Technician:	Taylor Adair
Live Stream Technician:	Matthew Miller
Visuals:	Greg Connlain
Flower Arrangers:	JoAnn Reynik and Debbie Heller
Usher:	Dave Barr or JoAnn Reynik
Trustee Greeter:	Rich Corbin
Check-in:	Jason Rose
Hospitality:	Chelsea Margerum
Nursery Caregiver:	Amy Coombe

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

New Worship Times: Our Sunday morning schedule has changed. As recommended by the Worship Committee and approved by Session, the Traditional Service now begins at 9:00 a.m. Sunday School is held from 10:15-11:15 a.m. The Contemporary Service begins at 11:00 a.m. with praise music and Wow moments before worship.

Sermon on the Mount – *Fellowship Hall A*: 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.

Church Has Left The Building - **October 28-29**: Sign up online or at the table in the Lobby for various projects. This year we will be tending to a few items at "our house" FPC Moorestown. On Oct. 29th, we begin with a combined worship at **9:30 a.m.** and then split up for the various Sunday projects. Luke Maxted is our guest preacher.

The Chosen: This 8-week Small Group gathers on Sundays at **4:00-6:00 pm** at the home of Dick and Lissa Herman to watch and to discuss each episode in light of the Gospel accounts. You must register online to participate in this Group.

If you have interest in being involved in our **Youth ministry**, please contact Dave Fauvell at 609-980-7885 call/text or dfauvell52@gmail.com.

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 9**. 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.

Road Trip! We will be carpooling from FPCM at 8 a.m. on **Thursday, Oct. 5** to America's Keswick for a Hymn Sing. Tickets are only \$13 and include a continental breakfast and lunch. [Sign up online](#) or contact Linda Jagiela at missions@fpcmoorestown.org if you would like to join us.

NEW: December Mission Trip to Baltimore -- A work team is needed to do quality assurance on the shoeboxes collected for Operation Christmas Child on December 4-7 in Baltimore. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Linda Jagiela at missions@fpcmoorestown.org.

NEW: Looking for Acolytes – We plan to resume our acolyte ministry in the 9:00 am traditional service in October. Would your child be interested in serving? [Sign up online](#) or contact Holly Asciutto.

RETURNING: [Thursday Evening Prayer](#) at FPC Moorestown Returns on October 12: We're continuing to see the Lord together on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm with our pre-recorded Evening Prayer service. Our Pastors lead this 15-minute service. Do you have a prayer request, joy or a concern to share? Email or text Stuart Spencer or the church staff by **9:00 am Wednesday**; and the pastoral staff will share it.

The Prayer Committee will be sponsoring a **12-hour prayer vigil** (30-minute time slots) on **Saturday, October 14th**, to pray for our Consecration Sunday emphasis AND for Church Has Left the Building. [See our event page](#) and watch for sign ups soon. The vigil will be held from 5:00 am to 5:00 pm. There will also be opportunities to pray for the [Church Has Left The Building](#) events on Oct. 28-29.

Would you like to learn more about FPC Moorestown and possibly join the congregation? Please attend the [Fall Inquirers Class](#) beginning **October 18**. The series is three meetings including a meeting with Session to be received into membership. Learn more and [sign up online](#) on our Events page.

Sunday, October 15 is [Consecration Sunday](#)! Please plan to join with your church family in worship for a **COMBINED 9:30 a.m.** service (sanctuary). Our theme is *Our House, God's House* as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of our "home" on Bridgeboro Road. Afterwards we will celebrate with a Covered Dish Brunch, Team Wes vs. Team Stuart kickball and more! [See our event page and your mail for details.](#)



Sunday, October 8 is [Pastor/Staff Appreciation Day](#). Bring a card or note for your pastors or [program staff](#), or write one at church in the Commons Lobby.

NEW: Trunk or Treat -- Join our team at Bridge of Peace Community Church in Camden to celebrate with the kids and provide a safe Halloween experience. We will set up a table or two and hand out treats to the children on **Thursday, October 26th** from 6-7:15 pm. Contact Linda Jagiela at missions@fpcmoorestown.org for information. [Candy donations](#) are needed to hand out to the children. Over 300 ghosts and goblins have participated in this event in the past.

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.