



Sunday, October 8, 2023 ~ 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Stewardship Emphasis
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. Wes Allen

Music in Preparation for Worship

Dr. Amit Joshi, Piano

Sarabande (from Partita No. 1 in Bb Major)

J.S. Bach BWV 825

Introit

Day By Day

Adult Choir

Freidell

Day by day, dear Lord of Thee three things I pray:
To see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly
Follow Thee more nearly, day by day.

*Responsive Call to Worship

Elder Paul Grossmann

We come before God as equal in God's sight.

God knows us thoroughly and loves us completely.

None of us is perfect and without blemish.

Yet God has called us his daughters and sons; and asked us to be compassionate and responsible in our caring and witness.

We are called to joyful obedience in God's realm.

Thanks be to God who pours abundant love on us so that we can love one another and the world.

Let us worship God.

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Grossmann

*Hymn No. 793

Let Us Build a House of Worship (Tune 89)

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession

Elder Grossmann

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Elder Grossmann

We can get caught up in selfish pursuits and completely overlook the wonders of your creation, O God. All around us are majestic reminders of the beauty you offer to us. However, we are weak and easily trapped into attitudes of indifference and apathy. You have not given this world to us that we should destroy it, but rather that we should cherish it and make sure that all receive from its bounty. Forgive our overwhelming greed and selfishness. Help us to let go of the petty desires for wealth, position, and power, and bring us into a ministry that proclaims your love and justice for all your people. These things we pray in the name of the Master Servant, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent prayer for personal confession

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Grossmann

God hears the cries of our hearts, sees our actions, knows our attitudes. In the midst of our sinfulness, God reaches out to heal and forgive us. Receive the forgiveness which God has offered to you. Live in God's love. **We thank and praise the Lord our God who is full of compassion and mercy. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri No. 805

Stewardship Moment

Pete Honeyford, Mitzi Honeyford, Kelsey Honeyford

RSVP Cards: Celebration Luncheon Covered Dish Brunch

Please fill out an RSVP card for the Celebration Brunch and place in the offering plate. You may also fill out a card in the Commons Lobby or online

Anthem

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

God Has Called Us

David Cherwien

Adult Choir; Frank Mitchell, Bass

God has called us: and how can we but raise our voices echoing His Praise?

God has called us: and let us answer with our lives.

God has changed us: and how can we but live as servants of the Spirit's gifts?

God has changed us: and let us worship with our lives.

God has charged us: and how can we but ask for wisdom for the Christly task?

God has charged us: and let us labor with our lives.

God has called us: and how can we but raise our voices echoing His Praise?

God has called us: and let us answer with our lives.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien

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

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Way of the Week #23: Worship With Your Whole Heart

Rev. Allen

23. WORSHIP WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART. Your life is meant to be an act of worship Every breath, action, and thought flows from God and can bring him glory. Praise God everywhere and embrace the opportunities to regularly worship with your church family.

Ideas for Action: Every morning this week, recite the Jesus Creed: “Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” The second is this, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Mark 12: 29-31)

Offertory

Rev. Allen

*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.*

Offertory Music

Meditation

Dare

Bell Choir: Jim Cole, Barbara Fletcher, Melissa McNab, Sawyer McNab, Marion Norcross, Peg Pierce, Stacy Schaffer, Vicki Terry; Kathy Gunsallus, Director

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

“Needing More Space”

Scripture: Ephesians 2: 14-22 (Pew Bible page 192 NT)

Sermon Series: “Our House, God’s House”

*Hymn No. 717

The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy

Music in Preparation for Service

Joel Krott, Organ

Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word

Walther

Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Wes Allen)

Rev. Spencer

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9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Acolyte: Natalie Olsen; **Beadle:** Elder Paul Grossmann; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Steve Drzaszcz; **Flower Arrangers:** Martha Derry and Karen Arsenaault; **Ushers:** Dave Rebeck, Brett Couvillion, James Clinton; **Trustee Greeter:** Joe Molloy; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Barbara Lewis; **Check-In Volunteer:** Deacon Karen Hynoski; **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe; **Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum (*volunteers needed for this ministry*)

Worship flowers are given from Peg Madorno to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents Frederick and Roberta Craine, and her granddaughter Kelsey Crane Lorence.

[Work of God's People \(See Connections, eblast, website and Church Center app for details\)](#)

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

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.

RETURNING: Thursday Evening Prayer Returns 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.

We Pray ... The Prayer Committee is 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 Oct. 28-29. [See our event page](#) for the Sign Up Genius to select your 30-minute slot. The vigil will be held from 5:00 am to 5:00 pm.

NEXT WEEK: 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](#). *Please bring your 2024 Estimate of Giving card. If you won't be able to attend, you may submit your 2024 Estimate of Giving online or to the church office.*



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.

Church Has Left The Building October 28-29 – sign up online for various projects. This year we will be tending to a few items at "our house" at FPC Moorestown. On Sunday, we begin with a combined worship at **9:30 a.m.** (5th Sunday) and then split up for various projects. Luke Maxted is guest preacher. If you won't be available that weekend, don't worry. Donations are requested to the effort or you can donate [Care Packages \(see event page\)](#). Donate easily online! **See INSERT in today's worship guide.**

NEW: Stephen Minister Training Class -- We are 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 at the church for 20 weeks. [REGISTER online](#) please or contact leader Doris Kahley at 609-261-8474 or d.kahley@verizon.net.

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. [Candy donations](#) are needed to hand out. Over 300 ghosts and goblins have participated in this event in the past.

Looking for Acolytes – The Worship Committee is resuming this ministry. [Please sign your child up online](#) to serve as an acolyte. Give it a try! Questions? Contact [Holly Ascutto](#).

NEW: Save a Life and Donate: American Red Cross Blood Drive -- **Wednesday, Nov. 1** in Miller Commons (10:00 am – 4:00 pm). [Sign up on our event page](#) in Church Center, in the Commons Lobby or visit redcrossblood.org.

SAVE THE DATE: PW Holiday Bazaar is coming **Saturday, November 11** (10 am – 3 pm). [See our event page!](#)