

101 Bridgeboro Road • *Mailing Address:* P. O. Box 868 Moorestown, NJ 08057 • 856.235.1688 • *fpcmoorestown.org* Rev. Stuart Spencer, Pastor/Head of Staff

Rev. Wesley Allen, Associate Pastor



Sunday, October 8, 2023 ~ Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

Welcome Rev. Wes Allen

Song of Praise Worship Team

Way Maker

Wow Moments Rev. Allen

Call to Worship Rev. Allen

We gather as God's beloved children –

however glad we are, however out of sorts we are.

We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community – so this becomes a place where all are welcome.

We have come to give thanks, to pray and sing, to be with other – **Let us worship God.**

Song of Praise Worship Team

To Not Worship You

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Holy God, we confess to You our pain: the pain we have inflicted on others, the pain that keeps us awake at night, the pain of strangers across the world whose lives we cannot touch, and the pain of living in a broken world with broken people who are just like us. We invite You into our pain. We invite You to heal us and forgive us, to undo what is crushing and wrong, and to bring peace and even joy. Hear now our silent confession, offered to You in hope.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Greeting Rev. Spencer

Stewardship Moment Honeyford Family

Way of the Week Video – Rev. Wes Allen

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 worship regularly 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)

Offering Ourselves and Song of Praise

Worship Team

Hosanna

Sermon Rev. Spencer

Needing More Space

Scripture Text: Ephesians 2:14-22

Sermon Series: Biblical Hospitality: Inviting Outsiders to Be Family

Closing Song Worship Team

Glorious Day

Work of God's People and Benediction

Rev. Spencer

11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team: Wes Allen-Electric Guitar; Don Stevens-Bass; Barry Overton-Drums; Rebecca

Neindorff-Piano; Cheryl Stevens, Winnie Jiang-Vocals

Audio Technician:Taylor AdairLive stream Technician:Matthew MillerVisuals:Alice Conley

Flower Arrangers: Martha Derry and Karen Arsenault Usher: Greg Connlain or Steve Connlain

Trustee Greeter: Pete Honeyford
Check-in: Andrew Ehala
Hospitality: Chelsea Margerum
Nursery Caregiver: Amy Coombe

Today's pulpit flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Frederick & Roberta Craine, and her granddaughter, Kelsey Crane Lorence, by Peg Madorno.

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

<u>Check-ins</u>: Check-in is <u>self-check in only</u> 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: Our Sunday morning schedule has changed. As recommended by the Worship Committee and approved by Session, the Traditional Service now begins at <u>9:00</u> a.m. Sunday School is held from 10:15-11:00 a.m. The Contemporary Service is still held at 11:00 a.m.

<u>Sermon on the Mount</u> – *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.

<u>Church Has Left The Building</u> - October 28-29: Sign up online or at one of the tables at church for various projects (*see insert*). This year we will be tending to a few items at "our house" FPC Moorestown. You can also <u>donate</u> towards the supplies for the Care Packages. On the 29th, we begin with worship at 9:30 a.m. and then split up for the various Sunday projects. Luke Maxted is our guest preacher.

<u>The Chosen</u>: This 8-week Small Group gathers on Sundays at **4:00-6:00 pm** (*NEW TIME*) 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.

Thursday Evening Prayer Returns October 12: After taking a break for the summer months, we will resume our Thursday Evening Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. Our Pastors lead this 15-minute Service. Do you have a prayer request, joy, or a concern to share? E-mail or text Rev. Spencer by **9:00 a.m. Wednesday**.

The Prayer Committee is sponsoring a **12-hour Prayer Vigil** on Saturday, **October 14** to pray for our Consecration Sunday emphasis AND for Church Has Left the Building. <u>See our Event page</u> for the Signup Genius to select your 30-minute time slot. The Vigil will be held from 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

October 15 is Consecration Sunday! Plan to join your church family in worship for a one Service at **9:30 a.m.** (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 Estimate of Giving online or to the church office.

<u>Stephen Minister Training Class</u>: We started a new class for those who would like to train to be a Stephen Minister, beginning on Monday, **October 2**. We meet in Room 2 for 10 weeks. Please <u>Register</u> online or contact leader Doris Kahley at 609-261-8474 or d.kahley@verizon.net.

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