



Sunday, October 15, 2023 ~ Consecration Sunday

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship (Sanctuary) -- Have you **checked in** for worship today?

*please stand as you are able

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

Joel Krott, Organ

Benedictus

Karg-Elert

*Call to Worship

Rev. Wes Allen

People of God, dear friends: Let us praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised.

Our great God has been generous and wonderfully kind to all of us.

May we find here this morning such wonder, love, and joy that we may gratefully sing praises to God.

Let us worship God. Glory to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

*Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Allen

*Hymn No. 568

Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession

Elder Livingston

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Elder Livingston

Generous God, whose giving knows neither measure nor end, we confess that all too often we have kept our own hearts, hands and minds firmly closed. Forgive us for those times when our own wants and wishes have filled the horizon to the exclusion of all else. Forgive us for those moments when the fear that sharing what we have, will lead to our own impoverishment and has kept us silent and still when those around us

are in need. Forgive us for those situations when we see only a problem rather than daring to dream a solution where we might be building your Kingdom. Help us to always feel, think, and act as those who know the hope that is rooted in the generous giving of God. We pray in the name of Jesus, who made himself an offering for us. Amen.

Silent prayer for personal confession

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Livingston

Through the power of the Holy Spirit within us, God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine. So, hear and believe the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Gloria Patri No. 805

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Wes Allen

Anthem

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Faure Op. 11

Adult Choir

O Redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation,
Eternal light of the earth and of the sky, we kneel in adoration
O Savior, turn on us Thy loving eye!

Send down on us the fire of Thy grace all-consuming,
Whose wondrous might dispersed the power of hell,
And rouse our slumbering souls with Thy radiance
That they may waken Thy mercy to tell.

O Christ, bestow Thy blessing on us, we implore Thee,
Who here are gathered on penitent knee.
Accept the hymns we chant to Thine everlasting glory
And these Thy gifts we return to Thee.

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

Rev. Allen

Way of the Week #24: Tell Your Story

Rev. Spencer

24. TELL YOUR STORY. God has done and is doing something unique in your life. Has God answered a prayer, provided help, or blessed you? Share it. Ask God for opportunities to share your faith in Christ by words and deeds.

Ideas for Action: At the start of each morning this week, think about one thing you're grateful to God for from the previous 24 hours. Got it? Now share it with someone else in the course of today.

Offertory

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

Rev. Allen

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"Building Our House for the Lord"

Scripture: Mark 2: 1-12 (Pew Bible page 36 NT)

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

*Hymn No. 570

All for Jesus! All for Jesus! (Tune 293)

Dedication of our Gifts

Rev. Allen

*This morning as an act of worship, members will thoughtfully and prayerfully consider their 2024 gift to the Lord's work at First Presbyterian Church. **Please walk forward to dedicate your gifts.** [Estimates of Giving](#) may be returned by mail, [online](#), or dropped off in the church office during the week. Celebrate God's goodness at our church-wide Celebration Brunch today in Fellowship Hall.*

This Is Our God

Worship Team

Martin Bass-Guitar; Wes Allen-Electric Guitar; Don Stevens-Bass; Barry Overton-Drums; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Christine Bass-Keyboards; Cheryl Stevens-Vocals; Michelle Davis-Vocals

Benediction & Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Steve Trzeciak), Grace

Rev. Spencer

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9:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Acolytes: Vivian and Jacob Allen; **Beadle:** Elder Matt Livingston; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Flower Arrangers:** Debbie Heller and Fran Green; **3rd Sunday Flower Arranger:** Deacon JoAnn Reynik; **3rd Sunday Flower Deliverers:** Deacons Michael Hock and Laurie LaMonica; **Ushers:** Steve Shaffer, Gail Sorin, Bill Pettit; **Trustee Greeters:** John Miller, Norman Vandergrift, Earl Gage; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Marsha Booker; **Check-In Volunteer:** Deacons Mike McNeil and Rachel Long; **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe; **Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum (*volunteers needed for this ministry*)

Brunch Helpers: Janet D'Angelo, Owen Dietz, Helen Dominy, Andrew Ehala, Susan Kenuk, JoAnn Reynik, Diane Samuel, Susan Shaffer, Gail Sorin ; **Kids Craft Areas:** Rachel Long, Sam Long, Alex Long, Jo Long; Jen Allen, Vivian Allen, Jacob Allen

Worship flowers are given from the Stewardship Committee to the glory of God and with thanksgiving for today's faithful members of First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown, and the legacy of members of years past who helped build "Our House, God's House."

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

TODAY is [Consecration Sunday](#) and 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.](#) *If we missed you today, please submit your 2024 Estimate of Giving online, by mail, in the offering or to the church office.*



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.

[Church Has Left The Building](#) October 28-29 – sign up online today! This year we are tending to items at "our house" at FPC Moorestown. We'll enjoy ONE service at **9:30 a.m.** (5th Sunday) then go out to serve. Luke Maxted is guest preacher. If you won't be available that weekend, don't worry. You can **donate** \$5 [Care Packages](#) ([see event page](#)) or give online with VENMO or the CHLTB drop down. **SEE EVENT INSERT in today's worship guide.**



Would you like to learn more about us and possibly join the congregation? Please attend the three-session [Fall Inquirers Class](#) beginning **October 18**. Learn more and [sign up online](#) on our Events page. We want to meet you.

It's shoe box time. Pick up your [Operation Christmas Child box](#) in the Commons Lobby and see directions for returning BY **Tuesday, Nov. 14**. Brighten a child's day at the holidays.

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: 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.

NEW: 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, with Debbie Heller in the Commons Lobby, or visit redcrossblood.org.

SAVE THE DATE: [PW Holiday Bazaar](#) is coming **Saturday, Nov. 11** (10 am-3 pm). [See our event page!](#) Please donate Christmas and holiday fabric to Edith McFalls or Fran Green **by Oct. 22** for making ornaments (see *Connections*).

NEW: We are forming a Kitchen Committee to ensure that the church's kitchen is kept neat and organized and foods left in the kitchen are either used or disposed of properly. We will meet once a month for an hour or two and give the kitchen and supplies a quick overhaul. Would you like to help? Please contact Linda Jagiela at missions@fpcmoorestown.org.

The Worship Committee is looking for acolytes to resume this ministry. [Please sign your child up online](#) to give it a try! Questions? Contact [Holly Ascitutto](#).

Choral Concert: On **Sunday, Nov. 5** at 7:00 pm, *Special Events* presents young, gifted musicians performing songs and instrumental works all to the glory of God. Our Choristers and Chapel Choirs will also be featured.