



Sunday, October 22, 2023 ~ 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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. Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Eithun

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

Introit

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Oh, How I Love Jesus

Whitfield

People Praise God

Butler

Primary Choir

*Call to Worship

Elder Ginny Weber

Lord, help us listen

**Still the noise around us and in us, still the urgency and anxiety,
still the destruction and falsehood**

Lord, help us listen

**Break through with your still, small voice,
with your calm and clarity, with your leading and light**

You reveal the needed next steps

You provide all we need to make the journey

Lord, help us listen and help us act.

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Weber

*Hymn No. 77

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession

Rev. Wes Allen

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Rev. Allen

Lord Jesus, your life shows us how you want us to live. So often we know exactly what it would take for us to become more like you, and yet we sit back, rather than taking a step toward your holiness. Lots of times you make the pathway of faithfulness obvious to us, but we stumble away from the road to sanctification. We need your strength, living Lord Jesus, so that we can live into our call as well-loved disciples who become more and more like you. We repent of our complacency, and ask you to forgive us for these and all of our trespasses. We continue now to confess in silence ...

Silent prayer for personal confession

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Allen

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness. He will not always accuse; neither will he stay angry forever. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us for our iniquities. For as heavens are high above the earth, so great is his loving kindness toward those who fear him. **As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Thanks be to God. Hallelujah, amen!**

*Gloria Patri No. 805

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Stuart Spencer

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

Rev. Spencer

Way of the Week #25: Rejoice Always

25. REJOICE ALWAYS. The Kingdom of God is a party! Let healthy laughter fill our meetings, our meals, and even our worship. Allow the joy of our faith be clearly evident in our speech and on our faces.

Ideas for Action: Throw a party for the coming weekend and invite a couple of individuals or families from the church over to celebrate. Don't forget the cake! What's the occasion? The joy of knowing and serving Jesus and belonging to our church family are reasons enough.

Offertory

Rev. Spencer

*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

I Will Pray to Jesus

Junior Choir

Rebecca Neindorff, Piano

Robert Leaf

In the morning when I wake I will pray to Jesus,
“Keep me safe the whole day through.” That will be my prayer.

In the daytime when I play I will pray to Jesus,
“Help me do the things I should.” Thank will be my prayer.

When I go to bed at night I will pray to Jesus,
“Thank you for my blessings, Lord.” That will be my prayer.

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Wes Allen

“Trusting God at Home”

Scripture: John 4: 43-54 (Pew Bible page 95 NT)

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

*Hymn No. 834

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Music in Preparation for Service

Praise and Thanksgiving

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Gaelic Melody, Arr. Wood

Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Rebecca Neindorff)

Rev. Allen

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9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Acolyte: Avery Gordon; **Beadle:** Elder Ginny Weber; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Flower Arrangers:** Karin Miller and Rumi Sinunu; **Ushers:** John Miller, Patrick McIlroy, Steve Emerson; **Trustee Greeter:** Mike Welch; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Peg Pierce; **Check-In Volunteer:** Deacon Susan Shaffer; **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe; **Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum (*volunteers needed for this ministry*)

Worship flowers are given from Susan Masiko to the glory of God and with gratitude and in loving memory of her father Frank Worthing.

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



Church Has Left The Building October 28-29 – sign up online today! This year we are tending to items at "our house" and Carol's House. 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. **INSERT: See the event list of projects and pick out one or two that speak to you.** We can always use a few more helping hands. Bring a friend.

West Jersey Chamber Music Society Concert: Sunday, October 22 ~ 7:30 pm Sanctuary; Treat yourself to classical symphonies from Mozart and Haydn. Soloist Edward Schultz shines in C.P.E. Bach's dazzling Flute Concerto in D minor. *Tickets:* \$28 (discounts for seniors and subscribers), Students 18 & under – Free. Visit wjcms.org or call 856-291-6673. Watch the live stream for \$5.00.

Sunday, October 15 was Consecration Sunday and it was a GREAT day. We celebrated the 100th anniversary of our "home" on Bridgeboro Road and dedicated 2024 Estimates of Giving to the Lord's work for the coming year. Our goal is to have every member or friend of the congregation respond. To date we have received 137 Estimates. ***If you haven't had a chance, please submit your Estimate of Giving [online](#), by mail, in the offering or drop by the church office by Nov. 1.***

Thursday Evening Prayer (7 pm live stream): Our Pastors lead this pre-recorded 15-minute service. Do you have a prayer request, joy or a concern? Email or text Stuart Spencer or the church staff by **9:00 am Wednesday**; and the pastoral staff will share it.

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. We are excited to be a community drop off location and need volunteers as greeters, runners and Prayer Warriors. Sign up online or with Linda Jagiela.

LAST CALL: 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. We can take a few more.

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 too. 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.

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