



Sunday, October 29, 2023 ~ 5th Sunday, Church Has Left The Building
9:30 a.m. Blended Worship (*Miller Commons*)

Welcome & Way of the Week

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Way of the Week [Video](#) – Dr. Leslie Spencer

- 1. BE THIRD.** God is first, others are second, and you're third. Don't just think about your own interests, be interested in others. Don't think less of yourself, just think of yourself less and others more.

Ideas for Action: Ask God, "Whom can I serve today?" Look for an opportunity to be last ... in line, the last to speak, or last to be served.

*Call to Worship

We are called into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be God's servants in the service of all,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join Christ in his passion and victory.
"Beloved, let us love one another, for love comes from God."
All who love are born of God and know God. Let us worship the Lord!

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

In Jesus' Name
Reckless Love

Wow Moments

Rev. Spencer

Prayer of Adoration

Elder Dave Rebuck

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Elder Rebuck

Most holy and merciful Father, we your wayward children do humbly confess our shortcoming and our sin.
Like sheep we have gone astray and have turned to our own ways. Forgive us this morning for living too

much for ourselves and not for You and Your kingdom. Pour your grace out upon us today for we have not loved You or our neighbors as you have commanded us. Create within us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. Hear us now, O Lord, as we offer to you our personal confession ...

Silence for personal confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, scripture teaches us that 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." Proclaim the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Hallelujah, amen!

Gloria Patri

Worship Team

Greeting

Rev. Wes Allen

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Allen

Offering Ourselves and Song of Praise

Please place your offering in the wooden offering box, sign the Letters of Well Wishing, place a note on the cross, write a prayer request, greet a newcomer, or visit stations throughout the room.

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

Jennifer Wait, Soprano, and Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Walters

Sermon

Luke Maxted

What To Do Tomorrow?

Scripture Text: Matthew 25: 31-40

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

Closing Song

Worship Team

I Give You My Heart

Work of God's People and Benediction

Rev. Spencer & Luke Maxted

Today's pulpit flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the spirit of volunteerism of Church Has Left The Building. "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24: 15, NKJV)

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9:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team:	Martin Bass-Worship Leader, Guitar; Wes Allen-Electric Guitar; Christine Bass-Keys; Don Stevens-Bass; Barry Overton-Drums; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Cheryl Stevens-Vocals
Audio Technician:	Steve Drzaszcz
Live Stream Technician:	Matthew Miller
Visuals:	Alice Conley
Beadle:	Elder Dave Rebuck
Flower Arrangers:	Debbie Heller and Fran Green
Soloist:	Jennifer Wait
Ushers:	Mike Welch, Paul Grossmann, Sherrell Fitts
Trustee Greeter:	John Miller
Check-in:	Deacon Rachel Long
Greeter:	Stephen Minister Marion Norcross
Hospitality:	Chelsea Margerum
Nursery Caregiver:	Amy Coombe

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

[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.

Adult Spiritual Formation -- There is no Adult Spiritual Formation class (Sermon on the Mount) on **Sunday, Oct. 29** due to Church Has Left the Building. Series ends Nov. 19. On **Nov. 26** we will feature a special forum summarizing the recent Grow The Kingdom strategy meetings. Beginning **Dec. 3**, Lissa Herman leads a 3-week Advent study. Watch for details and sign up information. Adult Spiritual Formation meets 10:15-11:15 am.

[Preschool Fundraiser!](#) Step By Step Preschool has partnered with Nothing Bundt Cakes to offer a variety of delicious bundtlets as their fall fundraiser. One dollar from every cake sold goes directly to Step by Step to support programs offered to the students and their families. The smaller sized bundtlet is the perfect chance to try a few different flavors! Each delicious bundtlet is \$6.00. **ORDER DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3.** Please submit your orders, along with the ORDER form, to the preschool with cash or check made payable to *FPC Moorestown*. [See our event page for details.](#)

[DBS Refresher](#) -- A refresher class is planned **Nov. 18** for all who have done the Discovery Bible Study (DBS) leadership training in the past few years as well as anyone who is interested in learning more about this program to make disciples and help others learn more about God. [Sign up online.](#) Light breakfast. Contact Pam Engle or Joyce Peacock.

[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. Register online.

Are you interested in being involved in our **Youth ministry**? Great. Please fill out a [brief form](#) for youth director Dave Fauvell. You may also reach him at 609-980-7885 call/text or dfauvell52@gmail.com.

Remember to change your clocks next week, Sunday, November 5 (fall back one hour).

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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.

Looking for Acolytes –Would your child be interested in serving as an acolyte at the 9:00 am traditional service? [Sign up online](#) or contact Holly Ascitto.

Thursday Evening Prayer at FPC Moorestown: 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.

THANK YOU to everyone who came to [Consecration Sunday](#) and the Celebration Brunch on October 15. Members prayerfully dedicated their weekly, monthly or annual financial commitments for 2024. We're off to a good start. We've received 145 pledges as of Oct. 27 en route to our goal of having each member respond. Last year we received 196 pledges. If you were not able to be here, we missed you. **To assist with 2024 budget work underway, we ask that all estimates be returned by November 1.** Kindly submit your 2024 Estimate of Giving [securely online](#), mail, drop off at church, call in, or place in the offering plate.

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.

