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**Sunday, November 5, 2023** ~ Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

| Welcome  | Rev. Wes Allen                               |
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| Call to Worship  | Rev. Allen                                   |
| 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 Ch   | rist'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 Go   |  |
| All who love are born of God and know God." Let us wo  | orship God!                                  |
| Way of the Week Video – Dr. Amit Joshi   | Rev. Allen                                   |
| <ol> <li>SPEAK THE TRUTH WITH LOVE. Speak honestly and disupport for one another. Be courageous enough to difficult. Address issues directly with those who are others.</li> </ol> | say what needs to be said, even when it's    |
| <b>Ideas for Action:</b> Is there a difficult conversation you't been talking about instead of being direct? Pray for c in person, if possible.                                    |  |
| Songs of Praise  | Worship Team                                 |
| Overcome   |  |
| God is Able  |  |
| Wow Moments  | Rev. Allen                                   |

**Prayer of Adoration** 

# Prayer of Confession (unison)

Reconciling God, we confess that we do not trust Your abundance. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that You provide enough for all. We abuse Your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as You have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed.

By Your grace, forgive us; through Your love, renew us; and in Your Spirit, lead us, so that we may live and serve You in newness of life. Amen.

Silence for personal confession

### **Assurance of Forgiveness** (responsive)

Beloved of God: By the radical abundance of grace and mercy, we have peace with God through Christ Jesus.

Our sins are forgiven.

Let us live now in hope, for hope does not disappoint

because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

## Greeting

| Sharing with Young Disciples   | Rev. Allen                                 |
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| Offering Ourselves and Song of Praise                                | Rev. Allen                                 |
| We Believe   | Worship Team                               |
| Sermon   | Rev. Allen                                 |
| Burning Hearts   |  |
| Scripture Text: Luke 24:28-35  |  |
| Sermon Series: Hearts on Fire  |  |
| Communion and Home Communion   | Rev. Allen                                 |
| Invitation to the Table  |  |
| Words of Institution & the Lord's Prayer                             |  |
| The Bread and the Cup (Please prepare a communion serving for yourse | elf and any who are worshipping with you.) |
| *Prayer of Thanksgiving  |  |
| Communion Song   | Worship Team                               |
| Jesus, We Love You   | · · ·                                      |
| Work of God's People and Benediction                                 | Rev. Allen                                 |

#### 11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

| Worship Team:     | Martin Bass-Guitar; Wes Allen-Electric Guitar; Don Stevens-Bass; Curtis Blain- |
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|                   | Drums; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Christine Bass-Keys; Cheryl Stevens-Vocals     |
| Audio Technician: | Taylor Adair   |

Live stream Technician: Matthew Miller Visuals: Alice Conley **Flower Arrangers:** JoAnn Reynik and Karen Arsenault Usher: Dave Barr or JoAnn Revnik **Trustee Greeter: Rich Corbin** Check-in: Laurie LaMonica **Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum **Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe

Today's pulpit flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Daniel Wilt by Susan Wilt.

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.

If you have not already done so, please submit your **2024 Estimate of Giving** online, by mail, in the offering, or to the church office.

<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.

Pick up your **Operation Christmas Child Box** in the Commons Lobby and see directions for returning BY Tuesday, **Nov. 14**. Don't forget to include a check for \$10 to pay the postage.

**The Chosen:** This 8-week Small Group gathers on Sundays at 4:00-6:00 p.m. 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.

<u>Young Musicians' Concert</u> – *Sunday, Nov. 5, 7:00 p.m.*: Come out to support our own young musicians as they perform solos and instrumental pieces. The Choristers and Chapel Choir will also be featured.

**Thursday Evening Prayer:** We have resumed 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**.

**<u>PW Holiday Bazaar</u>** is coming Saturday, **Nov. 11** (10 a.m.-3 p.m.)! Please support this effort by donating items and by shopping on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

It is with both gratitude and sadness that we announce the upcoming retirement of our Worship Leader, **Martin Bass**. After much contemplation and prayer, Martin has shared that he will be concluding his sixyear tenure as the Worship Leader for our Contemporary Services on Sunday, November 26. Martin's journey with us has been marked by dedication, passion, and an unwavering commitment to excellence. We extend our warmest wishes for a retirement filled with joy, peace, and fulfillment. You are invited to join us on Martin's final Sunday to express your appreciation and well-wishes. We encourage congregants to bring in cards and notes of appreciation for Martin and his wife, Christine, who has also been an integral part of worship, playing the keyboard and providing vocals on Sunday mornings. On this special day, a love gift will be collected for Martin. Any checks or financial gifts be made directly to him.

## **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 12:30-1:00 PM (Zoom) Pray for discipleship and disciple-making at FPCM.
- **Thursdays 7:00 PM** Live stream Prayer Service (*praying for our church and discipleship*)
- Thursdays 7:00 PM Prayer on the Porch Join our Prayer Team for a time of prayer on the Van Camp Porch (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 <u>https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/prayer</u>
- 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.