



**Sunday, November 12, 2023** ~ Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

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### Welcome

Rev. Wes Allen

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### Way of the Week **Video** – Bryan Gaskill

Rev. Allen

- 3. LISTEN GENEROUSLY.** Be quick to listen and do so with your undivided attention. Minimize the distractions, and let go of the need to agree or disagree. Suspend your judgment; and be curious to know more rather than jumping to conclusions. Above all, listen to understand.

**Ideas for Action:** Put aside phones and laptops. Turn off the TV or computer, and face someone you love. Focus on what the other is saying, not on what you want to say. Be careful that you're not interrupting because you're not listening to them.

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### Call to Worship

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“What does the Holy One require of us?  
**To be just, kind and humble before God.**”  
Give thanks to God with your whole heart.  
**Great are the works of the Lord.**  
“Now faith, hope and love abide;  
**and the greatest of these is love.**”

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### Songs of Praise

Worship Team

***This is Amazing Grace***  
***Jesus Messiah***

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### Wow Moments

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### Prayer of Adoration

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## Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

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Lord, help us to be people known for the ways in which we live out our faith by loving and serving all people, even those who, in the world's eyes, have little to offer us. By treating them with dignity and respect, we demonstrate that a different kind of kingdom is at work in this world. It is not a kingdom of tit-for-tat, where relationships are seen as commodities for exploration and advancement; but rather it is a world where we see the value in each human life, no matter their circumstances. Forgive us, Lord, for gravitating to the world instead of Your Kingdom; and help us, through Your Spirit, to follow Your will and participate in the building of Your Kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven.

*Silence for personal confession*

## Assurance of Forgiveness *(responsive)*

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Friends, know this good news! We may grow weary, we may grow tired and indifferent, but Your Holy Spirit breathes new life into the very depths of our being, restoring us to lives that reflect Your profound goodness.

**We give thanks to God for His grace and mercy!**

## Greeting

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### Sharing with Young Disciples

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### Offering Ourselves and Song of Praise

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#### ***Mighty to Save***

Worship Team

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## Sermon

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### ***Undivided Hearts***

Scripture Text: [Psalm 86:8-13](#)

Sermon Series: Hearts on Fire

## Closing Song

Worship Team

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### ***I Give You My Heart***

## Work of God's People and Benediction

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## 11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

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<b>Worship Team:</b>	Martin Bass-Guitar; Wes Allen-Electric Guitar; Don Stevens-Bass; Barry Overton-Drums; Christine Bass-Keys; Cheryl Stevens-Vocals
<b>Audio Technician:</b>	Taylor Adair
<b>Visuals:</b>	Alice Conley
<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	Stacy Schaffer and Lisa Heisler
<b>Usher:</b>	Matt La Grou or Jeff Legath
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	Matt Moxhay
<b>Check-in:</b>	Tamara Trzeciak

**Hospitality:** Chelsea Margerum  
**Nursery Caregiver:** Amy Coombe

**Today's pulpit flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jack with thanksgiving for his life by the Sinunu Family.

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

**Check-ins:** Check-in is self-check in only 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.

**Christmas Poinsettias** - *November 12, 19:* Look for order forms in worship guides, in our Friday e-blast, and Event page. Plants are \$15. **Orders and payment are due by Sunday, Nov. 19.** For questions, contact [Frances Chavarria](#) in the church office.

Pick up your **Operation Christmas Child Box** in the Commons Lobby and see directions for returning BY Friday, **Nov. 17.** Don't forget to include a check for \$10 to pay the postage.

**Sermon on the Mount** – *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.

**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.

It is with both gratitude and sadness that we announce the upcoming retirement of our Worship Leader, **Martin Bass.** Martin has shared that he will be concluding his six-year 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.

**Longest Night Service:** This unique Service provides peace to those dealing with grief, illness, anxiety or depression this holiday season who may not feel the joy or celebration seen in others. It will be held on **Sunday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m.** and include communion.

**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 <https://www.fpcmoores town.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.