



**Sunday, November 19, 2023** ~ Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

### Welcome

Rev. Wes Allen

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### Way of the Week Video – Mindy Holman

Rev. Allen

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- 4. ALWAYS ENCOURAGE AND CELEBRATE.** Show gratitude and appreciation by regularly acknowledging the good works you see everywhere. Look for signs of spiritual growth and maturity among our members and staff. When you see it, point it out and rejoice. Pass on good reports that you hear about others.

**Ideas for Action:** Write a text or a note to someone close to you who just did something wonderful or important. With many details, tell them why you're grateful or delighted by them.

### Call to Worship

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Let us worship God: In the words of children; for our moms and dads, grandma and grandad, and all our friends,

**we give You thanks, O God.**

For warm houses in cold weather, for hospitals that take care of sick people, for good schools where teachers make learning fun,

**we give You thanks, O God.**

For friends to play with, fun fairs, pictures, and a country that has so much I can even go door to door and ask for candy,

**we give You thanks, O God.**

For theater, talents, songs I make up, books to read, and television,

**we give You thanks, O God.**

For the freedom of religion and the people who make our church a place of worship,

**we give You thanks, O God.**

For all the magic kingdoms you've created,

**we give You thanks, O God.**

And because we can be here together,

we give You thanks, O God. Amen.

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## Songs of Praise

Worship Team

***Because of Your Love  
Holy Water***

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## Wow Moments

Rev. Stuart Spencer

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## Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Spencer

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## Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Patient Lord, we are rushing headlong into the holiday season, forgetting that the word “holiday” is actually comprised of two words: “holy and day.” Forgive us when we treat the “holiday” as a task and a burden, when we load ourselves down with tasks that do not enhance this day. Help us move past the busyness of the day into a lifestyle of gratitude we should display for all the many wonders and blessings You have poured on us. Forgive us when we grumble and gripe about the work and do not relish the delight in having family and friends together. Remind us that there are those for whom this day holds little delight and hope. Help us reach out to them with love, listening to their hearts and trying to meet their needs. Cause us to be people of passion about the love You have given to us and about the joy of serving You by helping others. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

*Silence for personal confession*

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## Assurance of Forgiveness *(responsive)*

Though many frightening hosts encamp around you, uttering messages of fear and dread, place your trust and hope in God, Who lavishly provides for you and who calls you beloved. Rejoice, for God is with you.

**We will trust and believe the Gospel: through the rich mercy of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen!**

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## Greeting

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## Sharing with Young Disciples

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## Offering Ourselves and Song of Praise

Rev. Allen

***Great I Am***

Worship Team

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## Sermon

Rev. Spencer

***Consumers or Producers?***

Scripture Text: [Galatians 5:13-26](#)

Sermon Series: Hearts on Fire

## Closing Song

Worship Team

*It's All About You*

## Work of God's People and Benediction

Rev. Spencer

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

<b>Worship Team:</b>	Martin Bass-Guitar; Don Stevens-Bass; Barry Overton-Drums; Christine Bass-Keys; Piano-Rebecca Neindorff; Michelle Davis, Cheryl Stevens-Vocals
<b>Audio Technician:</b>	Steve Drzaszcz
<b>Live stream Technician:</b>	Matthew Miller
<b>Visuals:</b>	Alice Conley
<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	Stacy Schaffer and Martha Derry
<b>Usher:</b>	Greg Connlain or Steve Connlain
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	Pete Honeyford
<b>Check-in:</b>	JoAnn Reynik
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Chelsea Margerum
<b>Nursery Caregiver:</b>	Amy Coombe

**Today's pulpit flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Loudel Cole by Jim Cole.

**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 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 TODAY.**

**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.

Can you help with **Operation Christmas Child**? FPCM is the Collection site for other churches in our area. We are looking for volunteers to help receive these boxes. [Sign up](#) to help through tomorrow.

**Holiday Schedule:** The church office will be closed from 1:00 p.m. Nov. 22 through the 26<sup>th</sup>. There are no fellowship groups nor Family Dinner this week. *Happy Thanksgiving from your church staff!*

We announce the retirement of **Martin Bass**. *You are invited* to join us on Martin's final Sunday, Nov. 26 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 should be made directly to him.

**"The Miracle of Jesus: A Christmas Event for Families"**: Be transported back in time to the town of Bethlehem to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Families of all ages will be amazed at the authentic, multisensory experiences they'll find in this village. The event is free, but please REGISTER on our Event page to attend **Saturday, Dec. 2** from **2:00-3:30 p.m.**

**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 7:00 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.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.