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Rev. Wesley Allen, Associate Pastor



Sunday, January 28, 2024 ~ Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

Welcome Rev. Wes Allen

Way of the Week Video – Dr. Bruce Main

Rev. Allen

14. GROW FAITH. Take advantage of every chance you have to form your faith – through Small Groups, classes, and personal study. Be a disciple and look to learn from those who know more of the Bible and Christian life than you do then look for opportunities to share what you've gained with someone else.

Ideas for Action: If you're not currently in a Small Group, contact the church office and ask for assistance in finding one. Ask for some time with someone whose faith you respect and pick their brains on their practices of faith formation.

Songs of Praise Worship Team

Cornerstone 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Wow Moments Rev. Stuart Spencer

Call to Worship (responsive)

Rev. Allen

Let your light shine!

Let your hearts be glad!

God is faithful to us; and God rules in love. Hear the Words of our Lord Jesus, "I am the light of the world. If you follow Me, you won't have to walk in darkness because you will have the light that leads to life."

Then let us worship God.

Song of Praise Worship Team

We Believe

Prayer of Adoration & Call to Confession

Rev. Spencer

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, hear our prayer. When we are courageous, or down and out, or too weary to do anything else, we admit the truth of our lives. We do not add beauty to the world. We do not offer kindness as often as we might. We pay lip service to the cries of others and sit idly by until the sound fades. Sometimes we get it right, and sometimes we don't. We ask for Your mercy and grace, and we ask for Your help to give us courage and strength to live as You would have us live. In Christ, Who gave us those qualities and Who taught us all we need to know, we pray. Amen.

Silence for personal confession

Assurance of Forgiveness (responsive)

Dear Child of God: In our world, it is often hard to remember that God loves you just as you are. God loves you not because you are good. God loves you, period. God loves us not because we are loveable. No, we are loveable precisely because God loves us.

We will not doubt or question this Good News. Through the grace, mercy and love of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*Greeting

Sharing with Young Disciples

Rev. Allen

Offering Ourselves to God

Rev. Allen



Thank you for your faithfulness in remembering FPC Moorestown with your giving. Take advantage of secure <u>automatic withdrawal</u>, or donate easily 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**.

Song of Praise Worship Team

Graves into Gardens

Sermon Rev. Spencer

I Will Invite

Scripture Text: <u>John 1:35-51</u> Sermon Series: *Grow the Kingdom*

I will invite people into the life of FPC Moorestown, ultimately to know, follow, and serve Jesus.

- **Step 1:** Inviting others each week to worship and/or church activities like Small Groups or Retreats.
- **Step 2:** Inviting others into a relationship with Jesus using Discovery Bible Study or other means of evangelism, with the goal of making disciples of children, youth, young adults and adults of every age

Closing Song Worship Team

Glorious Day

Work of God's People and Benediction

Rev. Allen

11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team: Wes Allen-Guitar; Ivan Denissov-Bass; Joe Wichterman-Electric Guitar; Norm

Dorell-Drums; Piano-Rebecca Neindorff; Bethany Trzeciak, Steve Drzaszcz,

Vivian Allen-Vocals

Audio Technician: Joshua Leonard
Live Stream Technician: Matthew Miller
Visuals: Jennifer Allen

Flower Arrangers: Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop

Usher: Matt La Grou or Jeff Legath

Trustee Greeter: Mike Welch
Check-in: Susan Winner
Hostess: Chelsea Margerum
Nursery Caregiver: Amy Coombe

Today's worship flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her father, Alfred Fisher, by Jane Murphy.

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.

Grow the Kingdom Resources: When we believe the Gospel, we're stepping into something far bigger than ourselves. Therefore, as we pray in the Lord's Prayer, "Thy Kingdom come," we also offer the whole of our lives, individually and as a congregation, to the great task of growing the Kingdom. For additional information on the Kingdom of God along with information on how we can grow the Kingdom visit: https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/grow-the-kingcom/.

Training and Equipping for "I Will Invite": Training/Equipping - Love Your Neighbors Crash Course: A course taught by Corrine and Stephen Herman. Sunday evenings for exactly 59 minutes every week at 207 Eastbourne Terrace in Moorestown beginning on February 4. Contact Corrine by phone 609-923-8203 or e-mail Corinnejherman@gmail.com.

TODAY is <u>Blanket Sunday</u>. Your contributions to Church World Service support families around the world recovering from disasters and displacement, and rebuild viable, sustainable lives. Look for special envelopes at both Services. Give easily online at <u>www.fpcmoorestown.org/giving</u>.

<u>Painting Party Fundraiser</u>: The Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden is hosting a fundraiser on Sunday, January 28 from 2:00-4:30 p.m. All supplies provided. Artist Alex Wilkie will lead up to 10 people in painting a still life or scene from our church grounds. Cost is \$50 per person. Sign up directly with Leslie Spencer at <u>spencer@rowan.edu</u> or call/text 215-584-7659 to reserve your spot. *Reservations are required; space is limited.*

2024 Couples' Retreat: Join us **April 26-28** for FPC Moorestown's Couples' Retreat to Cape May, NJ! We will stay at The Dormer House, a quaint B&B. Cost is \$450 per couple: includes breakfast, two nights, group sessions with Dr. Paul Booker, and dinner on Saturday. <u>Early-Bird Registration of \$400 available through January 31</u>. Secure your spot with a \$100 deposit.

<u>Annual Congregational Meeting</u> – Sunday, Feb. 4, 12:30 p.m.: The purpose of the Meeting is to hear committee reports, receive the 2024 Church Budget, and approve the 2024 Pastors' Terms of Call. A Potluck Lunch will follow in Fellowship Hall.

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 (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.