



Sunday, February 18, 2024 ~ First Sunday in Lent
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

Welcome

Rev. Wes Allen

Way of the Week Video – Dr. Richard Herman

Rev. Allen

17. SHOW WHO YOU REALLY ARE. Our church is for “real” people. Bring your true self, including your joys, your sorrows, your fears, your strengths, and your weaknesses. God loves you as you are. Don’t hide your struggles, failures or problems.

Ideas for Action: This week sit down with or talk to another member by phone and share one area of struggle, failure, or a fear you have.

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

Blessed Be Your Name
Rest on Us

Ten Commandments

Rev. Allen

Wow Moments

Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Allen

Song of Praise

Worship Team

How Great is Our God

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Lord, we have denied You by refusing to know You. We have betrayed You by keeping our distance. We have mocked You by pretending we are not Yours. Lord, we are lost. Let Your forgiveness find us. Welcome us into Your strong, forgiving arms, and let us feel reconciled again. Amen.

Silence for personal confession

Assurance of Forgiveness *(responsive)*

God is slow to anger and full of compassion. He forgives all who humbly repent and trust in His Son as Savior and Lord.

“There is, therefore, now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” Amen.

*Greeting

Offering Ourselves to God

Rev. Spencer



Thank you for your faithfulness in remembering FPC Moorestown with your giving. Take advantage of secure [automatic withdrawal](#), 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

The Welcome Table

Scripture Text: [Matthew 9:9-13](#)

Sermon Series: *Meeting Jesus at the Table*

Communion and Home Communion

Rev. Spencer

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution & the Lord's Prayer

The Bread and the Cup (*Please prepare a communion serving for yourself and any who are worshipping with you.*)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is our joy to thank You and praise You, O God; for once we were no people, but You have made us Your people. Once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy. You made us all, men and women, students and those who are retired; lawyers and teachers, parents, children, the flawed and beloved. You made us in love and clothe us with grace; and we give You thanks. And so, in praise and thanksgiving, we join our voices to those of the heavenly host who sing to Your glory, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One Who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Communion Song

Worship Team

Revelation Song

Work of God's People and Benediction

Rev. Spencer

11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team:	Wes Allen-Guitar; Jacob Allen-Cajon; Piano-Rebecca Neindorff; Bethany Trzeciak, Vivian Allen, Steve Drzaszcz-Vocals
Audio Technician:	Taylor Adair
Live Stream Technician:	Matthew Miller
Visuals:	Alice Conley
Flower Arrangers:	Stacy Schaffer and Karen Arsenault
Usher:	Matt La Grou or Jeff Legath
Trustee Greeter:	Paul Lewis
Check-in:	Rachel Long
Hostess:	Chelsea Margerum
Nursery Caregiver:	Amy Coombe

Today's worship flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our daughter, Kimberly Susan, by Philip and Linda Jagiela.

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.



Visit our **Grow the Kingdom** webpage: <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/grow-the-kingdom/>. Fill out an online Grow the Kingdom Commitment Form if you did not complete one on February 11.

Introduction to Centering Prayer - Wednesdays from February 21 to March 20, 6:30-7:00 p.m.: Join Pastor Spencer for an introduction to a form of contemplative prayer known as Centering Prayer. Stuart shares the Biblical foundation for this prayer with direction on how to begin the practice. Classes are 30 minutes and follow the Family Dinner. The class meets in the Hayes Room with a Zoom option.

➤ Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89245133475?pwd=K0R2UUtIOEluVHpydXFRSDh5WHJGZz09>

Capital Sunday is **February 25**: Capital projects are essential for continued maintenance, safety, and preservation of our church. The Annual Report included a list of capital improvements prioritized by the Trustees. The anticipated cost for these projects is \$170,000. Because of budgetary restraints, no capital funds were budgeted for 2024. Leadership is offering the congregation the chance to give specifically to these projects during a Capital Campaign. The purpose of this Campaign is to raise the necessary funds for both current and future capital improvement projects. Contributions to the Capital Fund can be made through the online giving portal or by utilizing Capital Fund envelopes.

WJCMS Concert "String Music from South America" – *Sunday, February 25, 7:30 PM*: Composers Villa-Lobos, Almarán, Piazzolla, and Valdés highlight the musical traditions of Argentina, Brazil, Cuba, Colombia, Mexico, and Peru. Tickets: \$28; \$20-Seniors; Children under 18-Free.

Winter Inquirers' Class: The Inquirers' Class is for those who want to learn more about FPC Moorestown and the Presbyterian Church as a whole. The three-part series will be held Wednesday, **Feb. 28** (7:30 p.m.; *Please join us for Family Dinner before the Class*), Saturday, **March 2** (8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.), and Sunday, **March 3** to meet with Session. [Register online.](#)

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. *Secure your spot with a \$100 deposit.*

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.