



April 7, 2024 ~ Second Sunday of Easter; The Lord's Supper

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- *Have you **checked in** for worship today?*

*please stand as you are able

Welcome & Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Way of the Week #24: Tell Your Story

24. TELL YOUR STORY. God has done and is doing something unique in your life. Has God answered a prayer, provided help, or blessed you? Share it. Ask God for opportunities to share your faith in Christ by words and deeds.

Ideas for Action: At the start of each morning this week, think about one thing you're grateful to God for from the previous 24 hours. Got it? Now share it with someone else in the course of today.

Music in Preparation for Worship

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

The Strife is O'er

Peeters

*Call to Worship

Elder Dave Rebuck

This is the good news—the grave is empty; Christ the Lord is risen!

Hallelujah! This is the good news—the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

Hallelujah! This is the good news—once we were no people; now we are God's people.

Hallelujah! Jesus is our peace, and his peace cannot be taken from us.

Come, let us rejoice, sing, and be glad! Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Rebuck

*Hymn No. 251

Thine is the Glory

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Rebuck

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, bring new life when we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and when we have wounded; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves. Lord, forgive our wrongs, wash us clean and fill us with the same power that brought forth Jesus from the grave; for we pray all these things in his name and for his sake. Amen.

Time of silent and personal prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Rebuck

Hear the good news! Your sins and mine are forgiven.

By faith I have a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit, that out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ Jesus, not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made right with God, and have been granted eternal life. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer ('debts')

Rev. Wes Allen

Offertory

Rev. Allen



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Offertory Music

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

I Know that My Redeemer Liveth

Jennifer Wait, Soprano

Handel

I Know that my redeemer liveth,
and he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"This Road Ends in a Cemetery"

Scripture: Corinthians 15: 1-9 (Pew Bible page 176 NT)

The Lord's Supper and Home Communion

Rev. Spencer, Elders

The Invitation to the Table

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.**

(over)

By your loving power, you raised Jesus from death to life. Through his victory over the grave, we are set free from the bonds of sin and the fear of death. Now we share the incredible freedom that ours as God's children. In his rising to life you promise eternal life to all who believe in him We praise you that as we break bread in faith, we shall know the risen Christ among us. Together, we declare your praise 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.

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

*The Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn No. 239

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Christ is Arisen

Fischer

Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Steve Trzeciak)

Rev. Spencer

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GROW THE KINGDOM! As we commit to growing God's Kingdom, every member and friend of FPC Moorestown is invited into a covenant with four commitments: ***I will pray. I will invite. I will serve. I will give.*** Every member and friend is asked to commit to doing all four. For additional information including commitment forms: <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/grow-the-kingdom/>

Worship flowers are given in loving memory of Al Wenzke by Joyce Wenzke and the Wenzke family.

9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Dave Rebuck; **Communion Elders:** Dave Rebuck, Kristen Perkowski, Melody Ransom, Pam Engle; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Jack Terry, Joe Scheideler, Owen Dietz; **Flower Arrangers:** Stacy Schaffer and JoAnn Reynik; **Trustee Greeter:** Joe Molloy; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Melissa Corbin; **Deacon Greeter:** Deacon Jess Zorn; **Coffee Hospitality:** Carol Wiggans and Peg Madorno; **Bagel Pick-Up:** Ginny Powell; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum.



FUN FELLOWSHIP NIGHTS (*GTK Opportunity: I Will Give*); *Dine in, take out, online order, drive thru*

- Chick fil A Spirit Night for Step by Step; **Tuesday, April 16** (5-8 pm), 58 Centerton Square
- Dine and Donate **Monday, April 15** at Iron Hill Brewery to support mission events; 124 E. Kings Highway in Maple Shade. Be sure to mention the church! Visit ironhillbrewery.com for the menu.

Work of God's People (See *Connections*, eblast, website and Church Center app for details)



Volunteers are now needed to support our coffee hospitality on Sunday mornings and set up and clean up the coffee hour, as Chelsea Margerum has moved to the nursery. If you enjoy the bagels and coffee, please contact Carol Wiggans at (267) 496-0450 or jcwiggans@gmail.com to offer to assist with this ministry. Our goal is to compile several teams so the obligation is just about a week a month. Perfect for newer members. Sign up for set up or clean up to work best with your schedule. *GTK Opportunity: I Will Serve*

Adult Spiritual Formation: 1 Corinthians study (10:15-11:15 am, Fellowship Hall) led by Lissa Herman, Lorenzo Eagles and Paul Gordon. Indicate interest online and stop by on Sunday mornings. Runs through **May 19**.

Do you know of a 2024 graduate? Please fill out a [brief form](#) to submit names of 2024 high school, college or post-grad graduates to [Jan Martin](#) in the church office. We will honor our graduates on Graduate Recognition **Sunday, May 5** with a bulletin insert in both worship guides celebrating their achievement.

Egg Hunt & End of Year Parties – We are incorporating our [rained-out egg hunt](#) into our end of year party for Kingdom Kids on **Wednesday, April 24th** (Pre-K-3rd grade; 4:45-5:45 pm) and on **Wednesday, April 17th** for Crossing Zone (grades 4-6; 6:30-7:30 pm) which all children are invited to attend. This will allow us to continue to celebrate the joy of Easter and remember all that Jesus has done for us as we enter our summer break. We are grateful for all in our church family who donated candy and toys for our eggs and for Girl Scout Troop 30575 that filled the eggs.



Yes, nominations are still being accepted for Session, Board of Trustees and Board of Deacons. Please consider serving your church this way. Contact Nominations chair Gil Warren at gbkwarren@verizon.net. *GTK Opportunity: I Will Serve.*

NEW: Centering Prayer Group, Wednesdays beginning, April 17: Pastor Stuart Spencer leads a weekly time of Centering Prayer. This hour-long session includes a time for Centering Prayer followed by a Lectio Divina Bible Study and time to pray for one another. The Centering Prayer Group meets from 6:30-7:30 pm on Wednesdays; meet in the pastor's study. *GTK Opportunity: I Will Pray.* [Sign up online.](#)



NEW: The Engagement Project is a 10-week video teaching program which will meet on Wednesday or Sunday starting in April. No book required and there's no homework; videos are led by Dr. Del Tackett. God has entrusted the primary work of the Kingdom to the common, everyday Christian. He just may have placed an individual near you so you can invite them to Jesus. [Sign up online](#) for this 10-week adventure. Invite friends from other churches to join you.



- **The Engagement Project-Wednesday** will meet Wed. evenings **April 10-June 12** in Room 3-4. Join us for Family Dinner from 6-7 pm (\$7.00 per person) in Miller Commons too (Family Dinner concludes **May 1**.) **Facilitators:** Jim Cole and Gayle Payne
- **The Engagement Project-Sunday** will meet 10:15-11:45 am after Traditional Worship, from **April 14-June 16** in Room 2. Class size is limited to 12; preregistration required (no fee). **Facilitators:** Paul Grossmann, Jean Kunkel and Sue Piper.

Spring Prayer Retreat (register by April 19): Join friends from a number of churches at Holy Cross Monastery for time away from the rush and crushing pace of life. This 3-night, 4-day retreat affords the time to step away from the regular demands of life and enjoy a place of rest and welcome. Retreat: **May 21-24**; [sign up online](#) or through the Church Center app. *GTK Opportunity: I Will Pray*

