

101 Bridgeboro Road • *Mailing Address:* P. O. Box 868 Moorestown, NJ 08057 • 856.235.1688 • *fpcmoorestown.org* Rev. Stuart Spencer, Pastor/Head of Staff

Rev. Wesley Allen, Associate Pastor



**Sunday, April 14, 2024** ~ Third Sunday of Easter 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

Welcome Rev. Wes Allen

#### Way of the Week Video – Rebecca Neindorff

Rev. Allen

**25. REJOICE ALWAYS.** The Kingdom of God is a party! Let healthy laughter fill our meetings, our meals, and even our worship. Allow the joy of our faith to be clearly evident in our speech and on our faces.

**Ideas for Action:** Throw a party for the coming weekend and invite a couple of individuals or families from the church over to celebrate. Don't forget the cake! What's the occasion? The joy of knowing and serving Jesus and belonging to our church family are reasons enough.

Songs of Praise Worship Team

Blessed Be Your Name We Believe

Wow Moments Rev. Allen

# \*Call to Worship (adapted from Ezekiel 37)

Rev. Allen

This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones:

I will make breath enter you and you will come to life.

I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you, and cover you with skin.

I will put breath in you; and you will come to life.

Then you will know that I am the Lord, your God.

Come from the four winds, O Breath, and breathe upon us that we may live.

**Prayer of Adoration** 

Rev. Allen

\*Song of Praise **Worship Team** 

## How Deep the Father's Love for Us

### **Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Allen

Heavenly Father, Your Son, our Savior told us, "Those who try to gain their own life will lose it; but those who lose their life for My sake will gain it." These are hard words. We confess that we often close our ears and minds to this kind of risk. Lord, we are sorry for being unfaithful. Please forgive our fearful hearts. Lord, You alone know how desperately we need connection with You and with one another. Surround us with godly counsel that we can trust. Give us courage so that we may respond to Your call to us for deeper life. Guide us, we pray, on an adventure of hope, where Christ Jesu remains at the center. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silence for personal confession

### **Assurance of Forgiveness** (responsive)

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

### \*Greeting

### **Welcome New Members**

Rev. Allen & Elder Joyce Wenzke

We welcome to FPC Moorestown: Sharon Budka, Audrey Drummonds, Loren & Kathryn Eagles, Katie Ferroni, Evan & Taylor Letts, Cynthia Saint Cyr, and Ryan Sharp & Chrissy Brown

### Offering Ourselves to God

Rev. Allen



瑞蕊區 Thank you for your faithfulness in blessing FPC Moorestown with your giving. Your offerings allow us to sustain our church programs. Take advantage of automatic withdrawal or donate from your phone via the Church Center app for your offering and our Capital Fund contributions. If you're watching via live stream, you can give online right now as well! To mail offerings, send to P. O. Box 868, Moorestown, NJ 08057.

**Song of Praise** Worship Team

#### How He Loves

Sermon Rev. Allen

#### You're Not Alone

Scripture Text: Acts 2:14-21

Sermon Series: *Priorities of a Powerhouse People* 

**Closing Song Worship Team** 

#### **Revelation Song**

#### Work of God's People and Benediction

Rev. Allen

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

Worship Team: Wes Allen-Guitar; Jacob Allen-Cajon

Audio Technician:Joshua LeonardLive Stream Technician:Matt MillerVisuals:Alice Conley

Flower Arrangers: Debbie Heller and Carol Morgan
Usher: Dave Barr or JoAnn Reynik

Trustee Greeter: Rich Corbin
Check-in: Jess Zorn
Hostess: Carol Wiggans
Nursery Caregiver: Chelsea Margerum

**Today's worship flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Grace Worthing by Susan Masiko.

**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.



**Thank You** for your generous kick-off to our <u>Capital Fund</u>! We've received over \$95,000 for the needed capital projects. Contributions can still be made online or by utilizing Capital Fund envelopes. See our <u>Church Center Event page</u> for more information.



The Engagement Project is a 10-week video-teaching program which will meet on 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 cultivate a relationship and INVITE them to Jesus.



**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 Group meets from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Pastor's study.



Spring Prayer Retreat (register by TODAY): Join a group from a number of churches at Holy Cross Monastery, an Episcopalian Benedictine monastery, for time away from the rush and crushing pace of life. This three-night, four-day retreat affords the time to step away from the regular demands of life and enjoy a place of rest and welcome. Retreat dates: May 21-24



**Men's Prayer Breakfast** - *Saturday, May 4, 8:30-10:00 a.m.*: The men of FPC Moorestown gather for a hearty breakfast followed by a presentation on Building a Prayer Life by Rev. John Doll. Rev. Doll is the Pastor of the Asbury United Methodist Church in Cinnaminson. Breakfast and coffee begin at 8:30 a.m. We'll depart by 10:00 a.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 (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 <a href="https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/prayer">https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/prayer</a>
- 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.