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April 21, 2024 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

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 #1: Be Third

1. BE THIRD. God is first, others are second, and you're third. Don't just think about your own interests, be interested in others. Don't think less of yourself, just think of yourself less and others more.

Ideas for Action: Ask God, "Whom can I serve today?" Look for an opportunity to be last ... in line, the last to speak, or last to be served.

Music in Preparation for Worship	Rebecca Neindorff, Piano
Come, Christians, Join to Sing	Arr. Victor Labenske

Introit Rachel Ferguson, Piano

A Helper in My ChurchYoungI'm Gonna SingSpiritual

Primary Choir; Linda Lockart, Director

*Call to Worship Elder Paul Booker

People of God, let me remind you once more that Jesus Christ is risen!

The angels of God are rejoicing

If you have forgotten, I tell that Jesus Christ is risen!

The spirits of evil have fallen

Never forget this wonderful news that Jesus Christ is risen!

The tomb is empty! Glory and power are Jesus's forever and ever. Amen!

*Hymn No. 743

Christ for the World We Sing

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Booker

Gracious Father, you sent your Son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we might live a new life in Him. Yet we confess that we too often have chosen to remain captive to doubt and fear and ways that lead to death. By our thoughts, words, and actions, we have scorned your love, diminished the lives of others, and defaced your image in us. Father, forgive us for Jesus' sake, and enable us by His resurrection power to live no longer for ourselves but for Him who died and rose again for us. Amen.

Time of silent and personal prayer

Assurance of Pardon (based on Romans 4:25)

Elder Booker

Jesus was delivered over to death for our trespasses and raised so that we might be made right with God. I declare to you that your sins and mine are forgiven. Be at peace and serve the Lord! Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Wes Allen

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

Rev. Spencer

Offertory

Rev. Spencer



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Offertory Music

Hold Out Your Light

Spiritual, Arr. McNeil

Adult Choir and Soloists; Tyler Kim, Director

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon Rev. Stuart Spencer

"So Little, So Much"

Scripture: Acts 3: 1-11 (Pew Bible page 119 NT) **Sermon Series:** Priorities of a Powerhouse People

Jesus Shall Reign

Music in Preparation for Service

Rachel Ferguson, Piano

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Arr. Cindy Berry

Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Stuart Spencer

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Worship flowers are given by Lucy Rorke-Adams to the glory of God and in loving memory of her sisters Elizabeth Seropian and Maline Broburg.

9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Acolytes: Sofia and Nico de la Cruz; Beadle: Elder Paul Booker; Audio Technician: Harris Ransom; Live Stream Technician: Jonathan Nawrocki; Ushers: Steve Shaffer, Gail Sorin, Bill Pettit; Flower Arrangers: Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop; 3rd Sunday Deacon Deliverers: Janet D'Angelo and JoAnn Reynik, 3rd Sunday Deacon Flower Arranger: Sherrell Fitts; Trustee Greeter: Bill Conner; Sanctuary Greeter: Stephen Minister Doris Kahley; Deacon Greeter: Deacon Mike McNeil; Coffee Hospitality: Sue Piper and Sherrell Fitts; Bagel Pick-Up: Amy Mace; Nursery Care: Chelsea Margerum.

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73rd National Day of Prayer (May 2)

"Lift Up the Word - Light Up the World

- PRAYER BREAKFAST: 7-8 am on Van Camp Porch. (If bad weather meet in the Lounge).
- PRAYER GUIDE: Use the Prayer Guide as an aid in your prayers. <u>Download our Prayer Guide...</u>
- WATCH ONLINE: Thursday Evening Prayer Service (live stream) 7:00-7:15 PM.
- **JOIN OUR 12-HOUR PRAYER VIGIL**: Please SIGN UP to pray for our church and the church at large, our country and the world. We hope to fill each 30-minute time slot with at least two names. **Please sign up here and online...** You may also call the church office at 856.235.1688 to leave a message for Pam Engle.
- FASTING: Join with others, including Pastor Spencer, to fast on this day as you are led.



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 and service area. Chelsea Margerum has moved to the nursery. If you enjoy having bagels and coffee, please contact Carol Wiggans at (267) 496-0450 or jcwiggans@gmail.com to offer to periodically assist with this ministry. Our goal is to compile several available teams.

Do you know of a 2024 graduate? Please fill out a <u>brief form</u> to submit names of those high school, college or post-grad graduates to <u>Jan Martin</u> in the church office by May 2. Graduate Recognition Sunday will be **May 5.**

Our rained out egg hunt will be incorporated into end of year events for Kingdom Kids on **Wednesday, April**24th (Pre-K-3rd grade; 4:45-5:45 pm). The <u>Crossing Zone End of Year Party</u> has been moved to **May 8** offsite at Funplex. Sign up online.

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 in Pastor Spencer's Study. *Grow The Kingdom Opportunity: I Will Pray*

The Engagement Project is a 10-week small group video teaching program which will meet on Wednesday or Sunday. No book required and there's no homework; videos are led by Dr. Del Tackett. The Engagement Project-Wednesday has reached capacity, but spaces remain in The Engagement Project-Sunday which will meet 10:15-11:45 am from April 14-June 16 in Room 2. Class size limited to 12; preregistration required. Facilitators: Paul Grossmann, Jean Kunkel & Sue Piper.

Men's Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, May 4, from 8:30-10:00 a.m. The men of FPC Moorestown gather for a full and hearty breakfast followed by a presentation on building a prayer life by Rev. John Doll, 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. Sign up online. GTK Opportunity: I Will Pray

Sunday, May 19: This will be the last day of children's Sunday School and is **Teacher/Leader Appreciation Sunday.** That day is also Pentecost, celebrated by Full Communion. Remember to wear red!

Save The Date: Vacation Bible School 2024 "Race to the Finish" is coming **June 24-28**. Watch for sign ups for students and volunteers. VBS set up week will be June 17-21.

NEW: <u>West Jersey Music Academy Little Beats Summer Music Camp</u>: see flyers around the church for information about a new beginner music Summer Camp from July 8-19 for grades 1st through 5th; visit http://www.westjerseymusicacademy.org.

It's Coming! 65th Annual Strawberry Festival ... Friday, June 7 (6-9 pm). Watch for information shortly.

<u>Youth Choir Concert</u> Sunday, May 5 (7:00 pm) -- Come support our young choir members as Junior Choir, Choristers, and Chapel Choir perform sacred selections from this year including Pergolesi "Magnificat." They will be accompanied by the West Jersey Chamber Symphony. Free will offering. The Concert will also air via live stream.

<u>Read online for plans</u> for our second growing season for the Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden. Work days will be two Saturdays, **April 27th** and **May 11th**, at 9:00 a.m. to plant spring and summer crops. Please join us if you can! There are several ways you can become involved.