



April 28, 2024 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- *please stand as you are able

Have you **checked in** for worship today on the Church Center app? Please remember to also **sign** the Friendship pads in the pews and greet those seated near you.

Welcome & Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Way of the Week #2: Speak the Truth with Love

2. SPEAK THE TRUTH WITH LOVE. Speak honestly and directly in a way that clearly reflects love and support for one another. Be courageous enough to say what needs to be said, even when it's difficult. Address issues directly with those who are involved or affected; speak to, not about, others.

Ideas for Action: Is there a difficult conversation you've been delaying? Is there someone you've been talking about instead of being direct? Pray for courage and grace to have the conversation, in person, if possible.

Music in Preparation for Worship

Joel Krott, Organ

Kyrie Fons Bonitatis

Callahan

*Call to Worship

Elder Leonard Fitts

Children of God: Welcome!

Welcome to this place of love and grace,

Welcome to this place of hope and healing.

God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved family,

God invites all of us to share in the good news:

We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God together.

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Fitts

*Hymn No. 52

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (based on Psalm 103)

Elder Fitts

O Holy God, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done,
**We have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness;
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.**
We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you.
Forgive us and renew our lives through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Time of silent and personal prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Fitts

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

*Gloria Patri

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

Rev. Spencer

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Spencer

Offertory



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Offertory Music

Rebecca Neindorff, Piano

Do You Know Who Made the Day?

Hopson

Junior Choir with Sawyer McNab, Flute

*Doxology No. 809

continued

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

“Prayer: The Powerhouse Plug

Scripture: Acts 4: 23-31 (Pew Bible page 122 NT)

Sermon Series: Priorities of a Powerhouse People

*Hymn No. 289

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart

Alberti

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 Robert R. Rorke

9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Acolytes: Sofia and Nico de la Cruz; **Beadle:** Elder Leonard Fitts; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** John Miller, Patrick McIlroy, Steve Emerson; **Flower Arrangers:** Karin Miller and Rumi Sinunu; **Trustee Greeter:** Wendy Dougherty; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Philip Jagiela; **Deacon Greeter:** Deacon Karen Hynoski; **Coffee Hospitality:** Lissa Herman (set up), Debbie Heller (clean up); **Bagel Pick-Up:** Amy Mace; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum.

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73rd National Day of Prayer (Thursday, 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. [Download our Prayer Guide...](#)
- **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 needed to support our coffee hospitality on Sunday mornings and set up and clean up the coffee and service area. If you enjoy having bagels and coffee, please contact Carol Wiggans at (267) 496-0450 or icwiggans@gmail.com to offer to periodically assist on a support team.

Drivers are also needed to pick up the bagels Sunday morning from Manhattan Bagel in Moorestown. Please contact scheduler Amy Mace at 856-524-0481 if you can offer to take a turn picking up the bagels one week.

NEXT WEEK: Graduate Recognition Sunday is May 5 -- Do you know of a 2024 graduate? Please fill out a [brief form](#) to submit names of those high school, college or post-grad graduates to [Jan Martin](#) in the church office by **May 2**. We will honor our graduates with a special bulletin insert Sunday, May 5.

The [Crossing Zone End of Year Party](#) will be **May 8** and is offsite at Funplex, \$20 per child. Sign up online to attend.

NEW: Centering Prayer Group, Wednesdays: Pastor Stuart Spencer leads an ongoing 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*



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. Rev. Doll is the Pastor of the Asbury United Methodist Church in Cinnaminson. Breakfast and coffee begin at 8:30 a.m. We'll conclude by 10:00 a.m. [Sign up online](#). *GTK Opportunity: I Will Pray*



The Session has called a [Special Meeting of the Congregation](#) for **Sunday, May 5**, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. traditional worship service, to elect Elders, Deacons and Trustees to a term of office beginning June 1, 2024. The meeting may also be viewed via live stream. Note votes may not be cast via live stream. [See Official Notice online, at church and on our website.](#)

Youth Choir Concert 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.

[Read online for plans](#) for our second growing season for the Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden. Our May work day will be **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 – please see our online event page.

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**.

The 65th Annual Strawberry Festival is coming **Friday, June 7 (6-9 pm)**. Watch for information shortly.

Save The Date: [Vacation Bible School 2024](#) "Race to the Finish" is coming **June 24-28** for students entering kindergarten to entering 6th grade. [Registration is now OPEN](#) online for students and volunteers. VBS set up week will be June 17-21 -- meetings and events may be moved accordingly. See *Connections* for more information.

NEW: [West Jersey Music Academy Little Beats Summer Music Camp](#): see flyers around the church for information about an engaging new beginner music Summer Camp from July 8-19 for grades 1-5; visit <http://www.westjerseymusicacademy.org> to sign up.