



## June 16, 2024 ~ Remembering Fathers; Congregational Meeting

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. Wes Allen

### Way of the Week #9: Pray First and Pray Again

**9. PRAY FIRST AND PRAY AGAIN.** Ask *first* for God's guidance and blessing in everything you do. Through prayer, ask for wisdom and for God's will to be done. Pray for others as well, that God's love and blessing would be revealed to them in good times and in bad.

**Ideas for Action:** On your next walk, run, or in your quiet time, intentionally pray for neighbors, other churches, schools, EMTs, police and fire personnel, and local officials. If you're stalled in your prayer life, reach out to one of the pastors or a member of the Prayer Team for a suggestion.

### Music in Preparation for Worship

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

#### ***Our Savior's Love***

Gates

Jessica Migrala, Flute

### \*Call to Worship

Elder Leonard Fitts

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**God is the Maker of heaven and earth.**

This is the day that the Lord has made;

**So let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Sing out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**Yes, let us adore the Lord with gladness.**

Come into God's presence with glad and grateful hearts. Let us worship God.

## \*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Fitts

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## \*Hymn No. 20

### ***Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee***

\*\*\*Seating interlude

## Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Fitts

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Loving and eternal God, we confess to you that sometimes we think we can do things all by ourselves and sometimes we are worried about many things. Too often we forget that you give us everything we have and that you make us who we are. Please forgive us for mostly thinking of ourselves first. Please forgive us for our lack of trust in you. Thank you for always loving us even when we forget that we need you. These things we pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*(Silence for our personal prayers of confession and surrender.)*

## Assurance of Pardon

To all who turn from sin in sorrow, to all who turn to God in hope, this is God's Word of grace: Through Christ we are accepted, we are pardoned, and we are loved. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## \*Gloria Patri

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## Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Allen

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

Rev. Stuart Spencer

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## Offertory



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## Offertory Music

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

### ***The Greatest of These is Love (1 Corinthians 13)***

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Jennifer Wait, Soprano

## \*Doxology No. 809

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## Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

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### ***"It Doesn't Mean a Thing"***

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 13: 1-8 (Pew Bible page 175 NT)

**Sermon Series:** Fan The Flames

## \*Hymn No. 708

*Blest be the Tie that Binds*

## Music in Preparation for Service

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Larson

## \*Benediction and Going Forth; Congregational Meeting

Rev. Stuart Spencer

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**Worship flowers** are given by Gretchen Birdsall in loving memory of her daughter Heaather Spurr.

**Worship flowers** on the altar are given in loving memory of Walter C. Gilmore, husband of Clarice; father of Ann, Lorraine and Alan; grandfather of Jessica, Noah, Tori, Joey, Lauren, Alison, and Colin.

## 9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

**Beadle:** Elder Leonard Fitts; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Mike Welch, Paul Grossmann, Gail Sorin; **Flower Arrangers:** Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop; **Deacon 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Flower Arrangers:** Vicki Terry; **Deacon 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Flower Deliverers:** Susan Shaffer and Vicki Terry; **Trustee Greeter:** John Miller; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Barbara Lewis; **Deacon Greeters:** Deacons Susan Shaffer and Helen Dominy; **Bagel Pick-Up:** Paul Grossmann; **Coffee Hosts:** Paul Grossmann and Donna Leatherman; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum.

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### Vacation Bible School Heads to the Olympics

[Registration is OPEN](#) online for students AND volunteers for [Vacation Bible School 2024](#) "Race to the Finish," **June 24-28** for students entering kindergarten to entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade. See *Connections*, our Church Center event page or [www.fpcmoorestown.org/vbs](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org/vbs) for all the fun details! Adult volunteers are particularly needed. 😊

NOTE: VBS set up week will be June 17-21 -- meetings and events may be moved accordingly. Please check the church calendar.



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

**TODAY:** There will be a [Congregational Meeting](#) **Sunday, June 16 at 10:15 am** to elect additional officers. The meeting will immediately follow the 9:00 am traditional service. The brief meeting is to elect additional officers needed for the Boards of Deacons, Trustees and Session. Also available via live stream (to view only, not vote).

[SEE INSERT for bios of officer candidates.](#)

**TODAY:** Visit the *I Will Serve* table in the Commons Lobby and learn about volunteer openings for (1) *Several Missions Events & Opportunities* (Linda Jagiela); and (2) *Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden* (Susan Shaffer). Representatives will be available to share about these positions.

**Presbytery News --** On **Tuesday, June 18** our church will host an evening Presbytery meeting, dinner and installation of incoming Presbytery Moderator Becca Neindorff. All are invited. Becca will be installed as the Moderator for the Presbytery For Southern New Jersey, for 2024-2025. The group will also welcome Transitional Executive Presbyter Kathleen Dain. Dinner will be served in Fellowship Hall beginning at 6:00 pm. The meeting begins at 7:15 pm. Please join us to share well wishes for Becca, Kathy and their team.



**“Fan the Flames;” Spiritual Gifts Survey** – Our current sermon series [“Fan the Flames”](#) highlights the work of the Holy Spirit in equipping men and women of faith with spiritual gifts suited for growing God’s Kingdom. If you haven’t done so yet, please take the spiritual gifts survey at <https://gifts.churchgrowth.org/spiritual-gifts-survey/?id=902651> (see Friday eblast, website, event page for a letter from Pastor Allen). Use your spiritual gift inventory to explore new ways to serve God’s Kingdom by identifying volunteer opportunities at FPC Moorestown

**National Holiday** – The church campus will be CLOSED Friday, June 21 in observance of the federal Juneteenth holiday. Reports for the June Session packets are due to Jan in the church office by **12 noon THURSDAY, June 20**.

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday & Ice Cream Social:** On **Sunday, June 30** we will gather for a combined **9:30 am** Fifth Sunday worship service in Miller Commons. SPECIAL EVENT: After worship, we will move into Fellowship Hall for an [Ice Cream Social](#) sponsored by the Membership Committee. We will honor the past three classes of our Inquirers' Class and recognize our 50+ year members! Enjoy a cool treat this summer and say a special welcome to these honored guests. Thank you to the Deacons 5th Sunday Hospitality Team for their invaluable assistance.

**NEW: Summer Inquirers Class:** Are you interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown and possibly joining the congregation? The Membership Committee invites you to attend its Inquirers' Class on **June 19, June 22** and **June 23**. The three-part series is designed for today’s busy schedules. Sign up online or through the Church Center app at <https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2308568> or call Alison in the church office.

**NEW: [Prayer on the Porch](#),** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> summer Thursdays at 7:00 pm on the Van Camp Porch – began June 13. Next: June 27.

**Join us for a family whitewater rafting adventure** down the Lehigh River in PA on **Saturday, August 17**. No prior experience is necessary; minimum age: 8 years old. Bring the whole family and invite your friends for an unforgettable experience. [Sign up online](#). Registration deadline: **July 28**. \$80 per person.



**“Drop In and Discuss”** -- Join us each Sunday morning this summer to discuss the day’s sermon text. We will gather in the Lounge from **10:15-11:15 am**. Get your coffee and drop in for ten minutes or for forty. Look for special Sundays, when someone will be on the “HOT SEAT”! No need to sign up, just stop on by.