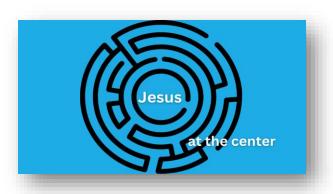


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Sunday, August 25, 2024 ~ Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Way of the Week

Rev. Spencer

19. ACCEPT AND DON'T CAST STONES. God's love opens the doors of our church to all people. Just as Jesus did, welcome people as they are. It's not up to us to judge. Love unconditionally; and as Christ has received you, receive others.

Ideas for Action: Approach someone you normally avoid at church for whatever reason. Make a point to speak to them this week.

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

Glorious Day This I Believe

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Rev. Spencer

When I think of God's presence in the world, I am grateful:

grateful for the presence of hope; grateful for the gift of life.

And when I think of God's presence in my life, I am humbled:

humbled by the gift of grace; humbled by the invitation to begin again.

And when I think of God's presence in this community, I am glad:

glad to be surrounded by holy people worshipping our Holy God.

Thank you all; thank you, God.

*Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Spencer

*Song of Praise

Worship Team

O Come to the Altar

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Spencer

Holy God, Lord of love: For not singing when we are joyful;

for not shouting to the world the good that You do;

for not trusting the love that surrounds us; for not enacting the justice You call us to;

for not believing the Good News is meant for all:

forgive us. Encourage us and change us, help us and inspire us that we will magnify You, and rejoice in God our Savior. Amen.

Silence for personal confession & reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness (responsive)

Friends, this Good News is for the entire world, including you: Christ was born, lived and died, and rose again that we would be freed from sin and death. Know that indeed you are forgiven; and be at peace.

Alleluia! Amen.

*Greeting

Sharing with Our Young Disciples

Rev. Spencer

Offering Ourselves to God & Work of God's People

Rev. Spencer



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Song of Praise

Worship Team

Same God

Sermon Rev. Spencer

Faces in the Pews

Scripture Text: Colossians 4:7-18 Sermon Series: Jesus @ the Center

Wow Moments

Closing Song Worship Team

Come, Lord Jesus (Even So Come)

Benediction Rev. Spencer

11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team: Matt Russell-Guitar; Ryan Peiffer-Bass; Vinny Dattilo-Drums; Rebecca Neindorff-

Piano

Audio Technician: Taylor Adair Live stream Technician: Dalton Ryan Visuals: Alice Conley

Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop **Flower Arrangers:**

Usher: Matt La Grou or Jeff Legath

Trustee Greeter: Tim Powell

Welcome Desk: Jenna Cole and Owen Dietz

Hostess: Carol Wiggans **Nursery Caregiver:** Chelsea Margerum

Today's worship flowers are given to the glory of God.

Nursery care is provided for children ages 0-5 years old in Room 12.

Check-ins: Check-in is self-check in only on your smart phone. A volunteer is available to assist.

Welcome Back Sunday: Our 2024-2025 programming year officially gets underway on Sunday, Sept. 8 as we Welcome Back everyone to church. Special happenings are coming up Sept. 8 and Sept. 15. See Connections, Church Center events, and our website for full details. BONUS: "I Will Serve" Showcase (between Services) -- Explore areas of service and see where you might be able to help.

CREDO Parents' Information Meeting: Sunday, Sept. 8 from 10:15-10:45 a.m. in the Hayes Room – The CREDO Confirmation Class is open to all high school students. Sign up online.

The Engagement Project is a 10-week program Wednesday evenings Sept. 11-Nov. 13 in Room 3-4 led by Jim Cole and Gayle Payne. Sign up online or right through the Church Center app. Invite friends to this enlightening video discussion series led by Dr. Del Tackett. There is no book and no homework.



Prayer on the Porch – 2nd & 4th Thursdays: Sept. 12 & 26: **7:00 PM** on the Van Camp Porch. **GTK** Ice cream will be served.



On September 12, we will celebrate the 136th Birthday of First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown, which was founded in 1888. Watch your mail for a letter from Pastor Stuart sharing about the church's legacy Fund.

Bible Sunday: On Sunday, September 15, children entering third grade will receive a Bible as a gift from their church. Bibles will be presented at both Services. If you would like your third grader to receive a Bible, please sign up online or contact Holly Asciutto hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org or Jean Marie Hanna childrensministries@fpcmoorestown.org.



Fall Prayer Retreat - October 22-25: Registration is OPEN for this 3-night, 4-day Retreat at Holy Cross Monastery, NY led by Pastor Spencer. Study Book: One Thousand Gifts: A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are by Ann Voskamp. See our Events page for details and to register. Cost: \$355 study book included; \$340 study book NOT included. Deadline to Register is Sunday, Sept. 29.

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 (2nd & 4th 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 https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/prayer
- 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.