



**Sunday, September 15, 2024** ~ Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

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### Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

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### Way of the Week

Rev. Allen

**22. REST AND REFLECT.** Make time in your week to step back from work, school, and stressful demands. Since Christ has freed us, we no longer have to be obsessively driven. Take a walk, play, nap, meet up with friends, share a meal, or just take some time in solitude.

**Ideas for Action:** Can you make your Sunday more of a Sabbath day of rest for you and your family? Connect with God using worship music. Unplug from the devices for part or all of the day. Seek the joy of the Lord in creation. Eat a meal together. Be silent with God and pray. Prioritize wholeness and rejuvenation in Christ.

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### Songs of Praise

Worship Team

***Blessed Be Your Name***  
***Rest on Us***

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### Wow Moments

Rev. Stuart Spencer

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### \*Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Rev. Allen

People of God, let's now turn from worldly distractions like work or school, to focus hearts, minds, and actions on loving, thanking and praising God. Let these Words from Psalm 105, help us:

**"Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim God's greatness. Let the whole world know what the Lord has done. Sing to God; yes, sing praises. Tell everyone about God's wonderful deeds. Exult in His holy name; rejoice, you who worship the Lord."**

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### \*Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Allen

## \*Song of Praise

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Worship Team

### ***Heart on Fire***

## Prayer of Confession (*respnsive*)

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Rev. Spencer

O Holy God, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done,  
**we have sinned against You 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.**

*Silence for personal confession & reflection*

## Assurance of Forgiveness (*based on Psalm 103*)

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“The Lord is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. God does not punish us for all our sins; God does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve. For his unfailing love toward those who fear Him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.

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

## \*Greeting

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## Distribution of Bibles & Commissioning of our Teachers

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Rev. Allen & Holly Ascitutto

## Offering Ourselves to God & Work of God’s People

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Rev. Allen



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

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Worship Team

### ***Power of the Gospel***

## Sermon

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Rev. Spencer

### ***Blessed Eyes, Blessed Ears***

Scripture Text: [Matthew 13:10-17](#)

Sermon Series: *Stories from the Fields*

## Closing Song

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Worship Team

### ***Graves into Gardens***

## Benediction

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Rev. Spencer

## 11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

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<b>Musician:</b>	Wes Allen-Guitar
<b>Audio Technician:</b>	Joshua Leonard
<b>Live Stream Technician:</b>	Jacob Allen
<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	Karen Mason and Debbie Heller
<b>Usher:</b>	Matt La Grou or Jeff Legath
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	Jeff Legath
<b>Welcome Desk:</b>	Keith Wright and Rachel Long
<b>Hospitality Coordinator:</b>	Carol Wiggans
<b>Nursery Caregiver:</b>	Chelsea Margerum

**Today's worship flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Jack by Rumi Sinunu.

**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.

**Fall Kick-off!** "I Will Serve" Showcase (between Services) -- Explore areas where you might be able to help.

**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.

**NEW! 2024-25 Program Guide:** Pick up a copy of this handy Guide to see the many opportunities we have to *Serve, Invite, Pray,* and *Give* throughout the coming year at FPCM. They can be found in the narthex, Commons, and on the Welcome Desk.



**The Engagement Project** is a 10-week program **Wednesdays at 7:00 PM Sept. 11-Nov. 13** in **Room 2** led by Jim Cole and Sue Piper. [Sign up online](#) or through the Church Center app. Invite friends to this video discussion series led by Dr. Del Tackett. There is no book and no homework.



**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.



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



**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**.

**Howard Univ. Gospel Choir Concert:** On Friday, **Oct. 4** at **7:00 PM**, the renowned Howard Gospel Choir of Howard University will be in concert at First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown; and the community is invited! No tickets required. A freewill offering will be taken. Non-perishable food items will be collected for the Moorestown Ministerium Food Pantry.

**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 (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.