



Sunday, October 27, 2024 ~ Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

***Your Grace is Enough
This is Our God***

Wow Moments

Rev. Allen

***Call to Worship** (*responsive*)

Rev. Allen

When we feel weary, when the weight of the world presses down,
like a bridge over troubled waters, You carry us through.
In times of doubt, when fear surrounds and hope feels distant,
like a bridge over troubled waters, You guide us to safety.
When we are burdened with sorrow, when our hearts are broken,
like a bridge over troubled waters, You offer peace and comfort.
Come, all who are heavy-laden, all who thirst for justice and healing.
Here we find rest; here we find strength, for God is with us.
Let us lift our hearts to the One Who holds us close.
For in God's presence, the waters will not overwhelm; and the bridge will always lead us home.
Come, let us worship the God Who carries us through.
Let us worship together.

***Prayer of Adoration**

Rev. Allen

***Song of Praise**

Worship Team

Reckless Love

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Loving God, we confess that too often we turn away when others are struggling. We see their pain, yet remain silent, afraid to step into their troubled waters. We neglect to be the bridge of comfort, of hope, of justice for those who need us most. Forgive us for the times we have closed our hearts to the suffering around us, for when we choose convenience over compassion, or busyness over bearing one another's burdens. We confess our fear, our indifference, and our reluctance to be Your hands and feet in this world. Help us to remember that we are called to stand in the gap, to lift up the fallen, and to walk beside those in need. Give us the courage to be bridges of love, mercy and peace, so that we may reflect Your grace to all who are weary and burdened. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Silence for personal confession & reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsive*)

Rev. Spencer

Beloved in Christ, hear the Good News: even when we fall short, God's love never fails us. In our weakness, God's grace is our strength. When we confess our failing and seek to make amends, God forgives us, restores us, and renews our spirits. Through the boundless mercy of Christ, we are set free from guilt and shame, empowered to rise up and become the bridge of love and care that God calls us to be. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Hallelujah, amen.

*Greeting

Rev. Spencer

Sharing with Our Young Disciples

Rev. Spencer

Way of the Week

Carol Wiggins

3. LISTEN GENEROUSLY. Be quick to listen and do so with your undivided attention. Minimize the distractions, and let go of the need to agree or disagree. Suspend your judgment, and be curious to know more rather than jumping to conclusions. Above all, listen to understand.

Ideas for Action: Put aside phones and laptops. Turn off the TV or computer, and face someone you love. Focus on what the other is saying not on what you want to say. Be careful that you're not interrupting because you're not listening to them.

Offering Ourselves to God & Work of God's People

Rev. Allen



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Sermon

Rev. Allen

Trusting God in Uncertain Times

Scripture Text: [Isaiah 10:20-27](#)

Sermon Series: A Bridge Over Troubled Waters

Closing Song

Run to the Father

Worship Team

Matt Maher

Benediction

Rev. Allen

11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team:	Wes Allen-Guitar; Kalane Williams-Bass; Drums-Carl Wilson; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Michelle Davis, Steve Drzaszcz, Winnie Jiang-Vocals
Audio Technician:	Joshua Leonard
Sound Technician:	Taylor Adair
Live Stream Technician:	Dalton Ryan
Visuals:	Alice Conley
Flower Arrangers:	Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop
Usher:	Steve Connlain
Trustee Greeter:	Bill Mueller
Welcome Desk:	JoAnn Reynik and Dave Barr
Hospitality Coordinator:	Carol Wiggans
Hospitality Table:	Kelly Eagles and 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.

Save the Date! **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. They can be found in the narthex, Commons, and on the Welcome Desk.

God's Good News About Politics – *Wednesdays, Oct. 2-30, 6:30-8:00 PM:* Register online to join Rev. Wes Allen for this Small Group study in the **Lounge**. The series encourages believers to look to Scripture first, shaping our approach to faithful political engagement.



Men's Prayer Breakfast - Saturday, **November 2, 8:30-10:00 a.m.:** The morning begins with breakfast at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. After breakfast, Dr. Dick Herman, former Associate Pastor at FPC Moorestown, speaks on this timely topic: *"Ways to Pray for Our Country During an Election."* In addition to Dick's presentation, there will be time enough for prayer for our nation and ourselves. To register:

<https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2554387>.

Fall Inquirers' Class: The Membership Committee invites you to attend its Fall Inquirers' Class, starting **November 13**. The Inquirers' Class is for those interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown and the Presbyterian Church as a whole. The five-part series is led by the Pastors and church leaders. Please register or call Alison Mackey in the church office at X113.

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.