



October 27, 2024 ~ 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

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

Music in Preparation for Worship

Joel Krott, Organ

Chromhorne sur la Taille

Corrette

Introit

Carol Manion, Piano

Our Church

Kirkland

Oh, How I Love Jesus

Traditional

Primary Choir

*Call to Worship

Elder Joyce Wenzke

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

Elder Wenzke

*Hymn No. 692

Faith of Our Fathers

***Seating interlude

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

Elder Wenzke

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 chose 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 our personal prayers of confession and surrender

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Wenzke

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 amend, 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!**

*Gloria Patri

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Stuart Spencer

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

Rev. Spencer

Way of the Week #3: Listen Generously

Speaker: Carol Wiggans

- 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.

Offertory

Rev. Spencer



Thank you for your faithfulness and for blessing FPC Moorestown with your giving, especially in this important stewardship season. Your offerings and donations allow us to sustain our church programs year-round. Donate easily from your device via the Church Center app for your tithes, offerings and other 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.

Offertory Music

Karen Molloy, Piano

I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me

Arr. David Miller

Choristers; Sander Reid, Abigail Sempier, Hailey Frampton, Nadia Khalifa, Soloists

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Allen

"Trusting God in Uncertain Times"

Scripture: Isaiah 10: 20-27 (Pew Bible page 640 OT)

Sermon Series: A Bridge Over Troubled Waters

*Hymn No. 60

Great is thy Faithfulness

Music in Preparation for Service

Joel Krott, Organ

Plein Jeu

Corrette

*Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Allen

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Worship flowers are given to the glory of God.

9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Acolyte: Natalie Olsen; **Beadle:** Elder Joyce Wenzke; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Paul Lewis, Sherrell Fitts, Leonard Fitts; **Flower Arrangers:** Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop; **Trustee Greeter:** Mike Welch; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Carol Manion; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Bobbi Voglesong and Alex Wilkie; **Bagel Pickup:** Kelly Eagles or Carol Wiggans; **Coffee Hospitality:** Kelly Eagles and Carol Wiggans; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum.



Are you interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown and possibly joining the church? 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. [See our events page](#) to register or call Alison Mackey in the church office at 856-235-1688, x113.

Work of God's People (See Connections, e-blast, website and Church Center app for details)

TOMORROW: Save a Life: [Red Cross Blood Drive](#) -- Monday, October 28 from 11:00 am-4:00 pm in the Commons; see our Events page to sign up or see Debbie Heller at the Welcome Desk on Sunday.



[Men's Prayer Breakfast](#) -- Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024 (8:30-10:00 a.m.): Men are invited to a morning with food and a special time of learning and fellowship. Dr. Dick Herman speaks on "*Ways to Pray for Our Country During an Election.*" Sons of high-school age or older and friends are also welcome. [Register online.](#)

[Consecration Sunday](#) – On Oct. 13, we gathered as a church family to dedicate our 2025 Estimates of Giving. If you haven't yet submitted your Estimate, please complete your 2025 card [online](#), mail to the office, or drop in the offering plate. These Estimates allow church leaders to accurately budget for fiscal year 2025.

Are you interested in taking a **trip to North Carolina to assist in repairs** after the recent hurricanes? We are creating a list of those interested to see if we can get a team together. Contact Steve Engle at sengle1017@aol.com or 609-332-8692.

[NEW: High School Retreat - Nov. 15-17](#) at Lake Champion Young Life Camp, Glen Spey, NY; gr. 9-12. Don't miss this amazing Spirit-filled weekend! Sign up on our Events page. **Money is nonrefundable after Friday, Nov. 8.**

Looking for a fun morning? Discipling Children & Youth will be assembling [College Care Packages](#) on **Saturday, Nov. 9** from 9-10:30 a.m. If you can come help assemble, please contact Cheryl Gaskill at 856-904-3056.

Wed., November 13: *Prayer and Discipleship in India* - guest speaker missionary Rev. Cliff Jones. Please join up for Family Dinner at 5:45 p.m. and hear how the Holy Spirit is working in India to make disciples. **Room 3-4 at 7:00 p.m.**

Donate new and nearly-new treasures for the Saturday, Nov. 16 [PW Holiday Bazaar](#) (10 am–3 pm). Look for donation boxes in the Commons Lobby for drop-offs. We are looking for: gently used jewelry, accessories (scarves, belts, purses, umbrellas, gloves); sporting goods, accessories, gift items, holiday and seasonal décor. Contact Edith McFalls.

[Women's Morning of Prayer](#) – Join with your prayer sisters on **Saturday, Nov. 23** from 8:00 am – Noon; sign up on the event page for this meaningful morning. [Sign up on our event page.](#)

[Longest Night Worship](#) will be **Wednesday, Dec. 4** at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This unique service provides peace to those dealing with grief, illness, anxiety, or depression this holiday season.

Advent Candle Lighters: During Advent, members of our church family will serve as candle lighters for the Advent wreath. The Worship Committee is looking for individuals for both 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services for Advent **December 1, 8, 15 and 22**, as well as four Christmas Eve Services on **Tuesday, Dec. 24** at 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 8:30 pm, and 11:00 pm. Contact Worship Chairperson Kevin Fauvell at kevindfauvell@gmail.com or 609-220-0177 if you're interested.