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**Sunday, November 17, 2024** Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

Welcome and Work of God's People	Rev. Wes Allen
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Songs of Praise Worship Team

We Believe The Newsboys
Strength, Power & Love Soul Stirrers

Wow Moments Rev. Allen

## \*Call to Worship (responsive)

The work of the Father, the Creator, is visible.

Let us respond with praise.

The example of Jesus, our Lord is clear.

Let us respond with obedience.

The wind of the Holy Spirit is blowing.

Let us respond with joy.

The Word of God is calling.

Let us worship in spirit and in truth.

:	*Praver of	Ac	lorat	ion	Rev. Allen

*Song of Praise	Worship Team

## **Everybody Praise the Lord**Lincoln Brewster

# Prayer of Confession (unison) Rev. Stuart Spencer

O God of comfort and God of challenge, we come to You this morning the way the Israelites did, full of complaints and dissatisfaction. Nothing is enough; we do not recognize Your blessing at work in our day-to-day lives.

Forgive us when we become so comfortable that we moan and groan about the most insignificant details of our lives.

In our complaints, challenge us, as you did the Israelites, to consider the bigger picture of oppression, injustice, and inequality around us.

Forgive us when we close our eyes for fear of what You might show us; keep speaking Your powerful Truth to open our eyes until we see what You see in our world. Amen.

A period of silence is kept.

#### **Assurance of Forgiveness** (responsive)

Persistently, patiently, lovingly, God pours out grace and joy into our lives, healing our brokenness, forgiving our sin.

Loved, we are sent to love; forgiven, we are freed to forgive; graced, we can offer our gifts to everyone we meet. By His grace, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

### \*Greeting

## **Sharing with Our Young Disciples**

Rev. Allen

#### Way of the Week

Rev. Spencer

**6. FORGIVE...AGAIN.** Just as God forgives us, heal relationships by extending forgiveness with grace and generosity. Forgive everyone everything. Start by praying for those you resent or hate. Ask for every blessing you would want for the one you're struggling to forgive.

**Ideas for Action:** Work on "dropping" the anger you have. Don't let it come between you and someone else. Stop bringing up the hurt in public or with friends. Stop nursing the memory of how you've been wronged.

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

Rev. Spencer



Thank you for your faithfulness in blessing FPC Moorestown with your giving. Your offerings allow us to sustain our church programs. Take advantage of <u>automatic withdrawal</u> or donate from your phone via the Church Center app for your offering and our <u>Capital Fund</u> 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 Worship Team

**Must Be Jesus** Southern Tones

Sermon Rev. Spencer

Trusting God for Help

Scripture Text: Isaiah 26:1-15

Sermon Series: A Bridge Over Troubled Waters

Closing Song Worship Team

Our God Lincoln Brewster

**Benediction** Rev. Spencer

#### 11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team: Wes Allen-Guitar; Kalane Williams-Bass; Drums-Carl Wilson; Michelle Davis,

Winnie Jiang-Vocals

Audio Technician: Joshua Leonard
Sound Technician: Taylor Adair
Live Stream Technician: Dalton Ryan
Visuals: Alice Conley

Flower Arrangers: Karin Miller and Rumi Sinunu
Usher: Greg Connlain or Steve Connlain

Trustee Greeter: Pete Honeyford

Welcome Desk: Bobbi Voglesong and Jess Zorn

**Hospitality Coordinator:** Carol Wiggans

Hospitality Table: Tim and Ginny Powell Nursery Caregiver: Chelsea Margerum

**Today's worship flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the anniversary of Al & Joyce Wenzke by Joyce.

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

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

<u>Poinsettia Orders</u>: Order forms will be in *Connections* Nov. 17 for this year's poinsettia sales. Poinsettias will be displayed in both Worship Services on Manger Sunday December 15 and available to take home that day. <u>Download order forms</u> online as well. Plants are \$16 each.

<u>Young Musicians' Concert</u> – Sunday, **November 17 – 7:30 p.m.**: *Special Events* Concert Series presents our young, gifted musicians performing solo songs and instrumental works all to the glory of God. The Choristers & Chapel Choir will also be featured. *A freewill offering will be taken.* 

<u>Women's Morning of Prayer</u>: Join with your prayer sisters on Saturday, **Nov. 23** from 8:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. Sign up on the <u>events page</u>. Led by Arlita Winston.

**Men's Winter Retreat** - *January 24-26, 2025*: Men, start 2025 with Brothers in Christ for a weekend in a gorgeous mountain lake setting in northeast Pennsylvania. Online registration is now available. \$150/person; registration <u>deadline is December 1, 2024</u>. Younger men, high school age and older are welcome. <a href="https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2544098">https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2544098</a>

<u>Consecration Sunday</u>: If you haven't yet submitted your Estimate of Giving, please complete your 2025 card <u>online</u>, mail to the office, or drop in the offering. These Estimates allow church leaders to accurately budget for fiscal year 2025.

**North Carolina Hurricane Mission Teams:** We are forming mission teams to North Carolina to assist with clean up and repairs after the recent hurricanes. A men's trip is being scheduled for late spring. If you are interested, please e-mail Steve Engle at <a href="mailto:sengle1017@aol.com">sengle1017@aol.com</a>.

*New to FPC Moorestown?* Pick up a copy of the **2024-25 Program 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.

#### **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 <a href="https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/prayer">https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/prayer</a>
- 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.