



## May 25, 2025 ~ 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; Combined Blended Worship

9:30 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. **NOTE: Worship announcements begin at 9:25 am.***

### Welcome & Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

### Way of the Week #8: Jump In

**8. JUMP IN.** Life is full of unexpected problems and needs, large and small. Pay attention to moments when God calls you to action, no matter how ordinary or extraordinary the situation may be. See “disruptions” as invitations to share Christ’s love. Write a note. Visit the sick or the grieving. Share a meal.

### Collect

***Prayer:** Gracious God, we pray that our church will walk in love. Increase the quality of our relationships and care for one another within the church. Develop within the church deep, intimate, fun-loving, cooperative, supportive and redemptive relationships. Give us a love for the lost that compels us to serve and speak Your truth to them. Help us to love the hurting. Let your mercy be a hallmark of FPC Moorestown. Amen.*

### Music in Preparation for Worship

Joel Krott, Organ

***Now the Spring Has Come Again***

Elmore

### \* Call to Worship (Responsive)

Elder Cheryl Gaskill

**Leader:** Come, all who thirst for life —

**People:** We gather by the river of the Water of Life.

**Leader:** Come, all who long for healing and peace —

**People:** The tree of life bears fruit for the healing of the nations.

**Leader:** God’s face shines upon us; the name of Love is on our foreheads.

**People:** We will worship the Holy One, and walk in the light forever.

**All:** Let us worship the Living God, whose blessing never ends.

## \* Prayer of Adoration

Elder Gaskill

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## \* Hymn No. 52

### *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

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## Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Gaskill

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Loving God, We confess that we often forget your blessing rests upon us. We lose sight of your presence when we dwell in fear or shame. We turn away from your light, believing we must earn what has already been freely given. Forgive us for the ways we withhold love from ourselves, from others, from creation. Turn us again toward the river of your grace. Plant us like trees of healing, that we may bless the world as you have blessed us. In your mercy, restore us. In your light, guide us home. Amen.

*(Silence for our personal prayers of confession)*

## Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Elder Gaskill

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**Leader:** Hear this good news: God's name is already upon you. God's face already shines upon you.  
God's Spirit flows through you, like living water.  
**People:** We are held in mercy. We are bathed in grace.  
**Leader:** In the name of the One who is Light and Life—  
**People:** We are forgiven, renewed, and made whole.  
**All:** Thanks be to God. Amen.

## \* Gloria Patri

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### Solo

Joel Krott, Organ

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### *Now the Spring Has Come Again*

c. 1582

Jennifer Wait, Soprano

Now the spring has come again, joy and warmth will follow;  
Cold and wet are quite forgot, northward flies the swallow;  
Over sea and land and air spring's soft touch is ev'rywhere  
And the world looks cleaner.  
All our sinews feel new strung, hearts are light that once were wrung,  
Youthful zests are keener.

God is in the midst of her, God commands her duty;  
Earth does but reflect his light, mirrors back his beauty;  
God's the fount whence all things flow, great and small, above, below  
God's their only maker: we but poorest patterns are of that mind beyond compare,  
God our great creator.

## Sharing with our Young Disciples

Holly Asciutto

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## Welcoming New Members

Rev. Allen

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Jack Evans, Sherry Evans, Liz Sikorski (Unable to attend: Rebecca Greenhow, Justin Greenhow)

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

Rev. Allen

## Offertory

Rev. Allen



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## Offertory Music

### **Gratitude**

Matt Russell, Contemporary Worship Leader

Brandon Lake

## \* Doxology No. 809

## Sermon

Rev. Dr. Richard Herman

### ***The Blessing and Invisible Tattoo***

**Scriptures:** Revelation 22: 1-5 (Pew Bible page 260 NT); Numbers 6: 22-27 (Pew Bible page 123 OT)

**Sermon Series:** They Don't Teach THIS in Sunday School

## \* Hymn No. 845 (end at the first Amen)

### ***The Lord Bless You and Keep You***

## \* Benediction ~ Grace for Ice Cream Social

Dr. Herman

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**Worship flowers** are given by Timm Brandhorst in loving memory of her parents Susan and Bob Becker, and her brother Bob Becker Jr.

## 9:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

**Beadle:** Elder Cheryl Gaskill; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Steve Shaffer, Gail Sorin, Bill Pettit; **Flower Arrangers:** Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop; **Trustee Greeter:** Mike Welch; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Liz Drzaszcz; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Bobbi Voglesong and Alex Wilkie; **Coffee Hospitality:** Ginny and Tim Powell



## Work of God's People (See *Connections*, eblast, website and Church Center app for details)

**TODAY:** [Membership Ice Cream Social](#) **Sunday, May 25**; combined **9:30 am** worship; we will honor this year's Inquirers Classes, CREDO Confirmants and 50+ Year Members; come into Fellowship Hall for ice cream!

**TOMORROW** -- The church building is CLOSED **Monday, May 26** in observance of Memorial Day. We pause to remember all men and women who have died in service to our country.

**NEW: The Prayer and Discipleship Committee** has provided Strawberry Festival Reminder Cards to hand out to neighbors and friends as a "soft discipling tool" and reminder of this event. Please take several and distribute. **This is NOT a ticket.** \$10 per person suggested donation at the door.



**66<sup>th</sup> Strawberry Festival is Friday, June 6 from 6-9 p.m.** [Sign up sheets](#) area now available in the narthex and Commons Lobby – please see when you can help! Visit [fpcmoorestown.org/strawberry](http://fpcmoorestown.org/strawberry).

[Women's Morning Prayer Event](#) -- Save The Date: **Saturday, May 31** (8:00 a.m.-Noon); sign up online. Come pray with your sisters in Christ. Beverages provided, bring your Bible, journal and a snack if you like.

**NEW: Sunday, June 1** (10:15 am): [Legacy Giving Roundtable](#), adult spiritual formation. Learn how to include the church in your estate planning and "give forward." Led by Stewardship Committee, featured speakers Frank Demmerly, Kevin Schaeffer, Bob Morris; Fellowship Hall.

**Sunday, June 1:** [Youth Groups End of Year Picnic](#) (Grades 7-12), 6:00 pm, church grounds.

[Baby Bottle Drive May 11-June 22.](#) Take a baby bottle, fill with spare change, a check or bills and return to the church to support [Options for Her](#). Checks made out to the church with 'Options' in the memo field.

[VBS June 23-27, 2025](#) – Registration is OPEN! Get ready for an exciting adventure at *True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World!* Join us as we guide kids on the ultimate Alaskan journey. We will point kids to Jesus, our faithful friend whom we can always trust—He's our *True North!* Adult and teen volunteers needed. [Visit fpcmoorestown.org/vbs](http://fpcmoorestown.org/vbs).

[PW Spring Gathering & Baby Shower](#) -- Presbyterian Women invite all women of the church to a Spring Gathering **Monday, June 16 at 6:30 p.m.** in Miller Commons. Sample treats from the dessert bar and connect with your fellow sisters. Speakers: Women from [Good Counsel](#) with their children share their stories. **See our website (PW page) or [Church Center event page](#) for items to drop off for a Baby Shower for our guests.** 😊

**NEW: [Trenton Thunder Faith & Family Night Baseball](#)** -- Grab your people and head out to the Trenton Thunder ballpark for a summer church outing on **Saturday, July 19** to cheer on our own MLB Draft League team. Tickets just \$10 each; pay online or by check/cash. Game Time: 6:00 p.m.

**Summer Adult Spiritual Formation - Beginning June 8: "Drop In and Discuss" (Lounge)** – Stop in Sunday mornings this summer to discuss the day's sermon text. We will gather in the Lounge from 10:15-11:00-ish am. Get your coffee and drop in for ten minutes or for forty. Who is on the Hot Seat this week?

### INCOMING OFFICERS

- **New Officer Examination with Session:** Tuesday, May 27 (7:00-8:00 pm)
- **Ordination and Installation:** Sunday, June 8 during worship