



**June 1, 2025 ~ 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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. **NOTE: Worship announcements begin at 8:55 a.m.***

**Welcome & Work of God's People**

Rev. Wes Allen

**Way of the Week #9: Pray First and Pray Again**

**9. PRAY FIRST AND PRAY AGAIN.** Ask *first* for God's guidance and blessing in everything you do. Through prayer, ask for wisdom and for God's will to be done. Pray for others as well, that God's love and blessing would be revealed to them in good times and in bad.

**Collect**

***Prayer:** Lord Jesus, your disciples once asked you to teach them to pray. We ask the same of you this week. Teach us how to seek your will in all things. Deepen our desire to pray for the lost, the poor, the addicted, the lonely, the fearful, the depressed, and the broken. We're ready to be the answer to our prayers. May your name be hallowed, your Kingdom come, and your will be done. Amen.*

**Music in Preparation for Worship**

Joel Krott, Organ

**Prayer**

Guilmant

**\* Call to Worship (Responsive)**

Elder Paul Gordon

Get up, Church—wake from your sleep.

**People: We're not here to fake it—we're here to face it.**

God isn't fooled by polished leaves.

**He wants the real thing—roots, fruit, fire.**

Come into the presence of the Holy One who flips tables and tears down lies.

**We come to worship the One who sets captives free and moves mountains.**

Leader: No fear. No games. No compromise.

**Let's worship God with our whole hearts—loud, honest, and unashamed.**

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## \* Prayer of Adoration

Elder Gordon

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## \* Hymn No. 622

***What a Friend We Have in Jesus***

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## Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Gordon

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God of truth, we've been imposters. We've looked alive but we are dry at the roots. We've traded prayer for noise, justice for routine, and grace for judgment. We confess we've gone through the motions, while our hearts stayed locked up tight.

Forgive us. Break what needs breaking. Burn what needs burning. And build in us something real—a faith that moves mountains, a love that bears fruit, a life that looks like Jesus. In His name we pray—Amen.

*(Silence for our personal prayers of confession)*

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## Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Elder Gordon

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God is not in the business of canceling you—He's in the business of raising the dead. What's been dry can live. What's been fake can be real.

**In Jesus Christ, we are not condemned — we are forgiven.**

The chains are off. The old is gone. You're not a fraud — you're free.

**Thanks be to God. Let's live like it.**

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## \* Gloria Patri

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

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## Offertory



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## Offertory Music

Joel Krott, Piano

***Faith***

Schubert

Amanda Schkeeper, Alto

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## \* Doxology No. 809

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## Sermon

Rev. Wes Allen

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***"No Fruit, No Mercy"***

**Scripture:** Mark 11: 12-25 (Pew Bible page 47 NT) or Matthew 21: 18-22 (Pew Bible page 23 NT)

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

\* Hymn No. 648

*O Jesus I Have Promised*

Music in Preparation for Service

*Voluntary*

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Boyce

\* Benediction

Rev. Allen

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Worship flowers are given to the glory of God.

9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

**Beadle:** Elder Paul Gordon; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Steve Drzaszcz; **Ushers:** John Miller, Patrick McIlroy, Steve Emerson; **Flower Arrangers:** Stacy Schaffer and Karen Arsenault; **Trustee Greeter:** Joe Molloy; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Nancy Dodimead; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Susan Horn and Steve Emerson; **Bagel Pickup:** Lissa Herman or Susan Shaffer; **Coffee Hospitality:** Lissa Herman and Susan Shaffer; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum



Please use the ONLINE SIGNUP FIRST to reserve your shift for Strawberry Festival:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054CACAE28AAFE3-56662011-strawberry>

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

**TODAY: 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 the Stewardship Committee, and featuring speakers Frank Demmerly, Kevin Schaeffer, Bob Morris. Fellowship Hall.

**TODAY: Pick up Strawberry Festival T-shirt orders June 1-6 at church.** Didn't get to reserve yours online? No problem. We have several dozen available, \$20 each (youth sage and women's pink Sold Out). Contact Ginny Weber at [stewardship@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:stewardship@fpcmoorestown.org) or the church office. Purchase easily via Venmo (@fpcmoorestown) or checks payable to the Church. Pick up in Room 2; please note shirts you pick up on the sign-out sheet.

**TONIGHT: Sunday, June 1:** [Youth Groups End of Year Picnic](#) (Grades 7-12), 6:00-8:30 pm, church grounds.

- ✓ **66<sup>th</sup> Strawberry Festival** sign up sheets are available ONLINE and in the narthex and Commons Lobby – please see what shifts you can do. **We still have vacancies** for greeters, Mission Food Tent, cake room setup, serving, providing cakes (homemade or store bought, need 100+ more), washing berries, hulling berries (**Thursday, June 5 from 2-8 PM**), kitchen duty, parking, beverages, utensils. Financial donations welcomed (Venmo, cash, checks accepted). The Prayer and Discipleship Committee has provided cards to hand out to invite friends to attend. INFO: Visit [fpcmoorestown.org/strawberry](http://fpcmoorestown.org/strawberry).



**Ordination and Installation of Officers:** Sunday, June 8, Pentecost, during worship services (please send bio to Jan in the church office: [jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org)). NOTE: [Congregational Meeting](#) to elect Elders, Deacons and Trustees scheduled for **Sunday, June 15** at 10:00 am in sanctuary, following Traditional Worship.

[Summer Adult Spiritual Formation](#) - **Beginning June 8: “Drop In and Discuss” (Lounge)** – Stop in summer Sunday mornings to discuss the day's sermon text. We'll meet 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?

**Pentecost is June 8 – wear red.** Full communion; no communion June 1. Welcome new officers!

[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](#) homes with their children to 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. Deadline to order: **June 25**.

[Couples Retreat Rescheduled](#) -- Join us for a Couples' Retreat in Cape May, NJ **Oct. 17-19**. [Register](#) to take advantage of **Early-Bird Special of \$400** per couple (by June 30). We will again stay at The Dormer House, a quaint Victorian bed and breakfast. Cost of \$450 per couple includes breakfast, two nights, group sessions with Dr. Paul Booker, and dinner Saturday. See event page for details and package options.