



## June 15, 2025 ~ Trinity Sunday; Remembering Fathers

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 #11: Make Others at Home Here

**11. MAKE OTHERS AT HOME HERE.** Warmly welcome newcomers and visitors. Offer your name with a smile. Reach out and greet the person you don't know after worship, during Coffee Hour, in Youth Group or Sunday School. Show a genuine interest in others.

### Collect

***Prayer:** Lord Jesus, you consistently modeled a welcome that knew no bounds, reaching across divides with open arms and a listening heart. Empower us to embody that same boundless acceptance in our lives today. Strip away our hesitations, and fill us with a genuine desire to know and connect with all we encounter. May our homes, our church, and our hearts become reflections of Christ's complete embrace. Amen.*

### Music in Preparation for Worship

#### **Sicilano**

Bach

Jessica Migrala, Flute and Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

### \* Call to Worship (Responsive)

Elder Paul Gordon

In the beginning — there was no sound, no shape, only depth and darkness.

**And the Spirit hovered, wild and waiting, over the deep.**

The Breath of God did not retreat. It hovered, it moved, it called the void holy.

**Breathe into us now, Spirit of creation. We are not afraid of the dark.**

Where the world sees chaos, the Spirit sees a canvas.

**We are here with our scars, our questions, and our hunger to be made new.**

You send forth your Spirit—and we are created.

**You renew the ground beneath our feet. You ignite the fire in our lungs.**

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Let us worship the One who breathes life into dust, who finds us in the noise and in the stillness.  
**Come, Holy Spirit—hover here. Burn here. Create here. Amen.**

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## \* Prayer of Adoration

Elder Gordon

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## \* Hymn No. 54

***God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens***

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## Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Gordon

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Creator of Light and Shadow, we confess that we often fear the deep. We run from the unknown, reject the unformed, and cling to illusions of control. We confess the times we've mistaken silence for absence, and chaos for abandonment. We have forgotten that You, O Spirit of the Living God, hover even now over the wild edges of our lives and the frayed edges of sanity. Forgive us, Breath of Life, speak over our chaos, shape us not into perfection, but into people who trust the holy work of becoming and transformation. In the name of the One who formed beauty from dust, we pray. Amen.

*(Silence for our personal prayers of confession)*

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## Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Elder Gordon

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The Spirit still speaks over the waters. Still breathes into dust. Still calls us – *even now!*

**In the chaos, God is present.**

**In our weakness, God is near.**

**In our confession, God brings life.**

Hear this truth and let it echo in your bones: You are not abandoned. You are not beyond grace. You are *forgiven*, and you are *being made new*.

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## \* Gloria Patri

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

Rev. Dr. Richard Herman

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## Sharing with our Young Disciples

Holly Asciutto

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## Offertory

Rev. Dr. Richard Herman

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## Offertory Music

***Then Sings My Soul***

Arr. Henry

Jessica Migrala, Flute; Noah Migrala, Clarinet; and Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

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## \* Doxology No. 809

***Sanctified in Chaos*****Scripture:** Genesis 1: 1-2 (Pew Bible OT p. 1); Psalm 104:30 (Pew Bible OT p. 555)**Sermon Series:** *The Work of the Spirit*

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**\* Hymn No. 693*****We Believe in God Almighty***

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**Music in Preparation for Service**

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

***Andante Cantabile***

Stamitz

Noah Migrala, Clarinet

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**\* Benediction; Congregational Meeting**Rev. Wes Allen

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**Worship flowers** are given by Clarice Gilmore in loving memory of Walter C. Gilmore, husband of Clarice; father of Ann, Lorraine and Alan; grandfather of Jessica, Noah, Tori, Joey, Lauren, Alison and Colin; great-grandfather of Mina.

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**9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry**

**Beadle:** Elder Paul Gordon; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Michael Boone; **Ushers:** Owen Dietz, Barry Leatherman, Leonard Fitts; **Flower Arrangers:** Gretchen Birdsall and Robin Godonis; **Deacons 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Flower Arranger:** JoAnn Reynik; **Deacons 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Flower Deliverer:** Mike McNeil; **Trustee Greeter:** John Miller; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Ginny Powell; **Bagel Pickup:** Sue Piper or Sherrell Fitts; **Coffee Hospitality:** Sue Piper and Sherrell Fitts; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum

**Our Guest Worship Leader**

Richard Herman is a retired Presbyterian pastor who served two churches in PA, and most recently 16 years as an associate pastor here at First Presbyterian Church before retiring in 2018. Since then, Dick maintains a Spiritual Direction ministry as well as doing supply preaching several times a month. He's married to Lissa, a very active member and elder at FPC. They have a married daughter and two granddaughters, who live nearby; and a "blended" Boykin Spaniel puppy named Maggie. You can discover more about Dick's spiritual direction ministry at his website [RichardHHerman.com](http://RichardHHerman.com).

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**[Prayer on the Porch is Back](#)**

Join the Prayer Committee for fellowship and prayer this summer for *Thursday Evening Prayer on the Porch*. Meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 7:00 pm on the Van Camp Porch. In case of inclement or hot weather, we will meet comfortably in the Lounge. Remaining Dates: **June 26; July 10 & 24; August 14 & 28.** *The live stream Thursday Prayer & Praise Service is on hiatus until September.*

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

**TODAY: Congregational Meeting** to elect Elders, Deacons and Trustees will follow today's traditional worship service, starting approximately 10:00 a.m. The meeting will also air via live stream.

- **ELDERS:** Debbie Heller, Jenny Legath
- **TRUSTEES:** Brett Couvillion, Cara Dempster

**TOMORROW: [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 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.** 😊



**THANK YOU to everyone who helped out with the 66<sup>th</sup> Strawberry Festival Friday, June 6** whether you helped greet guests, grill burgers, prepare invitations, set up the cake room, serve, donate homemade or store bought cakes, wash berries, hull or scoop berries, staff the kitchen, parking, beverages, utensils or donate much-needed funds to defray expenses (\$ still accepted). **SPECIAL SHOUT OUT to our fabulous Strawberry Festival Coordinators: Jen Allen, Laurie LaMonica and Kristen Perkowski.** See front of *Connections* for a thank you letter from the team.

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**Summer Schedules:** Two services on **June 29**; combined 9:30 AM worship **Sunday, Aug. 31** (Labor Day weekend). The church office will be CLOSED Monday, June 16 for Juneteenth observance, and open on Friday, June 20.

**[Retirement Celebration for Joel Krott: Sunday, July 27](#)** -- 9:30 AM Combined Worship in the Sanctuary, followed by a Reception in Miller Commons to honor Joel and his 53 years of ministry at FPC Moorestown. Bring a card or note for Joel to worship or write one at church that day.

**[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?

**[VBS June 23-27, 2025](#)** – There's still time to register! 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 volunteers needed, particularly VBS guides and Recreation leader.** [Visit fpcmoorestown.org/vbs](http://fpcmoorestown.org/vbs). **Registration Deadline: June 20** (See prayer insert)

**[Baby Bottle Drive through 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.

**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**.

Beginning Sunday, June 8, Nursery Care will be available from **8:45-10:30 a.m.** in Room 12. At the Contemporary service, children are welcome in the kids area in Miller Commons.

**New Morning Prayer Time Scheduled:** Every Wednesday at 6:30 AM via Zoom. All are welcome to join Joe and Arlita Winston to pray or to bring a request for prayer. Stay as your schedule allows. Contact Arlita at 609-234-1351 for the Zoom sign-in information.