# First Presbyterian Church of OWN

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# June 22, 2025 ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. <u>NOTE</u>: Worship announcements begin at 8:55 a.m.

Welcome & Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

## Way of the Week #12: Own Our Church

**12. OWN OUR CHURCH.** The work of the church isn't defined by pastors and staff alone; it comes from each member actively participating in the life of Jesus Christ. Claim ownership of FPC Moorestown's mission, programs, and property. Each is an expression of how God is working among us! Support others. Be informed. Volunteer for a new role. Live like you're the church – because you are!

## Collect

**Prayer:** Generous Spirit, stir within us a yearning to actively participate in the life of our church. Break down any walls of unwillingness that keep us on the sideline. Grant us courage to offer our unique gifts – our time, talents, and passions – to build your kingdom here. Open our eyes to the needs around us and our hearts to the call to serve. May we move beyond spectatorship to become engaged members, working together to create a vibrant, welcoming community that reflects your love in action. Amen.

Music in Preparation for Worship	Joel Krott, Organ
On An American Folk Hymn	МсКау
* Call to Worship (Responsive)	Elder Jean Kunkel
Come, all who are weary, all who are restless,	
For the Spirit of God moves among us.	
Come, young and old, bold and uncertain,	
For the Spirit breathes life into all flesh.	
The wind of the Spirit cannot be tamed.	
Let us open ourselves to the surprising work of God. Let us wo speak through prophets—even those who dwell outside the te	

# \* Hymn No. 5

Come, Thou Almighty King

# **Prayer of Confession (unison)**

Gracious God, You have poured your Spirit upon all people, yet we confess that we too often resist the gifts and voices you send. We question the wisdom of others, especially those who do not look or sound like us. We are slow to recognize your presence outside our familiar circles. Forgive us when we silence your prophets and doubt your power. Breathe new life into us. Restore our imagination, renew our courage, and help us listen for your voice in unexpected places. Amen.

(Silence for our personal prayers of confession)

# Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

God is generous with grace and extravagant with mercy. The Spirit that fell on the elders also fell on Eldad and Medad—unbound by place or position. So too does God's mercy fall freely upon us, not because we are worthy, but because God is good. Friends, know this truth: in Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. The Spirit still moves!

# \* Gloria Patri

**Commissioning VBS Teachers and Volunteers** 

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

## Moment for Mission

Options For Her has been a pillar of hope to women and families facing unexpected pregnancies in the South Jersey and Philadelphia areas for nearly 40 years. They offer full medical pregnancy services, testing and ultrasounds along with material resources, counseling and support, and educational programs, all offered with compassion, confidentiality and a faith-based approach.

#### Offertory

Thank you for blessing FPC Moorestown with your giving as we Grow God's Kingdom. 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**

Tell It to Jesus Lily Rykaczewski, Soprano

\* Doxology No. 809

Rev. Kathy Eagles

Debbie Biskey, Options For Her

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Lorenz, Arr. Berg

Elder Kunkel

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Rev. Allen



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Sharing the Burden of God's Work Scripture: Numbers 11: 24-30 (Pew Bible OT p. 129) Sermon Series: The Work of the Spirit

### \* Hymn No. 311

## God Has Spoken by His Prophets

Music in Preparation for Service	Joel Krott, Organ
Andante Grazioso	Elmore
* Benediction	Rev. Eagles

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Worship flowers are given by Lucy Rorke-Adams in loving memory of her husband Boyce M. Adams.

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

Beadle: Elder Jean Kunkel; Audio Technician: Harris Ransom; Live Stream Technician: Jonathan Nawrocki; Ushers: John Miller, Kira Fauvell, Lorenzo Eagles; Flower Arrangers: Debbie Heller and Fran Green; Trustee Greeter: Jeff Mason; Sanctuary Greeter: Stephen Minister Barbara Lewis; Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers: Deacons Mike McNeil and Susan Shaffer; Bagel Pickup: Donna Leatherman or Kelly Eagles; Coffee Hospitality: Donna Leatherman and Sarah Dietz; Nursery Care: Chelsea Margerum

#### **Our Guest Speaker**

With a heart set on empowering and equipping mothers to embrace their ability to parent and see the lives of babies saved, Debbie Biskey has been professionally contributing to the community since 2017. She began her career as one of the founders and executive directors of a pregnancy resource center in Central New Jersey, learning the ins and outs of serving women and families in need who were facing unexpected pregnancies. In March of 2023, Debbie embraced a new role as CEO of Options for Her, growing relationships and expanding their reach. Debbie places great emphasis on partnerships with churches, working together to be available to women and families in need while also keeping Jesus at the center of the mission and work that is being done daily. Visit Options For Her at www.optionsforher.org.



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

**TODAY:** <u>Baby Bottle Drive Ends June 22.</u> Please return baby bottles with spare change, a check or bills and return to the church to support <u>Options for Her</u>. Checks made out to the church with 'Options' in the memo.

<u>Summer Adult Spiritual Formation</u> – Summer "Drop In and Discuss" (Lounge) – Stop in Sunday mornings to discuss the day's sermon text. Gather in the Lounge from 10:15-11:00-ish am; get your coffee and drop in. Who is on the Hot Seat this week?

<u>VBS June 23-27, 2025</u> – 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. <u>Visit fpcmoorestown.org/vbs</u>. Many thanks to all those who are volunteering to help with this important week.

**NEW:** <u>Trenton Thunder Faith & Family Night Baseball</u> -- 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. Play ball!

Retirement Celebration for Joel Krott: Sunday, July 27 (9:30 AM Combined Worship in the Sanctuary, followed by a Reception in Miller Commons. Bring a card or note for Joel to worship or write one at church that day. Thank you Joel for 53 years of sacred music ministry at FPC Moorestown.

<u>Couples Retreat</u> -- Join us for a Couples' Retreat in Cape May, NJ Oct. 17-19. <u>Register</u> now to take advantage of our Early-Bird Special of \$400 per couple (by June 30). We will again be staying 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.

**Summer Schedules:** Two services on **June 29**; combined 9:30 AM worship **Sunday, Aug. 31** (Labor Day weekend). The office will be CLOSED on **Friday, July 4**<sup>th</sup> for Independence Day.

<u>Prayer on the Porch</u> -- 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 too-hot weather, we will meet comfortably in the Lounge. Dates: **June 26; July 10 & 24; August 14 & 28.** *The live stream Thursday Prayer & Praise Service is on hiatus until September.* 

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

<u>Youth Wednesday Hangouts</u> -- Rising middle schoolers (grade 7-8) through high school (grades 9-12) are invited to chill at the church Wednesdays from **July 9-August 20** from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Meet up with friends and make new acquaintances. We can't wait to see you. Contact youth committee chair <u>Cheryl Gaskill</u> at call/text 856-904-3056.

**NEW: Wednesday, July 16: Family Water Fun Night (6-8 PM)** – play for the duration or just cool off and leave! Parents, siblings and friends invited to this family friendly event. Bring your swimsuit, water shoes, towel, and a change of clothes. This is a free event but please REGISTER on the <u>Church Center event page</u> so we can plan. Parents: kindly remain on-site.