



**June 29, 2025 ~ 3<sup>rd</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. **NOTE: Worship announcements begin at 8:55 a.m.***

### Welcome & Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

### Way of the Week #13: Open Doors for Others to Lead

**Way #13 OPEN DOORS FOR OTHERS TO LEAD.** Encourage others to step into leadership by sharing responsibilities and mentoring. Let go of the jobs you've always done and allow new leaders to emerge. Remember that our youth and young adults are not solely the future of our church but are vitally important for our present.

### Collect

**Prayer:** *O God, source of all growth, we pray for a leadership that unlocks the potential within our young people. Grant us wisdom to empower them, courage to listen to their voices, and humility to learn from their perspectives. Inspire us to create spaces where they can lead, innovate, and shape the future of your church and the world. May our investment in them bear fruit in generations to come, vibrant with your Spirit. Amen.*

### Music in Preparation for Worship

Joel Krott, Organ

#### **Prelude from "Mass for the Convents"**

F. Couperin

Kyrie

Plein Jeu

Recit du Chromhome

### \* Call to Worship (Responsive)

Elder Melody Ransom

Come, people of God, gather from the four winds.

**We come seeking breath for weary spirits.**

The Spirit moves over the dry places—whispers in stillness, roars in the wind.

**Come, Holy Spirit, revive our hope, renew our bones, restore our joy.**

God speaks life where we see only dust.

**We believe in the God who breathes into what was lifeless and makes it live.**

**Come, Breath of God. Fill us again with your Spirit.**

## \* Prayer of Adoration

Elder Ransom

## \* Hymn No. 298

***Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove***

## Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Ransom

God of Breath and Life, we confess that we have closed ourselves off from your Spirit. We have allowed fear to build walls, and despair to harden our hearts. Too often we see the bones and not the promise – the grave and not the grace. Forgive us for doubting your presence in the lifeless places. Forgive us for clinging to what no longer gives life. Come, Spirit, and breathe upon us. Revive our hope. Rekindle our courage. Raise us again as your living, loving people. Amen.

*(Silence for our personal prayers of confession)*

## Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Elder Ransom

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, hear the Good News: God does not leave us in the valley. God breathes life into our dust and calls us by name.

**The Spirit is moving even now – bringing life to all who turn toward God's love.**

In Christ Jesus we are forgiven. We are raised. We are made new.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## \* Gloria Patri

## Moment for Mission

Jim Mather, Feeding 5,000

*Feeding 5,000 ministers to those facing homelessness in Philadelphia through weekly meals and delivery of clothing, blankets, coats and other basic necessities, along with love, compassion, hope and the power of God's word in prayers, Daily Bread publications and Bibles. Feeding 5,000 is based out of New Covenant Presbyterian Church in Mount Laurel.*

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

## Offertory



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## Offertory Music

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

***How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings (Ps. 54)***

Liddle

Alivia Nawrocki, Soprano

## \* Doxology No. 809

## Sermon

Rev. Dr. Richard Herman

### ***"Dem Bones"***

**Scripture:** Ezekiel 37:1-14 (Pew Bible OT p. 806)

**Sermon Series:** *The Work of the Spirit*

## \* Hymn No. 293

### ***Spirit, Working in Creation (verses 1, 2)***

## Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

### ***Abide With Us, Our Savior***

Vulpus/Cherwien

Sawyer McNab, Flute

## \* Benediction

Dr. Herman

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**Worship flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ken Peacock from Diana & Joyce. Solo Dei Gloria!

## 9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

**Beadle:** Elder Melody Ransom; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Dave Rebuck, John Miller, Joe Molloy; **Flower Arranger:** Karin Miller; **Trustee Greeter:** Bill Mueller; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Philip Jagiela; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Bobbi Voglesong and Jessica Zorn; **Bagel Pickup:** Paul Grossmann or Jim Cole; **Coffee Hospitality:** Paul Grossmann and Jim Cole; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum

### **Our Guest Preacher**

Dr. Richard Herman is a retired Presbyterian pastor who served two churches in PA, and most recently 16 years as an associate pastor 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 in 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 his spiritual direction ministry online at [RichardHHerman.com](http://RichardHHerman.com).

### **Our Guest Speaker**

Jim Mather heard his calling for feeding the hungry and the homeless in Philadelphia and southern NJ in 2008. Jim and a friend noted the growing homeless population in the streets in Philly and started buying fast food sandwiches to hand out and continued every weekend, growing Feeding 5000 into what it is today. As a recovering alcoholic, Jim knows what's it's like to be at "rock bottom." His faith in God gives him the strength he needs to fight his own addictive tendencies as well as provide for his fellow man through his work with Feeding 5000.

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

- **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with our wildly wonderful week of Vacation Bible School *True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World*. It was a tremendous event as we welcomed over 86 children and more than 75 Adult and Student Leaders. Special shout out to VBS Director Holly Asciutto and office admin Jean Marie Hanna for their MANY weeks of preparation!

**Summer Schedules:** Combined 9:30 AM worship **Sunday, July 27** (Joel celebration) and **Sunday, Aug. 31** (Labor Day weekend). The office will be CLOSED on **Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>** for Independence Day. The live stream Thursday Prayer & Praise Service and children's Sunday School are on hiatus until September.

**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. Remaining Dates: **July 10 & 24; August 14 & 28.**

- **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. *See our event page for ways to donate items for the reception and upload photos of Joel for a slide show.*

**NEW: Wednesday, July 16: Family Water Fun Night (6-8 PM)** – come 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 [Church Center event page](#) so we can plan. Parents: kindly remain on-site.

**NEW: Exciting Youth Group Activities** -- Rising middle schoolers (grade 7-8) through high school (grades 9-12) are invited to come chill at the church this summer from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Meet up with your friends and make new acquaintances. We can't wait to see you. **Contact:** Cheryl Gaskill

- Wednesday, July 16: Paint Night @ Church
- Wednesday, July 30: Pool Party @ Delgados
- Wednesday, August 13: Lawn games @ Church
- Wednesday, August 20: Movie night @ Church

**Couples Retreat** -- Join us for a Couples' Retreat in Cape May, NJ **Oct. 17-19**. [Register](#) 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 Church Center event page for details and package options.

**NEW: The Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden is starting its growing season and we welcome harvesters!** Just show up in the evening (Sundays, Wednesdays and/or Fridays) from 7-8 pm-ish to pick the produce and store it in the church kitchen. We started on **Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>** and will harvest through September. The produce grows through October. [See our Church Center event page.](#)

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