



## July 6, 2025 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; Holy Communion

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 #14: Grow Faith

**Way #14 GROW FAITH.** Take advantage of every chance you have to form your faith—through small groups, classes, and personal study. Be a disciple and look to learn from those who know more of the Bible and Christian life than you do, then look for opportunities to share what you've gained with someone else.

### Collect

**Prayer:** *Beloved Jesus, our truest teacher and guide, we yearn to draw closer to you. Grant us a deep and abiding desire to simply be with you, soaking in your presence and learning from your way. By your grace, transform us from the inside out, shaping our hearts and minds to reflect your own compassion, humility, and love. Empower us to not only know your teachings but to actively do as you did – to serve the lonely, heal the brokenhearted, and proclaim your liberating truth. Amen.*

### Music in Preparation for Worship

Joel Krott, Organ

#### **Kyrie Mode 3**

Callahan

### \* Call to Worship (Responsive)

Elder Dave Rebuck

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us!

**God has anointed us to bring good news to the poor.**

The Lord has sent us to bind up the brokenhearted,

**To proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners.**

This is the year of the Lord's favor—this is the day of salvation.

**We come to worship the One who brings comfort to those who mourn and joy to those in sorrow.**

Let us be like oaks of righteousness—rooted in God's Word, growing strong by God's Spirit.

**We will glorify the Lord together, for the Spirit is here!**

## \* Prayer of Adoration

Elder Rebuck

## \* Hymn No. 130

### *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

## Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Rebuck

God of mercy, You anoint us with your Spirit, but we have resisted your calling. You send us to proclaim liberty, but we stay silent in the face of injustice. You bind up the brokenhearted, but we turn away from those in pain. You offer us joy, but we cling to what is comfortable and safe. Forgive us, O Lord. Plant us again by your grace. Shape us into oaks of righteousness, that we may bear witness to your love and glory in the world. Through Jesus Christ our Savior we pray. Amen.

*A Moment for Silent Prayer and Confession*

## Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Elder Rebuck

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

## Prayer of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer (‘debts’)

## Offertory



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## Offertory Music

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

### ***Guardian Angels***

Bohm

Jennifer Wait, Soprano

The Lord hath sent His angels to lead us day by day  
That we might all be peaceful as in His care we stay.  
The strength of God's own Arm from heaven high He lends us.  
His grace alone He sends us and wills for us no harm.

We pass through life together with angel hosts to guide.  
We know that God will bless us and keep them by our side.  
So we remain with Him where ever life may take us,  
For they will not forsake us, these glorious cherubim.

## \* Doxology No. 809

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### Sermon

Rev. Wes Allen

#### ***"Oaks Don't Bow"***

**Scripture:** Isaiah 61:1-3 (Pew Bible OT p. 691); Luke 4:16-21 (Pew Bible NT p. 109)

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

## \* Hymn No. 136

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### ***On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (verses 2 & 3)***

## The Lord's Supper and Home Communion

Rev. Allen, Elders

### Invitation to the Table

#### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Spirit of our Lord who sets us free. **We offer our thanks and praise.**

Breath of life, from the beginning You moved across chaos and called forth creation ... with choirs of angels and saints of every age, we lift our voices in one holy chorus: **Holy, holy, holy God of wind and fire, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

#### Words of Institution

#### Prayer of Consecration

#### Sharing of the Elements

#### Concluding Prayer

**GROW THE KINGDOM!** As we commit to growing God's Kingdom, every member and friend of FPC Moorestown is invited into a covenant with four commitments: I will pray. I will invite. I will serve. I will give. Every member and friend is asked to commit to doing all four. For additional information including commitment forms: <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/grow-the-kingdom/>.

## \* Hymn No. 136

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### ***On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (verses 4 & 5)***

## Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

### ***Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings***

Weber

## \* Benediction

Rev. Allen

**Worship flowers** are given by Barbara Lewis to the glory of God and in loving memory of the marriage of Allen and Barbara Lewis.

## 9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

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**Beadle:** Elder Dave Rebeck; **Communion Elders:** Cheryl Gaskill, Rick Dougherty, Jim Cole, Dave Rebeck; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Michael Boone; **Ushers:** Steve Shaffer, Joe Molloy, Bill Pettit; **Flower Arrangers:** Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop; **Trustee Greeter:** Jeff Mason; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Peg Pierce; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Alex Wilkie and Laurie LaMonica; **Bagel Pickup:** Lissa Herman or Susan Shaffer; **Coffee Hospitality:** Lissa Herman and Susan Shaffer; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum

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

**Summer Adult Spiritual Formation** - **"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. Who is on the Hot Seat this week?

**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. See our Church Center event page to sign up to bring something for the reception or upload photos to the slideshow.

**New Morning Prayer Time:** Every Wednesday at 6:30 AM via Zoom. 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.

**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.

**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. See event page for details and package options.

**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've got fun stuff planned and 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

**Oar You Ready?** Join us for a Paddle Trip to support UrbanPromise on **Friday, August 1**. We have 16 spots available and will **begin at 8:45 a.m.** (anticipate 4-5 hours). Each of the youth-built canoes will be paired with a River Guide. We will finish up with a lunch from UrbanPromise. Donation per person \$50, payable online or via check made payable to "First Presbyterian Church". The deadline to register is **July 20**.

**Summer Schedules:** Combined 9:30 AM worship **Sunday, July 27** (Joel celebration) and **Sunday, Aug. 31** (Labor Day weekend). The live stream Thursday Prayer Service and children's Sunday School are on hiatus until September.

**2025-2026 Rooms & Dates** -- Staff is meeting **July 29** to review the church calendar for the first six months of the year. Please submit any dates for fall events, concerts, committee meetings, and building room requests to the church office by **July 22** (moved from July 15).

**Sabbatical Presentation** -- On **Sunday, August 31**, Stuart Spencer will present a review of his 16-week sabbatical to the congregation. That week is a combined worship Sunday due to the Labor Day weekend, so the presentation will *follow* the **9:30 a.m.** Worship.