



July 20, 2025 ~ 6<sup>th</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 #16: Give Cheerfully**

**16. GIVE CHEERFULLY.** *Rejoice, you get to give! Think of giving as a privilege rather than an obligation, a joy instead of a burden. As you consider all that's been entrusted to you—time, abilities and money – ask, "How is God calling me to share what I've been given?"*

**Collect Prayer (unison)**

*Gracious and generous God, you shower us with gifts beyond measure. Cultivate within us a spirit of open-handed giving, mirroring your own boundless love. Help us to release our grip on what we hold, trusting in your abundant provision. May our giving be more than an obligation, but a joyful response to your grace, freely sharing our time, talents, and resources to bless others and build your kingdom. Amen*

**Music in Preparation for Worship**

Joel Krott, Organ

**Arabesque**

Vierne

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

Elder Melody Ransom

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom!

**And we, with unveiled faces, behold the glory of the Lord.**

The Spirit is at work among us, transforming us from one degree of glory to another.

**Let us come, open to the movement of the Spirit.**

Come, let us worship the Living God –

**The One who makes all things new by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

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## \* Prayer of Adoration

Elder Ransom

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## \* Hymn No. 290

### *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

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## Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Ransom

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Spirit of Grace and Truth, we confess that we often close our hearts to Your transforming love. We have turned away from Your freedom and chosen the familiarity of bondage. We fear the change You invite, and we resist the mirror You hold before us. Forgive us for the ways we diminish Your work in us and in others.

*(Silence for our personal prayers of confession)*

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## Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Elder Ransom

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Hear the Good News: The Lord is Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom! Through Christ and by the Spirit, we are being transformed—not by our efforts, but by God’s love and mercy. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed and set free.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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## \* Gloria Patri

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## Moment For Mission

Hudson Musuuza, Urban Promise Fellow

*Hudson Musuuza is an UrbanPromise Fellow from Uganda, a pastor’s son, a devoted husband and father. His personal experience drives his passion and his calling by God to disciple to young people to know Jesus and break cycles of poverty through Christ-centered education. His vision is to build a high school that equips students with faith, knowledge, trades and leadership to transform their communities. Hudson is pursuing a Master’s degree in strategic planning and organizational leadership at Cairn University. He will then return to Uganda to open Deborah Christian High School planned for September 2026. Please keep him your prayers. Donate to his school at [give.urbanpromiseinternational.org](http://give.urbanpromiseinternational.org).*

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

Rev. Dr. Richard Herman

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## Offertory

Dr. Herman

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## Offertory Music

Joel Krott, Organ

### **Lord, Thou Has Searched Me Out**

Bennett

Amanda Schkeeper, Alto

O Lord, Thou has searched me out, and known me,  
Thou knowest my downsitting and my uprising  
Thou understandeth my thoughts long before, for lo!  
There is not a word in my tongue, but Thou knowest it altogether.

## \* Doxology No. 809

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### Sermon

Rev. Wes Allen

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#### ***"Burn the Veil"***

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 (Pew Bible NT p. 180)

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

## \* Hymn No. 293 (verses 7-8)

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### ***Spirit, Working in Creation***

### Music in Preparation for Service

Joel Krott, Organ

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#### ***Trumpet Fanfare***

Duncombe

## \* Benediction

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Rev. Allen

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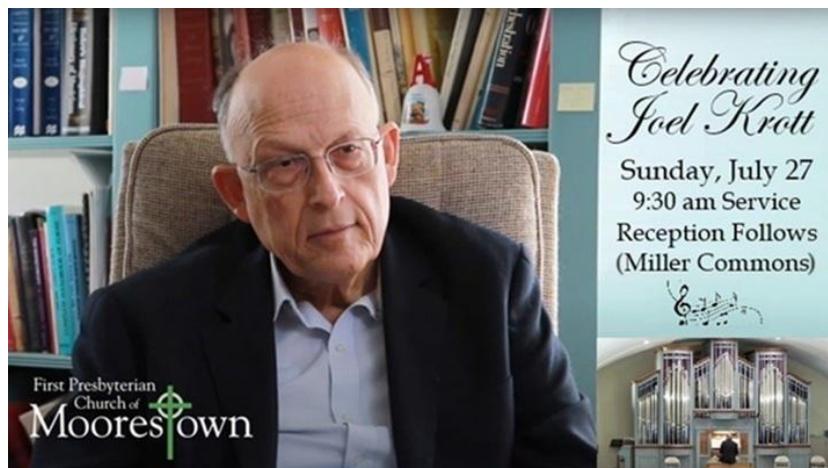
**Worship flowers** are given by Gretchen and Bob Birdsall to the glory of God and in loving memory of their daughter Heather Spurr.

**Worship flowers** are also given today by Mancer and Sara Cyr to the glory of God and in honor of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary!

## 9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

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**Beadle:** Elder Melody Ransom; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Mike Welch, Paul Grossmann, Gail Sorin; **Flower Arrangers:** Carol Morgan and Fran Green; **Trustee Greeter:** Tim Powell; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Barbara Lewis; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Alex Wilkie and Owen Dietz; **Bagel Pickup:** Ginny and Tim Powell; **Coffee Hospitality:** Ginny and Tim Powell; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum



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

**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 provided by UrbanPromise. Donation per person \$50, payable online or via check made payable to "First Presbyterian Church." The deadline to register is **July 20**.

**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.**

**Beach for a Day** – The Mission Committee is assembling volunteers to help support the Children's Fresh Air Home on **Tuesday, August 12**. We will be helping with a BBQ for youngsters from UrbanPromise that day. Responsibilities will be meeting the children, helping with the BBQ, going to the beach (optional), or playing miniature golf. This group will be older children (teenagers). Please see our [Church Center event page](#) to SIGN UP and for complete details of the day. Youth are welcome. **As the home is under renovation, we are hosting the day's events at the Hereford Inlet Lighthouse, located at 111 N. Central Ave. in North Wildwood.** Contact: Jean Kunkel at [jeankunkel215@gmail.com](mailto:jeankunkel215@gmail.com).

**2025-2026 Rooms & Dates** -- Staff will be meeting **July 29** to review the Fall/Winter church calendar. Please submit any dates for fall events, concerts, committee meetings, and building room requests to the church office by **July 22**.

- **Welcome** to our new Director of Outreach [Rev. Mark Budka](#)! Meet Mark at a Meet & Greet **Sunday, August 3** (10:15-11:00 a.m.) in Fellowship Hall.

**Summer Youth Activities** -- Rising middle schoolers (grade 7-8) through high school (grades 9-12) are invited to summer activities from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Meet up with your friends and make new acquaintances. We can't wait to see you. UPCOMING: **Wed. July 30:** Pool Party @ Delgado's; **Wed. August 13:** Lawn Games @ Church; **Wed. August 20:** Movie Night @ Church. Contact: Cheryl Gaskill.

**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.

**Morning Prayer Time:** Every Wednesday 6:30-7:00 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: Undies Sunday August 17** -- Presbyterian Women invite you to participate in Undies Sunday on **August 17!** We're collecting new socks, underwear, and pajamas for Camden children ages 6–16 — specifically those with an incarcerated parent. As you shop for Back-to-School supplies, please consider picking up an extra package to help a child in need. Look for the donation box in the Commons Lobby. Let's come together to make a difference — one pair at a time!

**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?