



September 7, 2025 ~ 13th Sunday after Pentecost; Kickoff Sunday

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 #23: Worship With Your Whole Heart

23. WORSHIP WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART. Your life is meant to be an act of worship. Every breath, action, and thought flows from God and can bring him glory. Praise God everywhere and embrace the opportunities to regularly worship with your church family.

Collect Prayer (unison)

Merciful God, you have done so much for us, and we dedicate our lives to you as a living and holy sacrifice. By the power of your Holy Spirit, enable us to present our bodies and minds as acceptable acts of worship, that we may honor and serve you in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Music in Preparation for Worship

Glenn Rodgers, Organ

Aria

Dixon

* Call to Worship (Responsive)

Elder Jim Cole

Hear the Word of the Lord, calling us to worship. [Colossians 3: 16, 17] Beloved in Christ, we gather today to let the rich message of Christ fill our lives.

We have come to sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.

We are here to teach and counsel each other with the wisdom he gives.

We have come to do and say all things as representatives of the Lord Jesus.

Let us worship God, giving thanks through Him to the Father! Amen.

* Prayer of Adoration

Elder Cole

* Hymn No. 9

Sing Praise to the Father

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Cole

Our gracious God, we confess that we often fail to let your Word, in all its richness, fill our lives. We neglect to teach and counsel one another with the wisdom you provide, and instead, we rely on our own understanding. Our hearts are often unthankful, and we fail to sing to you with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Forgive us for the times we have not acted or spoken as representatives of the Lord Jesus, and for when we have neglected to give thanks to you. In your mercy, strengthen us by your Spirit to walk in a manner worthy of the calling you have given us, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Silence for our personal prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Elder Cole

Hear the good news: Christ has paid our debt. All of our sins are forgiven in his name. Amen.
For the honor of your name, O Lord, you forgive our many, many sins. Glory to God!

* Gloria Patri

*Affirmation of our Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Elder Cole

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

Rev. Allen

Offertory



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Offertory Music

Glenn Rodgers, Piano

Hark to the Still Small Voice

Handel

Amanda Schkeeper, Soloist

* Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"Sing your Hearts Out"

Scripture: Psalms 150: 1-6 (Pew Bible OT p. 583)

Sermon Series: *What I Did on my Sabbatical*

* Hymn No. 492 (verses 1, 2)

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Rev. Spencer

The Invitation to the Table

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise You, O God, for Your great acts of salvation in Jesus Christ. We praise You for Your grace, which has brought us from death to life. We thank You, Lord, for this sacred meal—the body broken and the blood poured out. In this Supper, we hear the joyful sound of Your promised return and the beautiful melody of Your love that rescues us. With all creation, we magnify Your holy name. We offer You our whole selves—our hands, our hearts, our lives—as a living sacrifice of thanksgiving for the gift of Your Son. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 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.

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

*The Prayer of Thanksgiving

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. 492 (verses 3, 4)

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

Music in Preparation for Service

Glenn Rodgers, Organ

Praising

Martin

* Benediction

Rev. Spencer

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Worship flowers are given to the glory of God.

9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Jim Cole; **Communion Elders:** Jim Cole, Jean Kunkel, Evan Dempster; Frank Manion; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Michael Boone; **Ushers:** Owen Dietz, Barry Leatherman, Leonard Fitts; **Flower Arrangers:** Joann Reynik and Kristin Zorn; **Trustee Greeter:** Cara Dempster; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Doris Kahley; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Mike McNeil and Jessica Zorn; **Bagel Pickup:** Lissa Herman or Carol Wiggans; **Coffee Hospitality:** Lissa Herman and Carol Wiggans; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum

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

On Kickoff Sunday (10:15-11:00 a.m.), hear about two engaging adult classes this fall: [Jonah: The Reluctant Prophet](#) and [2 to 1 Couples Class](#) (both begin **Sunday, Sept. 14**), and children: meet your Sunday School teachers.

Choirs begin --- Regardless of age, skill level, or spiritual affiliation, there's room for everyone in our graded choral system, Bell Choir or Praise Band. Under the seasoned guidance of **Kathy Gunsallus, Nicole Snodgrass, Linda Lockart** and **Wes Allen**, rehearsals begin the week of Sept. 8-12. You do not have to be a member and the program is free. Let your voice be heard! We can't wait to meet you. Visit our [Church Center event page](#) for details.

We're back! [K-12 weeknight fellowship groups](#) begin the week of **Wed. Sept. 17**. Learn more about Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone, Middle School Youth Group, and High School Youth Group and [REGISTER online](#) please.

On September 12, we celebrate the 137th anniversary of our church's founding on September 12, 1888. Watch your mail for a letter from Pastor Stuart and the Stewardship Committee. Birthday gifts to the [September 12 endowment](#) may be given online, through the Church Center app, in the offering plate or mailed to the church.

Throughout September, the **Grace Boutique** is requesting donations of select items to restock its depleted shelves. Please help if you can. September Donations: baby diapers size 4 or 5, full size toothpaste, deodorant, cleaning liquid, feminine hygiene products. Please drop off in baskets outside Grace Boutique.

NEW: Fall Prayer Retreat October 14-17 ([see event page or website to register](#) by **Sept. 21**; Stuart Spencer leads. Study Book: *World Turned Upside Down: The Psalms and the Spirituality of Pain – Finding a Way Through*; Holy Cross Monastery (West Park, NY).

NEW: Saturday Morning Breakfasts begin in September -- The Prayer Committee invites everyone to come for a delicious breakfast on **Saturday, Sept. 13th** at 9:00 AM. We will welcome Pastor Stuart as our kickoff speaker following a delicious breakfast! He will speak about the importance of prayer in his life and ministry. These monthly breakfasts on the second Saturday will include guest speakers and teachers. PLEASE mark your calendars and plan to attend. Look for signup sheets in the Narthex, Welcome Desk in Commons Lobby and [online](#).

[Harvesting help is welcomed](#) for the **Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden** through mid-October. Thank you!

Crud Wars is coming! This fun event is our traditional kick off for students in middle school (grades 7, 8) and high school youth groups (grades 9-12). Come for an incredibly cruddy and messy set of games on **Sunday, Sept. 14**. We will meet in the field next to the main parking lot. Remember a towel for the ride home! [SIGN UP online](#).

Would you like to donate altar flowers in honor or memory of loved ones? Contact Jan in the church office.

Couples' Retreat in Cape May, NJ October 17-19 -- We will be staying once again 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 on Saturday. See full details on our [event page](#). **Must be paid in full by October 6.**

Save the Date: The [Howard Gospel Choir](#) returns for a gospel concert **Friday, October 3 (7:00 PM)**. Free will offering. Open to the community. Volunteers are needed to help provide a dinner after the concert for the choir.