



October 5, 2025 ~ The Lord's Supper, World Communion 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 #2: Speak the Truth with Love

2. SPEAK THE TRUTH WITH LOVE. Speak honestly and directly in a way that clearly reflects love and support for one another. Be courageous enough to say what needs to be said, even when it's difficult. Address issues directly with those who are involved or affected; speak to, not about, others.

Ways Reflection (Paul Gordon)

I am grateful for this way because it is difficult. It very clearly reminds me how far I still have to go in my own journey of becoming more like Christ, which keeps me humble. Quite simply, this way prescribes a razor's edge, one that must be walked on. Many of us are perfectly comfortable being honest (in our own way). Many of us are perfectly comfortable being loving (in our own way). The problem is that, for most of us, doing these things in our own way does not involve doing it when we know it will wound. However, God calls us to be members of one body, a fellowship of loving brothers and sisters. If we ask Him, he will give us the power to accomplish this, even when it's time to speak painful truths. I pray that God will give me *His* love, *His* truth and *His* power, which will lead to deeper relationships with, and a better understanding of, His children. — Paul Gordon

Music in Preparation for Worship

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Bread of the World

Koch

Choral Introit

Siyahamba

Traditional Zulu

Choristers and Adult Choir; Linda Lockart, Director

* Call to Worship – Responsive (based on Psalm 103)

Elder Lissa Herman

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, Bless God's Holy Name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget God's benefits, who forgives all our iniquity, who heals all our diseases,

Bless the Lord, O my soul, who redeems our life, who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, who satisfies us with good as long as we live so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Bless the Lord. Let us worship God!

* Prayer of Adoration

Elder Herman

* Hymn No. 743

Christ for the World! We Sing

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Herman

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. We look at a world undone by strife, torn by violence, separated by hatred. Yet you call us to walk the way of peace. Forgive us, O Lord, for refusing to follow you on this path because the cost is too high, the direction too confusing, the conditions too harsh. Forgive us our complacency. Grant us clarity of vision to see the light, And the strength to walk behind you. In the power of your Spirit we pray, Amen.

(Silence for our personal prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Elder Herman

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

* Gloria Patri

Stewardship Moment

Evan Dempster

Anthem

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Every Morning's Sun

Choristers; Linda Lockart, Director

Sue Ellen Page

Text: Eric P. Johnson

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

Rev. Allen

Offertory



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Offertory Music

The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee (Psalm 145:15, 16)

Jean Berger

Adult Choir; Linda Lockart, Director

* Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"Love of Money, Love of People"

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6: 2b-10 (Pew Bible NT p. 210)

Sermon Series: *Stepping Up to Generosity*

* Hymn No. 776 (verses 1 and 2)

Let Us Break Bread Together

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Rev. Fadl Nagi, Pastor Arabic Church, 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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You have made from one every nation and people to live on all the face of the earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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. 776 (verse 3)

Let Us Break Bread Together

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

In Christ There is no East or West

Willan

* Benediction

Rev. Spencer

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Worship flowers are given by Peg Madorno to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents Frederick and Roberta Crane and her granddaughter Kelsey Crane Lorence.

9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Lissa Herman; **Communion Elders:** Lissa Herman, Jean Kunkel, Kristin Perkowski, Matthew Livingston, Jim Cole, Brian Perkowski; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Michael Boone; **Ushers:** John Miller, Joe Molloy, Steve Emerson; **Flower Arrangers:** Fran Green and Rumi Sinunu; **Trustee Greeter:** Joe Molloy; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Ginny Powell; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Gail Sorin and Steve Emerson; **Bagel Pickup:** Nancy Chumney or Carol Wiggans; **Coffee Hospitality:** Nancy Chumney and Carol Wiggans; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum and Ava Callahan

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

Next Week: [Sunday, October 12 is Consecration Sunday](#). Please plan to attend worship that Sunday for a COMBINED 9:30 a.m. service in the sanctuary as church members *Step up to the Plate*. Come in your favorite baseball attire! SEE YOUR MAIL for information and your **2026 Estimate of Giving card** as well as **2026 Capital Campaign Pledge Card**. We will gather for a covered dish brunch to celebrate God's generosity; please bring the following dish to share: Last Name A-L: Main Dish; Last Name M-Q: Side Dish or Salad; Last Name R-T: Breads or Rolls; Last Name U-Z: Dessert. [Sign up online ...](#)



Consecration Sunday Prayer Vigil – Sign ups are open for a prayer vigil praying us into Consecration Sunday. Please sign up for your 30-minute slot online (see Church Center event page). Saturday, Oct. 11 5 am-5 pm

Membership Directory -- We are making plans for a new pictorial church directory, produced in-house for convenience and simplicity. There will be three (3) opportunities for individuals and families to gather at the church for a portrait with a professional photographer: **Sunday, October 12 (Consecration Sunday):** 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; **Tuesday, October 14:** 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.; **Wednesday, October 15:** 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. [Please sign up on the Sign Up Genius link](#), or with the church office at (856) 235-1688.

October Prayer Breakfast Saturday, Oct. 11 at 9:00 AM in Room 3-4. Guest speaker will be director of outreach Rev. Mark Budka, sharing about his missionary experience.

Ways Reflections -- For the current Ways round, our pastors invite members to write down how they are thankful for a particular Way. What Way has most impacted your life? Which Way speaks to you? Submissions are to be just a couple sentences and will be shared verbally in worship by the pastors and printed in the bulletins.

NEW: Fall Adult Study Underway: On Wednesday nights this fall, Jim Cole leads a discussion study of 12-15 scriptures of the 16 Chapters that make up the *Didache*. These are scriptures that Jesus spoke and used before the Bible to instruct the apostles. [Sign up online](#). Enjoy Family Dinner first at 5:45 p.m. too (\$8.00/person).

NEW "Hot Topics" (starts Oct. 15): This fall you're invited to join a 9-week Wednesday evening series engaging some of today's most pressing and polarizing issues — abortion, gender & sexuality, immigration, and gun violence. Each topic will receive two weeks of focus, allowing us to explore both varied perspectives. Class is led by Wes Allen. [Sign up online](#) or right through the Church Center app.

For the month of October, The [Grace Boutique](#) needs items to restock its shelves. If you can, please donate any of these items (place them in baskets by Grace Boutique door): baby diapers (size 4 or 5), baby wipes (packs), feminine hygiene (light or heavy pads), men's deodorant, paper towel rolls, men's athletic socks.

NEW: Inquirers Class for those interested in learning more about our church and possibly joining. This four-part class begins **Wed. Oct. 8**; reach out to Wes Allen at (856) 235-1688 if you're interested or [sign up online](#).