



October 12, 2025 ~ Consecration Sunday

9:30 a.m. Combined Worship (Sanctuary)

*please stand as you are able

*"They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share."
- 1 Timothy 6: 17-19*

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 9:25 a.m.**

Welcome & Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Way of the Week #3: Listen Generously

3. LISTEN GENEROUSLY. Be quick to listen and do so with your undivided attention. Minimize the distractions and let go of the need to agree or disagree. Suspend your judgment and be curious to know more rather than jumping to conclusions. Above all, listen to understand.

Ways Reflection from Ginny Powell

The second greatest commandment as stated by Jesus in the New Testament is to love your neighbor as yourself. Is there anything more loving than listening? Is there any greater gift that you can give to a family member, friend or even a stranger? Can you see a person if you don't hear them first? Let alone know them? Jesus is our perfect example. He always paused to listen. He was the busiest of men and yet he found the time to listen over and over again. Listening is not easy. It is deliberate and requires patience and empathy. It seems to me that my natural inclination is to talk, to be seen and heard. However, it's never as joyful, loving, gentle or kind as giving someone my full attention, interest, compassion and love. Listening generously is not second nature but rather requires me to allow the Holy Spirit to work through me. Listening generously is a gift that we give to others but also to ourselves because it always bears fruit. — *Ginny Powell*

Music in Preparation for Worship

God of Grace and God of Glory

Arr. Buckwalter

Bell Choir Ensemble: Jim Cole, Lissa Herman, Sawyer McNab, Peg Pierce, Marion Norcross, Director
Kathy Gunsallus, Piano / Bell Choir Director

* Call to Worship (Responsive)

Elder Steve Shaffer

As we gather this day, each of us brings something to worship –

We bring the burdens of the week.

We bring prayers of hope, and prayers of anguish.

We bring our voices, and our offerings, and our questions.

We bring our faith, tattered or whole as it may be.

We bring all this to each other and to God, whom we worship today.

* Prayer of Adoration

Elder Shaffer

* Hymn No. 578

Come, Ye Christians Be Committed

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Shaffer

Loving God, help us. When we have run away, when we have turned our backs on love, when we have sought immediate satisfaction and not long-term healing, help us. Merciful God, forgive us. When we have been selfish, when we have been mean, when we have closed our ears to the cries of others, forgive us. Powerful God, heal us. When we are so broken we cannot move, when we don't know how to stem the bleeding of our wounds, when we are too ashamed to seek community, heal us. Give us the courage, the strength, and the hope to accept your grace and hear your call in Christ. Amen.

(Silence for our personal prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Elder Shaffer

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

We will believe God's Word and trust the grace of the Lord Jesus. We are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

* Gloria Patri

*The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal Inside Front Cover

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Spencer

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

Rev. Wes Allen

Offertory



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Offertory Music

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Consecration

Green

Amanda Schkeeper, Alto

* Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

“Stepping Up to Generosity”

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6: 11-21 (Pew Bible NT p. 210)

Sermon Series: *Stepping Up to Generosity*

Grow The Kingdom Commitment #4: I Will Give

Dedication of our Gifts

Rev. Spencer



*This morning as an act of worship, members will thoughtfully and prayerfully consider their 2026 gift to the Lord's work at First Presbyterian Church. **Please walk forward to dedicate your gifts for the 2026 Annual Budget (white) and 2026 Capital Campaign (green).** [Estimates of Giving](#) may also be returned by mail, [online](#), or dropped off in the church office during the week. Celebrate God's goodness at our church-wide Celebration Brunch today in Fellowship Hall.*

The Processional

I Thank God

Wes Allen

Rest on Us

Brandon Lake

Wes Allen and Matt Russell, guitar and vocals; Vivian Allen, vocals

* Congregational Benediction - Hymn No. 374, Verse 1

Now Thank We All Our God

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
who, from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

* Benediction ~ Blessing for Celebration Luncheon

Rev. Spencer

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Worship flowers are given by Becky Castellanos in loving memory of her parents Glenn and Millie Wilson.

9:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Steve Shaffer; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Mike Welch, Paul Grossmann, Sherrell Fitts; **Flower Arrangers:** Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop; **Trustee Greeter:** Brett Couvillion; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Barbara Lewis; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Mike Welch, Dave Barr, Bobbi Vogelsong, Alex Wilkie; **Coffee Hospitality:** Jane Murphy and Sue Piper; there is no nursery care on combined service Sundays

Brunch Helpers (thank you): Dave Barr, Owen Dietz, Audrey Drummonds, Steve Emerson, Susan Horn, Laurie LaMonica, Anthony LaMonica, Laurie LaMonica, Rachel Long, Jan Martin, Kevin Schaeffer, Susan Shaffer, Gail Sorin, Bobbi Vogelsong, Ginny Weber, Michael Welch, Joyce Wenzke, Jim Wiggans, Jess Zorn. **Kids Craft:** Jen Allen

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

TODAY: [Sunday, October 12 is Consecration Sunday](#). We gather together for a COMBINED **9:30 a.m.** service in the sanctuary as church members *Step up to the Plate*. You're encouraged to come in your favorite baseball attire! SEE YOUR MAIL for your **2026 Estimate of Giving card** as well as **2026 Capital Campaign Pledge Card**. There is no adult education or nursery care on combined Sundays. We will celebrate God's generosity with a potluck brunch; 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. The Team Stuart vs. Team Wes kickball game will be weather dependent.



- **NEW: [Music Focus Groups](#)** – All are encouraged to help shape the future of our music ministry by participating in a focus group to share your voice, insights, and experiences in a small group setting. **Choose from the following [Music Focus Groups](#):** **Wednesday, Oct. 8** at 6:30 p.m.; **Sunday, Oct. 19** at 10:15 a.m.; **Sunday, Oct. 19** at 12:15 p.m.; **Wednesday, Oct 22** at 6:30 p.m.; **Sunday, Oct 26** at 10:15 a.m.; and **Sunday, Oct 26** at 12:15 p.m. [SIGN UP ONLINE](#) or with Wes Allen. Discussions are all held in Room 2.

[Membership Directory](#) – NEW: Additional times have been added for the pictorial church directory! Sign up for your photos with a professional photographer: Sunday, October 12 (Consecration Sunday): 10:30 AM – **4:00 PM**; Tuesday, October 14: 9:30 a.m. – **12:50 PM**; Wednesday, October 15: 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. [Please sign up on the Sign Up Genius link](#), with the church office at 856-235-1688 or call/text Lissa Herman at 856-745-7357 for help. Not going to be here? Yes, you can submit a digital photo if needed.

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 per person).

- **[PW Holiday Bazaar Nov. 15](#)** – donate gently used treasures in box in Commons Lobby starting Oct. 12

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.

Are you interested in serving on the search team for our new **Youth Director**? Great! Contact [Wes Allen](#). Help shape the future of our youth ministry by participating in the [search and interview process](#).

[Pastor & Staff Appreciation Sunday](#) is Sunday, October 26 - you're invited to bring in a card or note for our program staff or fill out a blank card in the Commons Lobby telling them how much you appreciate their work.

[Operation Christmas Child](#) delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. Starting **Sunday, October 26**, shoe boxes will be available in the Commons Lobby. See our [event page](#) for details on filling your box. Boxes are due back by **Sunday, November 16**. Questions? Contact Mark Budka at missions@fpcmoorestown.org.