



October 19, 2025 ~ 19th 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. Stuart Spencer

Way of the Week #4: Always Encourage and Celebrate

4. ALWAYS ENCOURAGE AND CELEBRATE. Show gratitude and appreciation by regularly acknowledging the good works you see everywhere. Look for signs of spiritual growth and maturity among our members and staff. When you see it, point it out and rejoice. Pass on good reports that you hear about others.

Ways Reflection

The feelings of love, encouragement, appreciation, and celebration are meant to be shared. As the Prayer of Saint Francis reminds us, "For it is in giving that we receive." I believe that if you feel something beautiful and loving in your heart for someone, you need to tell them. Those words are not meant for you to keep. My favorite poet, Mary Oliver, wrote these sage words: "Instructions for living a life. Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it." Don't hesitate to express your joy, as the moment might slip away. Try to keep childlike wonder, finding beauty and optimism in the world. Your words are powerful and can uplift, heal, and inspire. Encouraging and celebrating others is an expression of God's love.

– Nicole Snodgrass

Music in Preparation for Worship

Choral Song

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Wesley

Choral Introit

God of Hope

Adult Choir; Linda Lockart, Director

Lockart

* Call to Worship (Responsive)

Elder Steve Shaffer

We lift our eyes to the hills –

From where will our help come?

Our help comes from the Holy One, who made heaven and earth.

God does not slumber nor sleep; we are held in love's keeping.

Jesus says, 'I am with you always, even to the end of the age.'

Let us walk this journey with trust and courage.

Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses --

We gather to worship the One who sets joy before us.

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

* Prayer of Adoration

Elder Shaffer

* Hymn No. 2

Holy, Holy, Holy

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Shaffer

God of all journeys, You have promised to be with us always, yet we often live as though we are alone. You offer us courage, but we cling to fear. You call us into love, but we sometimes hold back out of judgment or weariness. You place others in our path to walk with us, but we struggle to trust. Forgive us, O God. Lift our eyes again to the hills. Remind us that you are the keeper of our souls, and that your presence is not a destination, but a constant companionship. Teach us to walk in grace and rise again with hope. Amen.

(Silence for our personal prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Elder Shaffer

Friends, hear this good news: The same Christ who walks with us now is the One who has borne our burdens and breathed new life into our souls.

In Christ, we are not condemned. We are forgiven, made whole, and called to live again.

So let us throw off all that entangles us

And run with perseverance the race set before us.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

* Gloria Patri

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Spencer

Anthem

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

I Will Be a Child of Peace

Hagenberg

Adult Choir; Linda Lockart, Director

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

Rev. Spencer

Offertory



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Offertory Music

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Frank Mitchell, Bass

H.T. Burleigh

* Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Kathryn Eagles

"WE BELIEVE! Our Father, Our Creator, and our Sustainer!"

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth

Scripture: Psalm 121 (Pew Bible OT p. 571); Matthew 28: 18-20; Hebrews 12: 1-2

Sermon Series: *Tell Me of Your Strength*

* The Apostles' Creed (inside front cover hymnal)

Rev. Eagles

* Hymn No. 693

We Believe in God Almighty

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

We All Believe in One God

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* Benediction

Rev. Eagles

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Worship flowers are given by Lucille Zitelli in loving memory of her father, Walter Borowy.

9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Steve Shaffer; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Michael Boone; **Ushers:** Owen Dietz, Dave Rebeck, Leonard Fitts; **Flower Arrangers:** Stacy Schaffer and Carol Morgan; **Deacons 3rd Sunday Flower Arrangers:** Bobbi Vogelsong and Gail Sorin; **Deacons 3rd Sunday Flower Deliverers:** Bobbi Vogelsong and Gail Sorin; **Trustee Greeter:** Mike Ramage; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Philip Jagiela; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Audrey Drummonds and Sharon Budka; **Bagel Pickup:** Paul Grossmann or Jim Cole; **Coffee Hospitality:** Paul Grossmann and Jim Cole; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum and Ava Callahan

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



Consecration Sunday was October 12 – *Step Up to the Plate*. We joyfully gathered to dedicate our 2026 Estimate of Giving cards (Annual Budget) and 2026 Capital Campaign pledges. **If you were unable to be with us or haven't yet submitted your Estimates, please complete your 2026 cards [online](#), mail to the office or drop in the offering.** These estimates allow the church to accurately budget for fiscal year 2026 and beyond. Our goal is to have every member and regular worship attendee respond by **Oct. 30**, as Budget Committee meetings are beginning.

TONIGHT: West Jersey Chamber Music Society Concert "Conversation Pieces," **Sunday, Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m.** (Sanctuary); This concert brings together a beautiful mix of works that highlight the expressive power of the string-bass quintet. Tickets \$30 at the door (\$24 seniors or students over 18); Children 18 and under: Free. Tickets and info online at <https://wjcms.org/concerts/>.

- ✓ **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. Remaining groups: **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 or just stop by. Discussions are held in Room 2. **SURVEY:** Please also take time to complete a [brief online survey](#) on the Church Center event page regarding our music program.

Dine and Donate for our Preschool: Applebees, 1100 Route 73, Mt. Laurel, **Thurs. Oct. 23** (11:00 am-10:00 pm)

[Church Directory](#) -- If you didn't have an opportunity to stop in on the three days of photo shoots for the membership directory, you can submit a digital photo to webmaster Barbara Duffy at bduffy@fpcmoorestown.org or schedule a makeup to be taken by the staff, if needed. Contact the church office at (856) 235-1688.

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. (\$8.00/person).

[PW Holiday Bazaar Saturday, Nov. 15](#) – Drop off gently used treasures in the red boxes in the Commons Lobby. Event proceeds benefit women and children in acute need; watch for sign up sheets to volunteer!

[NEW "Hot Topics" \(started Oct. 15\):](#) This fall you're invited to 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.



[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.

[Shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child](#) will be available **Sunday, Oct. 26** in the Commons Lobby. Fill a box for a child and return to the church by Sunday, Nov. 16. [See our Event Page](#) for instructions. Kindly include \$10 for shipping. Questions contact Mark Budka at missions@fpcmoorestown.org.

[Family Service Project:](#) **Wed. Nov. 12** during Family Dinner, 5:45-7:00 PM. Spend family time assembling sandwiches (nut-free) for donation to Cathedral Kitchen. [Please register](#) by **Monday, Nov. 10th** so we can determine participation and amount of supplies needed for this project.