



November 2, 2025 ~ 21st Sunday after Pentecost, Holy Communion

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 #6: Forgive...Again

6. FORGIVE...AGAIN. Just as God forgives us, heal relationships by extending forgiveness with grace and generosity. Forgive everyone everything. Start by praying for those you resent or hate. Ask for every blessing you would want for the one you're struggling to forgive.

Ways Reflection

From Evan Dempster

For me, the true beauty of God's grace is that it never runs out. Daily I find myself asking for forgiveness and I know am able to do so because of the confidence given to me knowing that Christ's sacrifice is always enough. Similarly, I know that as the Body of Christ, we are called to be willing to forgive one another, and those outside of our church just as frequently. Although not easy to do, forgiveness is crucial to repairing relationships, growth, and learning. To live out this way, "Forgive... Again", should be a part of our daily prayers, asking for the strength to be more holy, more Christ-like, and more humble, for the sake of our community, relationships, and world.

Music in Preparation for Worship

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Victim Divine, Your Grace We Claim

Vulpis

Choral Introit

Carol Manion, Piano

Thank You, God, for Music

Washburn

We Can Sing Our Praise to God

Grantham

Primary Choir; Kathy Gunsallus, Director

***Call to Worship – based on Psalm 30 (Responsive)**

Elder Joyce Wenzke

“Let us worship God, Who has drawn us and healed us.

Let us worship God, Who has restored us to life.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you faithful ones, and give thanks to God’s holy name.

God’s anger is but for a moment; God’s favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

You have turned our mourning into dancing; You have taken off our sackcloth and clothed us with joy, so that our souls may praise You and not be silent.

O Lord, my God, we will give thanks to You forever.”

Let us worship God.

***Prayer of Adoration**

Elder Wenzke

***Hymn No. 209**

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Elder Wenzke

Holy God, we come before You in humility, for we do not live as we ought. We do not love You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We do not love our neighbor as ourselves. So we pray, in all humility, that You will change our hearts and minds, that You will show us again how to love others the way You love us, that You will put power and courage in our hearts to do your will. This we pray in Jesus’ name and for His sake. Amen.

(Silence for our personal prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon (*responsive*)

Elder Wenzke

Friends, this Good News is for all the world: Christ was born, lived and died, and rose again that we would be freed from sin and death. Know that indeed you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Alleluia! Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Anthem

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Tumefurahi (We Rejoice)

Dave and Jean Perry

Choristers; Linda Lockart, Director

Minute for Missions

Larry Arata, Opioid Crisis Action Network

Winds of the Winter

George Kilby, Jr.

George Kilby, Jr., guitar

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

Rev. Wes Allen

Offertory



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Offertory Music

Steal Away

Adult Choir; Linda Lockart, Director

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

arr. Howard Helvey

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Spencer

"What in Hell Was Jesus Doing?"

[He] suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell,

Scripture: [1 Peter 3: 18-22](#) (Pew Bible NT p. 234)

Sermon Series: *Tell Me of Your Strength*

*The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal Inside Front Cover

*Hymn No. 225 (verses 1-2)

Go to Dark Gethsemane

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. 225 (verse 3)**

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Music in Preparation for Service

God So Loved the World

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Willan

***Benediction**

Rev. Spencer

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Worship flowers are given to the glory of God.

9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Joyce Wenzke; **Communion Elders:** Jim Cole, Evan Dempster, Rick Dougherty, Joyce Wenzke; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live stream Technician:** Michael Boone; **Ushers:** Steve Shaffer, Brett Couvillion, Joe Molloy; **Flower Arrangers:** Karin Miller and Rumi Sinunu; **Trustee Greeter:** Joe Molloy; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Sue Hill; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Gail Sorin and Susan Horn; **Bagel Pick-up:** Lissa Herman and Susan Shaffer; **Coffee Hospitality:** Lissa Herman and Susan Shaffer; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum and Ava Callahan

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

TODAY: **Benefit Concert for Opioid Crisis Action Network** -- This afternoon at 1:00 p.m. in the Commons, OCAN-RF will hold a fundraising Concert, featuring recording artist George Kilby Jr. Proceeds support the Opioid Crisis Action Network Recovery Fund. There will be no tickets sold for the Concert — a freewill offering will be requested. Donations can also be made on the website: <https://www.opioidcrisisactionnetwork.com/donate>.

Consecration Sunday was October 12 – *Step Up to the Plate*. **If you haven't yet submitted your Estimates, please complete your 2026 cards [online](#), mail to the office, or drop in the offering.** We must receive your Estimates of Giving before our 2026 Budget is finalized this week to allow us to include what you plan to give in the funding available to allocate to our programs for 2026 (including our Missions, Deacons, Youth, and Music programs).

SURVEY: Please complete a [brief online survey](#) on the Church Center Events page about our Music program.

[November Prayer Breakfast](#) – Saturday, Nov. 8 (9:00 AM); Room 3-4, guest speaker Dr. Curtis Miyamoto

[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; volunteer on sign-up sheets in the Lobby. 😊

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

[NEW "Hot Topics"](#): Stop by Wednesday evenings for this 9-week series on some of today's most pressing and polarizing issues — abortion, gender & sexuality, immigration, and gun violence. Led by Wes Allen. [Sign up online](#) or right through the Church Center app. Meets in **Room 8**.