



November 9, 2025 ~ 22nd Sunday after Pentecost; Sacrament of Holy Baptism
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 #7: Celebrate our Unity, Savor our Diversity

- 7. CELEBRATE OUR UNITY, SAVOR OUR DIVERSITY.** Thank God that, like parts of the human body, we're not all the same. Be open to learn from others, regardless of their age, background, experience, or tenure with our church. We make better decisions and grow as people when we consider multiple perspectives. Listen with curiosity to others and consider how to use their ideas.

Ways Reflection

From Jenny Legath

Way #7 reminds us to celebrate our unity, and savor our diversity. A popular saying that emerged from the Protestant Reformation – and the bloody wars of religion that followed – was “in essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty.” But our Way goes further and insists that our diversity is an asset to the church. We need our different gifts, perspectives, and experiences to further the church’s unified mission to grow the Kingdom of God.

Music in Preparation for Worship

Glenn Rodgers, Organ

Angels Help Us to Adore Him

Andrew Fletcher

Choral Introit

Holy is the Lord (from Isaiah 6:3)

Schubert

Adult Choir; Linda Lockart, Director

* Call to Worship (Responsive)

Elder Lissa Herman

This is the time when God's people gather together.
This is the time when we wait to hear God's word.
This is the time when we see friends, old and new.

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This is the time when we remember that God makes us family.

This is the time when we give thanks for all that is good.

This is the time to worship God.

* Prayer of Adoration

Elder Herman

* Hymn No. 108

Come, Christians Join to Sing

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Herman

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of the Lord Jesus, in love and service. Amen.

(Silence for our personal prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Elder Herman

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 not doubt God's Word. We trust that we are forgiven by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia! Amen.**

* Gloria Patri

* The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal Inside Front Cover

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Rev. Spencer, Elder Herman

Baptism of Grace Lydia Eni, Child of God

Parents: Mary and Michael Eni

RESPONSE: *Jesus Loves Me, This I Know* (Hymn No. 470, v. 1, 2)

Congregation Sings

Anthem

Still With Thee

Hagenberg

Adult Choir; Linda Lockart, Director

Still with Thee,
when purple morning breaketh, when the bird waketh and the shadows flee;
Fairer than the morning, lovelier than daylight, Dawns the sweet consciousness, I am with Thee.
When sinks the soul subdued by toil, to slumber, it's closing eye looks up to Thee in prayer;
The sweet repose beneath the wings o'ershading, but sweeter still to wake and find Thee there.
Shall it be, when the bright morning breaketh, when the soul waketh and life's shadows flee,
Fairer than the morning, lovelier than daylight, shall rise the glorious thought, to rise to Thee!
I am with Thee.
- Harriet Beecher Stowe (1811-1896)

Offertory



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Offertory Music

Glenn Rodgers, Organ

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth (from "Messiah")

Handel

Jennifer Wait, Soprano

* Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"The J Curve"

The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

Scripture: Philippians 2: 5-11 (Pew Bible NT p. 197)

Sermon Series: Tell Me of Your Strength

* Hymn No. 254

Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven

Music in Preparation for Service

Glenn Rodgers, Organ

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

Arr. David R. Johnson

* Benediction

Rev. Spencer

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Worship flowers are given to the glory of God.

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9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Lissa Herman; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Michael Boone; **Ushers:** Steve Shaffer, Gail Sorin, Mike McNeil; **Flower Arrangers:** Stacy Schaffer and Karen Arsenault; **Trustee Greeter:** Jeff Mason; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Ginny Powell; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Mike McNeil and Susan Shaffer; **Bagel Pickup:** Sherrell Fitts or Sue Piper; **Coffee Hospitality:** Sherrell Fitts and Sue Piper; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum and Ava Callahan

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

Fall Adult Education: Three-week series "People Telling Stories" **Nov. 2, 9, 16; Nov. 23** church-wide breakfast hosted by adult education classes, bring whatever you can. Fellowship Hall; Five-week Advent series "Journey to Jerusalem" runs **Nov. 30-Dec. 28**. Wednesday evening Advent series "Heaven and Earth" **Dec. 3, 10, 17** (6:30 PM).

[Shoe boxes 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 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.

- [Church Directory Make-Up Photo Date](#) – Victoria Duffy will return on **Sunday, Nov. 23** to do photography of the Contemporary service and to take more single/family portraits. **Portrait hours will be 10-11 am then 12:30-3:00 pm**. Please SIGN UP online on the Event Page or call the church office.

[PW Holiday Bazaar Saturday, Nov. 15](#) – **Donate new and nearly new treasures for the Nov. 15 event (10am-3pm)**. Drop off donations in the Commons Lobby. We are looking for: Gently used jewelry, sports equipment, gift items, holiday and seasonal décor. Sign up in Commons Lobby to [volunteer](#) too! Proceeds benefit women and children in acute need.

Thanksgiving Postcards -- Included in worship bulletins on **Sunday, Nov. 16** will be our traditional Thanksgiving postcards. Fill in the name and address of someone you are grateful for and wish to tell, and mail from your home, or place addressed postcards in the offering plate for the church to mail. Postcards given to the church office will be mailed **Monday, Nov. 17** so they arrive in time for Thanksgiving.

[Poinsettia Orders](#) – Order forms will be in worship guides **Nov. 9, 16, 23** for this year's poinsettia sales. Poinsettias will be displayed in both worship spaces on Manger Sunday December 14 and available to take home that day. Download order forms online as well. Plants are \$16 each.

[Women's Morning of Prayer](#) – Join with your prayer sisters on **Saturday, Nov. 22** from 8:00 am – Noon; sign up on the [event page](#) for a meaningful morning. Led by Arlita Winston.

Advent Candle Lighters -- During the Sundays in Advent, members of our church family will serve as candle lighters for the Advent wreath. The Worship Team is looking for individuals for both 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services for **Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14 and 21**, as well as four Christmas Eve services on **Wednesday, Dec. 24** at 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm. Contact Worship Chair Kevin Fauvell at kevindfauvell@gmail.com or (609) 220-0177 to take part in this Advent worship experience.

[Steve and Chelsea Margerum Baby Shower](#) --- help Steve & Chelsea prepare to welcome their new son in January! See Church Center event page for all the fun details!

[Thanksgiving Praise and Pie](#) -- Come gather on **Sunday, Nov. 23** for a 3:00 PM service of thanksgiving and praise in the sanctuary featuring singing, Wow Moments, and prayer. Following worship, we'll enjoy delicious pies. Sign up to bring your favorite holiday pie — pumpkin, apple, mincemeat, cranberry etc. And a friend(s)!

[Red Cross Blood Drive](#): **Monday, November 24 from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM** in Miller Commons. **Register:** Reserve your time online at RedCrossBlood.org and enter First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown. All donors who come to give blood will snag an exclusive pair of Red Cross PAC-MAN socks, while supplies last!