



November 16, 2025 ~ 23rd 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. Wes Allen

Way of the Week #8: Jump In

8. JUMP IN. Life is full of unexpected problems and needs, large and small. Pay attention to moments when God calls you to action, no matter how ordinary or extraordinary the situation may be. See “disruptions” as invitations to share Christ’s love. Write a note. Visit the sick or the grieving. Share a meal.

Ways Reflection

From Lori Bell

I enjoyed this way of the week because it's how I approach my spiritual life. I am always willing and ready to volunteer where I am needed to assist as my path to be a better Christian. What I didn't realize was the impact it has on other people. This summer I was in crisis and needed the assistance from my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. The result was amazing. Without hesitation they helped me out. For them it may have been a small thing but for me it was huge. You can make a big impression on other people. Don't hesitate. Jump IN. I know I will continue to, and my hope is that everyone at FPC take this to heart and be a good Christian and just JUMP IN.

Music in Preparation for Worship

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me

Bingham

* Call to Worship (Responsive)

Elder Melody Ransom

Come, beloved of God, let us leave behind the ways that diminish love.

We are called to a new way of living—clothed in truth, compassion, and grace.

Once we walked in confusion and alienation, but now we are learning to walk in light.

We come to be renewed in the spirit of our minds, to be formed in the likeness of God.

Speak truth to your neighbor, forgive as you have been forgiven, and build one another up.

We come as a people being made new, shaped in love, for the sake of the world.

* Prayer of Adoration

Elder Ransom

* Hymn No. 289

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Ransom

Holy God, we confess that we have not always lived as people of love. We have allowed anger to guide our actions, bitterness to take root in our hearts, and unkind words to leave our lips. We have turned away from the truth when it was uncomfortable and withheld grace when it was most needed. Forgive us, O God. Renew the spirit of our minds. Help us to live as your new creation— truthful, gentle, forgiving, and free. May we speak words that heal, not harm; may we build up, not tear down; and may we walk in the way of love, as You have loved us. Amen.

(Silence for our personal prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Elder Ransom

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,

As God in Christ has already forgiven us.

We are not bound by the past. We are not trapped in our mistakes.

In Christ, we are a new creation. The old has passed away.

Lay aside the former way of life — receive the grace that restores and renews.

Thanks be to God—we are forgiven, we are free, we are being made new. Amen.

Choral Response

Cast Thy Burden

Adult Choir; Linda Lockart, Director

Mendelssohn

* Gloria Patri

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Holly Ascitutto

Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth

Adult Choir, Linda Lockart, Director

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

arr. Eric Nelson

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

Rev. Allen

Offertory



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Offertory Music

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

What Shall I Give?

Becki Slagle Mayo

Choristers; Linda Lockart, Director

* Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Wes Allen

"Becoming New in Christ"

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints

Scripture: Ephesians 4: 17-32 (Pew Bible NT p. 193 NRSV)

Sermon Series: *Tell Me of Your Strength*

* The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal Inside Front Cover

* Hymn No. 579

I Surrender All

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Fanfare on "For All The Saints"

Helman

* Benediction

Rev. Allen

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Worship flowers are given by Jim Cole to the glory of God and in loving memory of Loudell Cole.

9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Melody Ransom; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Michael Boone; **Ushers:** Dave Rebeck, Patrick McIlroy and Steve Emerson; **Flower Arrangers:** Stacy Schaffer and Carol Morgan; **Deacons 3rd Sunday Flower Arrangers:** Bobbi Voglesong and Gail Sorin; **Deacons 3rd Sunday Flower Deliverers:** Bobbi Voglesong and Gail Sorin; **Trustee Greeter:** Bill Mueller; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Jane Murphy; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Bobbi Voglesong and Jessica Zorn; **Bagel Pickup:** Ginny and Tim Powell; **Coffee Hospitality:** Ginny and Tim Powell; Chelsea Margerum and Ava Callahan



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

- **TODAY: 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.

Fall Adult Education: Three-week series "People Telling Stories" **Nov. 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.

- [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.

[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. *Orders and payment due by Nov. 23*.

[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 & 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! They are registered at Amazon.com.

[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! Contact Debbie Heller.