



April 5, 2026 ~ Easter, Full Communion/Grow The Kingdom

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 am.***

Welcome & Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

Clarke

Fanfare

Brass Quartet, Timpani, Organ; Linda Lockart, Director

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

*** Call to Worship**

Rev. Wes Allen

Christ the Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

The God who has the power to make what was dead alive again,
and loved us so much that he sent Jesus Christ to die for our sins so we may live---
that is the God who calls us here today, and greets us with these words:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."

Christ the Lord is risen! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Adoration**

*** Hymn No. 234 *Christ The Lord is Risen Today***

arr. Ferguson

Brass Quartet, Timpani, Organ; Linda Lockart, Director

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Kevin Fauvell

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen

(Silence for our personal prayers of confession)

Kyrie

Merbecke

Adult Choir; Linda Lockart, Director

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Fauvell

On this joyful Easter, we proclaim that nothing can separate us from the love of God, for death and darkness are overcome in victory. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! We are forgiven because we are loved by God. Amen.

* Gloria Patri

* Apostles Creed (inside cover of blue hymnal)

Rev. Spencer

* Anthem (INSERT) *To the Lamb on the Throne*

Forrest

Adult Choir; Brass Quartet, Timpani, Organ, Congregation
Marion Norcross, Director for Congregation; Linda Lockart, Director

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Holly Ascitutto

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

Rev. Spencer

Way of the Week #3: Listen Generously

Rev. Allen

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.

The Way of the Week With Help from Gemini

Suggested Action Step: This week, ask someone who's not related to you this question. "What is one thing you love about this neighborhood or our community, and what is one thing you're worried about?" Ask, and listen, then, thank the person for what they said. Later, pray for the person and their concern.

Offertory

TODAY: Special Easter Offering pew envelopes are available for your convenience or you may use the drop down or QR code to give online. Thank you for blessing us with your giving as we Grow God's Kingdom. Your offerings and donations allow us to sustain our church programs year-round. Donate easily from your device via the Church Center app for your tithes, offerings and other fund contributions. If you're watching via live stream, you can [give online](#) right now as well! To mail offerings, send to P.O. Box 868, Moorestown, NJ 08057.

Offertory Music

Thine Be The Glory

Handel/arr. Cope

Adult Choir; Brass Quartet, Timpani; Linda Lockart, Director

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

* Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"Rejoice!"

Scripture: Philippians 4 :10-20 (Pew Bible page 199 NT)

Sermon Series: The J-Curve: Dying and Living With Jesus

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 thank you that Jesus was born among us; that he lived our common life on earth; that he suffered and died for us; that he rose again; and that he is always present through the Holy Spirit. We thank you that we can live in the faith that your kingdom will come, and that in life, in death, and beyond death, you are with us. This morning, we join our voices with the angels, the saints and your people everywhere, as we say:

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. 247 *The Day of Resurrection*

arr. Ferguson

Brass Quartet, Timpani; Organ, Linda Lockart, Director

Music in Preparation for Service

Campra

Rigaudon

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Brass Quartet, Timpani; Linda Lockart, Director

* Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

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Worship flowers are lovingly given by members of the congregation in honor and in memory of those they hold dear. **SEE INSERT.** If you purchased flowers, you may pick them up after worship.

^ Gemini is a generative artificial intelligence chatbot and virtual assistant developed by Google.

9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Kevin Fauvell; **Communion Elders:** Rick Dougherty, Pam Engle, Leonard Fitts, Paul Gordon, Jean Kunkel, Matt Livingston; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Steve Shaffer, Gail Sorin, Jim Clinton, Bill Pettit; **Flower Display Arrangers:** Fran Green and Stacy Schaffer; **Trustee Greeter:** Joe Molloy; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Lori Bell; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Alex Wilkie and Susan Horn; **Bagel Pickup:** Donna Leatherman or Carol Wiggans; **Coffee Hospitality:** Donna Leatherman and Carol Wiggans; **Nursery Care:** none provided this week

Brass Ensemble: We welcome and thank the brass quartet and timpanist for participating in our joyful celebration of Easter: John Shaw: Trumpet I; Francis Carpino: Trumpet II; Matthew Gould: Trombone I; Russ Mehrstens: Trombone II; Timpani: Christopher Ross

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

Did you notice the cross at the front of the sanctuary? Today is a special day as we remember all that Jesus has done for us through His sacrifice. He is ALIVE—and that gives us every reason to celebrate! Our children helped make today even more meaningful by creating these flowers out of tissue paper, reminding us of the new life Jesus brings—not just today, but every single day.

Your Nominating Committee is hard at work finding nominees for Elders, Deacons and Trustees to serve our church. Are you looking for new ways to become involved? We can help. Please pray about where you or someone you know may best fit and help Grow God's Kingdom. See our [brief online form](#) or contact [Matt Livingston](#) or any member of the Nominations Team.

Holiday Hours -- [See church calendar and Connections for Easter Break schedules.](#) The church office is CLOSED on Easter Monday April 6.

April 11 [Second Saturday Prayer breakfast](#) (9:00 AM); *please RSVP* with Pam Engle so we can prepare accordingly

Human Trafficking Event -- Join us on **Friday, April 17th** from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in Miller Commons for a free event by In His Image Justice Coalition to mobilize the community to protect the vulnerable from human trafficking. Learn more at freedomfromtrafficking.com. Stop by display tables in the lobby and meet local agency personnel and ministries. There is no cost for the event, but attendees are asked to register at <https://tinyurl.com/Assist-Her-2026> or from [our event page](#). Contact Susan Masiko or Gayle Payne.

April 18 Church Has Left The Building Prayer Vigil – we will pray from 5:00 AM – 5:00 PM for the CHLTB event; sign up for your 30-minute prayer time.

On April 18-19, “join hands” for our church-wide service initiative [Church Has Left The Building](#), coordinated by our Deacons. After a COMBINED worship service at **9:30 AM**, all ages will collaborate on service projects from 10-12 noon. CHLTB projects include (1) assembling college care packages, (2) preparing the Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden for the growing season, (3) dropping off frozen casseroles; (4) assembling 1,000 Hygiene Kits; (5) making 125 sandwiches; and (6) various church clean-up jobs on our building and grounds. The morning concludes with the Deacons’ famed Chili Cookoff Fundraiser at 11:30 a.m. **SEE INSERT in today’s worship guide.**

Are you interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown and possibly joining the congregation? Great! You are warmly invited to attend the [Spring Inquirers' Class](#) – a session for those interested in learning more about us and the Presbyterian Church as a whole. The two-part series features one class **Saturday, April 25**, and one class **Sunday, May 3** after the 11:00 a.m. service with elders to be received into membership. You are also cordially invited to join the Membership Team at Wednesday Night Dinner **April 22** (5:45-6:45 pm, Miller Commons) as their guest. [Sign up online](#) or RSVP with Wes Allen or Alison Mackey in the church office 856-235-1688.

Joshua Tickets – Yes, tickets are still available for the Sight & Sound Bus Trip on **Thursday, May 7**, to see the inspiring production of “Joshua.” [Sign up on our Church Center event page.](#) Ticket deadline is **April 24**.

We're getting berry excited! 😊 Save The Date for the 2026 Strawberry Festival, **Friday, June 5** from 6-9 p.m.

Vacation Bible School June 29-July 3 -- Calling all explorers entering Kindergarten through 6th grade (Fall 2026). Grab your gear and head deep into the jungle for a week full of excitement, discovery, and faith-filled fun! Kids of all ages will laugh, learn, and make unforgettable memories at *Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God*. See page 4 of *Connections*.