



"He is not here. For He is risen as He said." Matt. 28:6

Sunday, April 5, 2026 ~ Resurrection of the Lord
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship (*Cemetery*)

Opening Sentences*

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Christ the Lord is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

Glory and honor, dominion and power be to God forever and ever.

Christ the Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Opening Song*

Rev. Wes Allen

In the Garden

Charles Miles

I come to the garden alone,
while the dew is still on the roses.
And the voice I hear falling on my ear
the Son of God discloses.

Refrain:

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
and He tells me I am His own.
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.

He speaks and the sound of His voice
is so sweet the birds hush their singing.
And the melody that He gave to me
within my heart is ringing.

Refrain

I'd stay in the garden with Him,
though the night around me be falling.
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling.
Refrain

Scripture Reading

Rev. Spencer

Philippians 4:1-20 (NLT)

⁴ Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! ⁵ Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon.

⁶ Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

⁸ And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true and honorable and right and pure and lovely and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. ⁹ Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰ How I praise the Lord that you are concerned about me again. I know you have always been concerned for me, but you didn't have the chance to help me. ¹¹ Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. ¹² I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. ¹³ For I can do everything through Christ, Who gives me strength. ¹⁴ Even so, you have done well to share with me in my present difficulty.

¹⁵ As you know, you Philippians were the only ones who gave me financial help when I first brought you the Good News and then traveled on from Macedonia. No other church did this. ¹⁶ Even when I was in Thessalonica you sent help more than once. ¹⁷ I don't say this because I want a gift from you. Rather, I want you to receive a reward for your kindness.

¹⁸ At the moment, I have all I need—and more! I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me with Epaphroditus. They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And this same God Who takes care of me will supply all your needs from His glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ Now all glory to God our Father forever and ever! Amen.

Meditation

Rev. Spencer

Rejoice!

Affirmation of Faith*

This is the Good News which we have received, in which we stand and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: "that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day, and that He appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses." We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end. He is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Special Music

Ain't No Grave

Rev. Wes Allen

Ely

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Rev. Spencer & Allen

The Invitation to the Table

As we approach sharing Communion with our Lord, let us express our gratitude to God for what is important to us at this time, Easter Sunday, whether it be ordinary or special. In this prayer, the Pastor shall say two phrases, each ending with "Thank you, God!" to which we all respond, "Thank you, God!" After that, anyone else may give thanks, using the same pattern and ending with the same words which we all repeat. Let us pray . . .

Leader: For this time, this place and those around us, thank you, God.

All: Thank you, God!

Words of Institution

Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer

The Bread and the Cup (*Come forward to receive the elements by intinction.*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Work of God's People and Offering

Rev. Spencer



Special Easter Offering envelopes are available for your convenience or you may use the dropdown to give online. Thank you for blessing FPC Moorestown 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. You can [give online](#) as well. To mail offerings, send to P. O. Box 868, Moorestown, NJ 08057.

Way of the Week

- 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.

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.

Closing Song*

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Rev. Allen

Charles Wesley

**Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!**

Lives again, our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Benediction

Rev. Spencer

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

6:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Pastors: Rev. Stuart Spencer, Rev. Wes Allen
Musician: Wes Allen
Ushers: John Miller, Jack Terry

Easter Flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor and loving memory of those held dear in our hearts. *(See insert)*

An **Easter Gift:** We have a copy of the booklet, *Pocket Prayers: 40 Simple Prayers That Bring Peace and Rest* by Max & Andrea Lucado. This gift is provided by a memorial donation in loving memory of Ruth Stotsenburg, who served as Director of Educational Ministries for many years. (One per family please.)

The **church office** is closed on Monday, April 6. *Our Pastors and staff wish you a blessed Easter.*

[Church Has Left the Building](#), coordinated by our Deacons, on **April 18-19**. After a Worship Service at 9:30 AM, all ages will collaborate on various service projects from 10 AM-12 PM. The morning concludes with the **Deacons' Chili Cook-off Fundraiser** in the Commons.

Are you interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown and possibly joining the church? You are invited to attend the [Spring Inquirers' Class](#). The two-part series features one class on Saturday, **April 25** and one on Sunday, **May 3** after the 11:00 a.m. Service with Elders to be received into membership. You are also invited to join the Membership Committee at Wednesday Night Dinner **April 22** (5:45 p.m., Miller Commons). [Sign up online](#) or RSVP with Wes Allen or Alison Mackey (856-235-1688).