



**April 12, 2026 ~ Second Sunday of Easter**

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. Wes Allen

**Music in Preparation for Worship**

Krapf

***Come You Faithful Raise the Strain of Triumphant Gladness***

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

**\* Call to Worship (responsive)**

Rev. Stuart Spencer

This is the good news—the cross is empty.

**The grave is empty!**

This is the good news—the light shines in the darkness

**and the darkness can never put it out.**

This is the good news—once we were no people,

**now we are God's people**

Christ the Lord is Risen!

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

My beloved, let us worship God!

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\* Hymn No. 250     *Jesus Christ is Risen Today***

## Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Frank Manion

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Risen Christ, we come to you with alleluias on our lips but doubts in our hearts. We want resurrection without the waiting, new life without the letting go, and hope without the cost of love. We confess that we cling to what is familiar even when you are doing something new. We confess that we trust what we can see more than what you have promised. Forgive us, O God. Turn us again toward life. Teach us to walk in the way of your risen Son. Amen.

*Silence for our personal prayers of confession*

## Assurance of Pardon

Elder Manion

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Hear the good news: The tomb is empty. Death has been defeated. The powers of this world have not won. In Jesus Christ, God has broken the hold of sin and death. In Jesus Christ, a new creation has begun. Hear and receive this good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new. Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## \* Gloria Patri

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## \* Apostles Creed (inside cover of blue hymnal)

Elder Manion

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## Moment for Mission

Keneth Ndyamuhaki

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Keneth Ndyamuhaki is the Founder and Executive Director of Yamba Childcare in Uganda with UrbanPromise International. Before UPI, Ken worked for Compassion International Child Sponsorship. As a child, he was enrolled in a child sponsorship program. Ken said, "Being the first in my village to receive a master's degree, I felt the need to pay it forward and reach out to kids in my village and be the light. I started Yamba Childcare Program."

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

Rev. Allen

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## Way of the Week #4: Always Encourage and Celebrate

Rev. Allen

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- 4. ALWAYS ENCOURAGE AND CELEBRATE.** Show gratitude and appreciation by regularly acknowledging the good works you see everywhere. Look for signs of spiritual growth and maturity among our members and staff. When you see it, point it out and rejoice. Pass on good reports that you hear about others.

## The Way of the Week With Help from Gemini ^

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### Suggested Action Step:

The "Third Party" Affirmation: Make it a congregational habit that if you hear a compliment about Person A, you are "theologically obligated" to tell Person A within 24 hours.

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## Offertory



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## Offertory Music

### *Jesus Triumphant*

Amanda Schkeeper, Soloist

Stradella

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

## \* Doxology No. 809

## Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

### *"Master of the Best"*

**Scripture:** John 2: 1-11 (Pew Bible NT page 93)

**Sermon Series:** Signs of Life

## \* Hymn No. 239

### *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

## Music in Preparation for Service

Fischer

### *Christ is Arisen*

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

## \* Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

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**Worship flowers** are given by Jim Clinton to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jane Clinton.

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

## 9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

**Beadle:** Elder Frank Manion; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Michael Boone; **Ushers:** John Miller, Kira Fauvell, Steve Emerson; **Flower Display Arrangers:** Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop; **Trustee Greeter:** Jeff Mason; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Sue Hill; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Steve Drzaszcz and Owen Dietz; **Bagel Pickup:** Kelly Eagles or Freh Budka; **Coffee Hospitality:** Kelly Eagles and Freh Budka, **Nursery Care:** Ava Gandy-Callahan

## [New Sermon Series Begins April 12th](#)

TODAY we begin a new sermon series "[Signs of Life](#)" from the seven miracles or signs recorded in the Gospel of John. "These seven miracles . . . are preeminently signs because they point to those aspects of Jesus' ministry in which He demonstrated His transcendent control over the factors of life with which humans are unable to cope. Quality, space, time, quantity, natural forces, misfortune, and death circumscribe human experience." (from *John: The Gospel of Belief* by Merrill Tenney).

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

- ✓ [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 online or on sign up sheets at church for your 30-minute prayer time.

**On April 18-19, we** “join hands” for our church-wide service initiative [Church Has Left The Building](#), coordinated by our Deacons. After one abbreviated worship service at **9:30 AM**, all ages will collaborate on service projects from 10-12 noon. [SIGN UP ONLINE](#). 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. Purchase your tickets at the door. **We still need chili cooks!! SEE FLYER INSERT**

**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.

**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](http://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.

**Would you like to learn** more about FPC Moorestown and possibly join the congregation? Great! You are warmly invited to attend the [Spring Inquirers' Class](#) to learn 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.

**Concert** -- The Philadelphia Boys Choir & Cantores Minores, Finland’s oldest and most successful boys choir, will perform at First Presbyterian Church **Wednesday, April 29** at 7:00 PM. They will sing choir music selections from Mendelssohn, Brahms, Bruckner, and several other composers. Admission is Free.

**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](#). Cost is \$150 per person and includes lunch in Lancaster, PA. Ticket deadline is **April 24**.

**Blood Drive** – Did you know that you can save a life? You can. Give at the Red Cross blood drive in Miller Commons **Friday, May 8** from 11:00 am-4:00 pm. Select the time that works best for you. Contact Debbie Heller at 856-273-6838 or [dheller374@comcast.net](mailto:dheller374@comcast.net), or visit [redcrossblood.org/give](http://redcrossblood.org/give) and enter “First Presbyterian Moorestown.”

**Save The Date: Spring Choirs Concert, Sunday, May 17** at 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary; Primary Choir, Junior Choir, Choristers, Chapel Choir, Adult Choir and Bell Choir all perform

**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* or [fpcmoorestown.org/vbs](http://fpcmoorestown.org/vbs).