



April 19, 2026 ~ Third Sunday of Easter ~ Church Has Left The Building

9:30 a.m. Abbreviated 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 9:25 a.m.***

Welcome & Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

Music in Preparation for Worship

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Festival Prelude on "In Babilone"

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Bell Choir; Kathy Gunsallus, Director

*** Call to Worship**

Elder Gayle Payne

We come seeking signs of life in a world that often feels uncertain.

We come with questions, hopes, and fragile faith.

A voice once spoke healing across distance.

A Word carried life where fear had settled.

We gather to listen for that same Word today --

A Word that meets us where we are and calls us into deeper trust

Come, let us worship the God who is present in every place --

The God whose life flows through all creation.

***Prayer of Adoration**

*** Hymn No. 92 *Crown Him With Many Crowns***

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Payne

God of Life, we confess that we do not always trust your presence among us. We want proof before we believe, certainty before we act, and control instead of surrender. In our fear, we hold tightly to what we know, and miss the new life you are creating beyond our sight. We confess the ways we have doubted your goodness, ignored your movement in unexpected places, and resisted the invitations to deeper faith. Speak your Word into our lives again, a Word of healing, a Word of hope, a Word that calls us to trust more deeply. Renew us, restore us, and lead us into the life you are already unfolding. Amen.

Silence for our personal prayers of confession

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Payne

Hear the Good News: God's grace is not limited by distance, doubt, or fear.

God's healing love meets us where we are.

The same voice that spoke life then still speaks life now.

In Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and made whole.

Go in peace, trusting in the signs of life all around us.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

* Gloria Patri

* Apostles Creed (inside cover of blue hymnal)

Elder Payne

Anthem

A Gaelic Blessing

Rutter

Adult Choir; Linda Lockart, Director

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Stuart Spencer

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

Rev. Wes Allen

Way of the Week #5: Assume Positive Intent

Rev. Spencer

- 5. ASSUME POSITIVE INTENT.** Decide to trust that other members are being fair, honest, and concerned for the well-being of our church. Set aside your own judgments and preconceived notions. Surrender the urge to criticize and judge—it doesn't help. Graciously give people the benefit of the doubt.

The Way of the Week With Help from Gemini ^

Suggested Action Step: This week, "fast" from criticism. Do not criticize anyone about anything. See what happens. If a week is too long, start with a day. Assuming positive intent doesn't mean ignoring harmful behavior, but it does mean starting the conversation from a place of "I trust you" rather than "I suspect you."

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Offertory



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Offertory Music

Run to the Father

Vivian Allen, soloist

Carnes

Wes Allen, guitar

* Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Wes Allen

"A Word of Life for a World on Fire"

Scripture: John 4: 46-54 (Pew Bible NT page 96)

Sermon Series: Signs of Life

* Hymn No. 238

Because He Lives

Music in Preparation for Service

Powell

Rejoice! The Lord is King

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

* Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Allen

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Worship flowers are given by Lucy Rorke-Adams to the glory of God and in loving memory of her sisters Elizabeth Seropian and Maline Broburg.

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

9:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Gayle Payne; **Bell Choir:** Jim Cole, Carol Manion, Melissa McNab, Sawyer McNab, Elaine Miller, Marion Norcross, Peg Pierce, Vicki Terry; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Michael Boone; **Ushers:** Michael Welch, Paul Grossmann, Sherrell Fitts; **Flower Display Arrangers:** Gretchen DeCou and Fran Green; **Trustee Greeter:** Tad Woolley; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Nancy Dodimead; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Josh Leonard, Mike McNeil and Keith Wright; **Bagel Pickup:** Sue Piper or Sherrell Fitts; **Coffee Hospitality:** Sue Piper and Sherrell Fitts, **Nursery Care:** Ava Gandy-Callahan



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

TONIGHT: West Jersey Chamber Music Society Concert -- Sunday, April 19 at 7:30 PM; Sanctuary; Season Finale: J.S. Bach – Master of Instruments and Voice. Tickets: wjcms.org

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.

[Congregational Meeting to Elect Elders, Deacons and Trustees](#) has been called for **Sunday, April 26** following the traditional worship service. The meeting will be available by Zoom (to view only, not vote). Officer terms will begin June 1, 2026.

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.

[Dine and Donate for Step by Step: Thursday, April 23 from 4:30-9:00 PM](#), Pour House Restaurant in Westmont (124 Haddon Ave.) Simply mention our Step by Step Preschool at the time of ordering and the Pour House will donate 15% of your order to our school. Dine in only; see flyer on our Event Page. Thank you for your support!

[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.

[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, or visit 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.

Grads: Share your school information -- We will celebrate our 2026 high school, college, and post-graduate graduates during both worship services on **Sunday, June 14**. Worship guides will feature an insert that highlights their names and schools, as we celebrate these noted achievements. If you're aware of a 2026 graduate from our church, kindly fill out the brief form with their details by **Sunday, April 26**: <https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/people/forms/1175946>

Joshua Tickets – The bus trip to Sight and Sound Theatre has been cancelled.