



May 5, 2024 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter; Sacrament of Holy Communion; Graduates

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.

Welcome & Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

Way of the Week #3: Listen Generously

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.

Music in Preparation for Worship

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Adagio from Partita on "Slane"

Callahan

Introit

Sawyer McNab, Piano

I Should, Too

Kirkland

Jesus Grew as God Had Planned It

Beethoven-Ginn

Primary Choir

*Call to Worship

Elder Joyce Wenzke

This is the day that you have made, Lord.

Help us to rejoice in it and be glad!

Lord, remind us of the privileges we enjoy today as your people:

We can come to you in these moments to confess our sins, to receive and give forgiveness, to pray and sing and learn, to renew our fainting spirits, and to rest in all your promises.

Open our eyes to see you, Lord. Open our ears to hear your Word.

Visit us through your Holy Spirit, and help us to live by and to celebrate our faith in Jesus Christ. Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Wenzke

*Hymn No. 701

God is Here!

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Wenzke

We use a lot of words, Gracious God, but do little to turn them into deeds. Instead of being of one heart and soul, we choose sides and form groups of folks just like us. Blessed with great grace, we have trouble sharing it with those who need it the most. Forgive us, God of love. Forgive us, as we step out of our shadows into your light. Restore us, as we reveal our brokenness. Hear us, as we proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and our God.

Time of silent and personal prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Wenzke

This is the good news we have declare: God leads us out of the shadows to walk in the light of Christ.

This is the word we have heard: our faithful God forgives our sins and raises us to new life.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Honoring our 2024 Graduates (see insert)

Rev. Allen

Anthem

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

In Faith I Quiet Wait

J.S. Bach

Adult Choir

In faith I quiet wait, and love thee O my God.
Though oftentimes oppressed, by trouble, pain and want.
In God I have enough, and patiently endure;
God is my guard and shield, for me and for my house.

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

Rev. Allen

Offertory

Rev. Allen



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Offertory Music

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Lord of All Hopefulness

Heale Willan

Adult Choir

*Doxology No. 809

"Can You Imagine?"**Scripture:** Acts 4: 32-37 (Pew Bible page 122 NT)**Sermon Series:** Priorities of a Powerhouse People***Hymn No. 710 (v. 1-2)*****We Are Called to be God's People*****The Lord's Supper and Home Communion**

Rev. Spencer, Elders

*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.**

Eternal God, how wonderful is the work of your hands! When human sin scarred the world, you entered into covenant to renew the whole creation. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, as a father joyfully welcomes his own, you embraced us as your own. Therefore, we thank and praise you with all your people in every time and place:

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

Hymn No. 710 (v. 3)**We Are Called to be God's People*****Music in Preparation for Service**

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Trumpet Tune on "Hyfrydol" (text hymn #89)

Helman

Benediction and Going Forth; Congregational Meeting

Rev. Spencer

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Worship flowers are given by Sally & Ray Freud in loving memory and with thanks for Sally's brother Bob Whitaker. Flowers are also given with love by Elizabeth Litten and Brett Couvillion in loving memory of Elizabeth's mother Mary Jo Groppe.

**Grow The Kingdom**

The Kingdom of God was the main topic of Jesus' teaching. FPC Moorestown is called to grow the Kingdom of God. For additional information on how we can grow the Kingdom (I Will Pray, Invite, Give, Serve), visit: <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/grow-the-kingdom/>

9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Joyce Wenzke; **Communion Elders:** Joyce Wenzke, Lorenzo Eagles, Cheryl Gaskill, Matt Livingston; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Mike Welch, Pete Honeyford, Wendy Dougherty; **Flower Arrangers:** Stacy Schaffer and Karen Arsenaault; **Trustee Greeter:** Pete Honeyford; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Peg Pierce; **Deacon Greeter:** Deacon Gail Sorin; **Coffee Hospitality:** Jane Murphy and Carol Wiggans; **Bagel Pick-Up:** Amy Mace; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum.

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

TODAY: Graduate Recognition Sunday is May 5 – Today we will honor and recognize our high school, college and post-graduate graduates. [Please see special bulletin insert and congratulate these young people.](#)



The Session has called a [Special Meeting of the Congregation](#) for **Sunday, May 5**, immediately following 9:00 a.m. traditional worship, to elect Elders, Deacons and Trustees to a term of office beginning June 1, 2024. The meeting may also be viewed via live stream (no vote). [See Official Notice online, at church and on our website.](#) **SEE BIO INSERT**; also available on Friday eblast, app event page and website.

TONIGHT: Youth Choir Concert Sunday, May 5 (7:00 pm) -- Come support our young choir members as Junior Choir, Choristers, and Chapel Choir perform sacred selections including Pergolesi's "Magnificat." They will be accompanied by the West Jersey Chamber Symphony. Free will offering. The Concert will also air via live stream.

The [Crossing Zone End of Year Party](#) will be **May 8** and is offsite at Funplex, \$20 per child. Sign up online!

NEW: Centering Prayer Group, Wednesdays: Pastor Stuart Spencer leads an ongoing weekly time of Centering Prayer. This hour-long session includes a time for Centering Prayer followed by a Lectio Divina Bible Study and time to pray for one another. The Centering Prayer Group meets from 6:30-7:30 pm on Wednesdays in Pastor Spencer's Study. *Grow The Kingdom Opportunity: I Will Pray*



[Read online for plans](#) for our second growing season for the Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden. Our May work day will be **May 11th** at 9:00 a.m. to plant spring and summer crops. Please join us if you can! There are several ways you can become involved – please see our online event page.

[Mother's Day Bake Sale for Honduras May 12](#) – pick up a sweet treat and support our mission team. Online giving is now OPEN to support the 9 travelers for the Honduras Mission Trip – donate at fpcmoorestown.org/give and use the drop down for Honduras.



Volunteers are needed to support our coffee hospitality on Sunday mornings and set up and clean up the coffee and service area. If you enjoy having bagels and coffee, please contact Carol Wiggans at (267) 496-0450 or jcwiggans@gmail.com to offer to periodically assist on a support team. Drivers are also needed to pick up the bagels Sunday morning from Manhattan Bagel in Moorestown. Please contact scheduler Amy Mace at 856-524-0481 if you can take a turn picking up the bagels one week.

Grief Group – Dr. Jonathan Miller leads a Grief Group May 20-June 24th (7:00-8:15 pm) at the Mount Laurel YMCA. [See flyers around church.](#)

Sunday, May 19: This will be the last day of Children's Sunday School and is Teacher & Leader Appreciation Sunday. That day is also Pentecost, celebrated by Full Communion. Remember to **wear red**.

The 65th Annual Strawberry Festival is coming **Friday, June 7 (6-9 pm)**. Sign ups are NOW OPEN!

[Registration is now OPEN](#) online for students and volunteers for [Vacation Bible School 2024](#) "Race to the Finish," **June 24-28** for students entering kindergarten to entering 6th grade. VBS set up week will be June 17-21 -- meetings and events may be moved accordingly. See *Connections* for more information.

NEW: West Jersey Music Academy Little Beats Summer Music Camp: see flyers around the church for information about an engaging new beginner music Summer Camp from July 8-19 for grades 1-5; visit <http://www.westjerseymusicacademy.org> to sign up.