



Sunday, May 19, 2024 ~ Day of Pentecost
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

Welcome

Rev. Wes Allen

Way of the Week

Rev. Allen

- 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.

Ideas for Action: Take a "criticism inventory." Just how critical are you, really? Ask someone you love and trust to tell you how you're doing in this area. Try a 24-hour fast from all forms of criticism--no complaining or criticism for an entire day.

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

Rest on Us
Glorious Day

Wow Moments

Rev. Stuart Spencer

*Call to Worship

Rev. Allen

God invites us to wake from our slumbers.

There is much to be done for God today.

God encourages us to proclaim God's goodness and love.

There are so many people who are lost and hurt, who need the Good News of God.

God inspires us to be bold in our proclamation, unafraid, confident.

Lord God, be with us as we step boldly out to share Your Good News. Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Allen

*Song of Praise

Worship Team

Don't Leave Home Without Jesus

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Rev. Spencer

Holy Spirit, we're not sure we're ready for Your awesome power to blow through our lives; we've grown comfortable with our familiar habits and our bland routines. We're afraid to give up our waking slumber and face the truth that we do not truly live. When we cling to our ways and the safety of familiar paths, wake us up, shake us up, heat us up, and breathe Your life into us. Walk with us, O God, and give us the courage to follow the way that is lit by the fire of Your Spirit. On this Day of Pentecost, we pray for the audacity to ride the winds of change...

Silence for personal confession & reflection

Amen. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsive*)

Hear these words of Jesus: "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you... Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." In the midst of our fears and doubts, the peace of the Holy Spirit will prevail. Friends: believe the Good News of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*Greeting

Offering Ourselves to God

Rev. Spencer



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Song of Praise

Worship Team

Church

Video – *The Day of Pentecost*

Sermon

Rev. Spencer

The Failure to Communicate

Scripture Text: [Acts 2:1-8](#)

Sermon Series: *Priorities of a Powerhouse People*

Pentecost Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (*'debts'*)

Rev. Spencer & Rev. Allen

Reader 1: From the very instant of creation, Your Holy Spirit moved on the waters of creation, bringing to life the creative love that is God.

Reader 2: Even when the people were forgetful and stubborn, Your Holy Spirit called to them to be unafraid, to follow. The Spirit led them through the desert to a land of sweet dwelling.

Reader 1: During all the times of fear and tumult, You sang the song of hope through the prophets, who called people back to You with tender forgiveness.

Reader 2: On a dark winter night, You sang Your sweetest song and birthed a Savior Who came to bring us life and witness to Your love and power.

Reader 1: At the lakeshore, You called to the simple people, the fishermen, to come and follow You. They witnessed Your miracles of healing and forgiving love.

Reader 2: When the night seemed to be the darkest, even though it was mid-day, You gave Your Son to be a witness to Your love. From His cross, He forgave those who crucified Him and reminded a thief that paradise would be his home.

Reader 1: On the early morning, the women were startled with the news of His resurrection. Could it be that all He had said was true?

Reader 2: The disciples hid in fear of what others might say, think, or do. They were astonished at His presence to them.

God's People: Spirit of God, Spirit of Gentleness, help us to dream dreams and see visions of all that is possible for the healing and hope for this world. Help us cross lines which divide and unite to proclaim boldly that You are the Spirit of Life. Emblazon our spirits. Make bold our voices. Give joy to our hearts, for we have been called to be witnesses even to the ends of the world.

The Lord's Prayer

Communion and Home Communion

Rev. Spencer

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution & the Lord's Prayer

The Bread and the Cup (*Please prepare a communion serving for yourself and any who are worshipping with you.*)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Song

Worship Team

Great I Am

Work of God's People and Benediction

Rev. Spencer

11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team:	Wes Allen-Guitar; Andy Cross-Bass; Joe Wichterman-Electric Guitar; Tony Saranchak-Drums; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Michelle Davis, Vivian Allen-Vocals
Audio Technician:	Joshua Leonard
Live Stream Technician:	Matthew Miller
Visuals:	Jennifer Allen
Flower Arrangers:	Fran Green and Debbie Heller
Delivery Arranger:	JoAnn Reynik
Deacon Deliverers:	Mike McNeil and Diane Samuel
Usher:	Steve Connlain
Trustee Greeter:	Brian Catanella
Check-in:	Janet D'Angelo
Hostess:	Carol Wiggans
Nursery Caregiver:	Chelsea Margerum

Today's worship flowers are given to the glory of God and to honor David Payne by Gayle, Jessica, and Rocky – *"Parce que Je vivre, vous vivrez aussi."* Jean 14:19.

Nursery care is provided for children ages 0-5 years old in Room 12.

Check-ins: Check-in is self-check in only on your smart phone. A volunteer is available to assist.

Registration is OPEN online for students and volunteers for Vacation Bible School 2024 "Race to the Finish," **June 24-28** for kids entering kindergarten to entering 6th grade. See *Connections* or www.fpcmoorestown.org/vbs for more information.

The 65th Annual Strawberry Festival is Friday, **June 7 (6-9 p.m.)**. Registration is OPEN, and LOTS of volunteers are needed. The event is free (suggested donation \$8 per person).



Centering Prayer Group, *Wednesdays*: Pastor Stuart Spencer leads a 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 Group meets from **6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Pastor's study**.



Thank You for your generosity to our Capital Fund! Contributions can still be made online or by utilizing Capital Fund envelopes. See our Church Center Event page for more information.

FPC MOORESTOWN WEEKLY PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES (See *Prayer page on website for links*)

- **Mondays 9-10 AM** – Jim Cole leading - Prayer Chapel. Anyone needing or wanting to pray for others is welcome to join Jim.
- **Tuesdays 9-10 AM** – Jim Cole leading (Zoom)
- **Thursdays 7:00 PM** – Live stream Prayer Service (*praying for our church and discipleship*)
- **Thursdays 7:00 PM** – Prayer on the Porch – Join our Prayer Team for a time of prayer on the Van Camp Porch (*1st & 3rd Thursdays June-Sept.*)
- **Sundays 10:00 AM** – After Traditional Worship, Beadles available to pray with or for you (David Room). Jim Cole also available in the Prayer Chapel in Commons Lobby for prayer.
- Submit confidential **online prayer requests** – visit <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/prayer>
- **Fall & Spring Prayer Retreats** to unplug and savor time away in meditation.
- **Prayer Vigils** - sponsored by the Prayer Committee for stewardship, National/World Day of Prayer, etc.