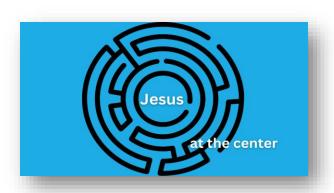


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Sunday, July 21, 2024 Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

Welcome Rev. Stuart Spencer

Way of the Week

Rev. Spencer

14. GROW FAITH. Take advantage of every chance you have to form your faith – through Small Groups, classes, and personal study. Be a disciple and look to learn from those who know more of the Bible and Christian life than you do, then look for opportunities to share what you've gained with someone else.

Ideas for Action: If you're not currently in a Small Group, contact the church office and ask for assistance in finding one. Ask for some time with someone whose faith you respect and pick their brains on their practices of faith formation.

Songs of Praise Worship Team

Grace Like Rain
Your Grace is Enough

Wow Moments Rev. Spencer

*Call to Worship (based on Matthew 11)

Rev. Spencer

Come, all that are weary, all that are carrying burdens so heavy.

Jesus will give us rest.

Come, take what Jesus has to offer: love, forgiveness, and grace.

Jesus will give us peace.

Come, find rest, and learn from Him who loves you.

For our Savior will give us rest in our souls.

Come, let us worship our God.

Let us follow our Savior, Who leads us into life. Let us all now worship God!

*Song of Praise Worship Team

Glorious Day

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Spencer

Holy God, for being so proud, so smart, so able that we forget how to be humble, how to learn, and how to seek help, be merciful to us. For being so smug, so anxious, so mean that we forget we are not always right or in control or good; for being less than what You created us to be, be gracious to us. Forgive us, and make us whole. This we pray in Jesus' strong name. Amen.

Silence for personal confession & reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness (responsive)

Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is my joy to tell you that, in Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God for this gift! Alleluia. Amen.

*Greeting

Sharing with Our Young Disciples

Rev. Spencer

Praying for One Another

Rev. Spencer

Make groups of 3 or 4 people, no more. One person shares briefly, one or two sentences, how the group can pray for them. The person to the right of the one who first shares goes next, continuing around the circle. (You don't have to share.) After everyone has shared, pray aloud or silently for the person to your right.

Offering Ourselves to God

Rev. Spencer



Thank you for your faithfulness in blessing FPC Moorestown with your giving. Your offerings allow us to sustain our church programs. Take advantage of <u>automatic withdrawal</u> or donate from your phone via the Church Center app for your offering and our <u>Capital Fund</u> contributions. If you're watching via live stream, you can give online right now as well! To mail offerings, send to **P. O. Box 868,**Moorestown, NJ 08057.

Song of Praise Worship Team

Death Was Arrested

Sermon Rev. Kathryn Eagles

The Sheer Gift of Suffering

Scripture Text: Colossians 1:24-2:5
Sermon Series: Jesus @ the Center

Closing Song Worship Team

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Work of God's People and Benediction

Rev. Eagles

11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team: Jeff German-Guitar; Matt Russell-Bass; Andy Cross-Electric Guitar; Rebecca

Neindorff-Piano; Michelle Davis, Steve Drzaszcz-Vocals

Audio Technician:Joshua LeonardLive stream Technician:Dalton RyanVisuals:Jennifer Allen

Flower Arrangers: Stacy Schaffer and JoAnn Reynik
Usher: Greg Connlain or Steve Connlain

Trustee Greeter: Peter Honeyford

Welcome Desk: Tamara Trzeciak and Anne Woolley

Hostess: Carol Wiggans **Nursery Caregiver:** Chelsea Margerum

Today's worship flowers are given to the glory of God.

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

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

Guest Preacher: Rev. Kathryn Eagles was ordained as a pastor in the American Baptist Churches of New Jersey in 2004. She served four ABC churches, both in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, before retiring in 2023. Her most notable achievement is being Lorenzo's mom. She and her husband, Loren, live in Lumberton.



<u>Drop In and Discuss</u>: Join us each Sunday morning this summer to discuss the day's sermon text. We will gather in the **Lounge** from **10:15-11:15 a.m.** Get your coffee and drop in for ten minutes or for forty. No need to sign up.



<u>College Bible Study</u>: Through August 20, college-age people are invited to a weekly Bible Study **Tuesdays** from **8-9 p.m. in the Lounge**, led by Youth Director Dave Fauvell. Call/text Dave at 609-980-7885 if you're interested.

<u>Christmas in July</u>: We are celebrating Christmas in July by stuffing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Our VBS children stuffed **35 boxes** as part of Missions! If you would like to sponsor a box by paying the \$10 shipping, it would be a great blessing. Throughout July, stop by the Commons Lobby and pick up your shoebox to fill. (All instructions are provided.) Please have your boxes back by the end of July. You can also drop off the items we're collecting, and we'll include them in our boxes in the fall.

<u>Crossing Zone Paint Wars</u> (4th-6th graders) - Wed., **July 24, 6:00-7:30 PM:** Sign up online for some summer fun with your friends from Crossing Zone (no cost).

Whitewater Rafting! Sat., Aug. 17: Sign up online to join us for this exciting outing together on the Lehigh River in Pennsylvania. Cost is \$80/pp. Minimum age to participate is 8 years old. The deadline to Register is Monday, July 29.

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.