



## August 4, 2024 ~ Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost; The Lord's Supper

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. Stuart Spencer

### Music in Preparation for Worship

Joel Krott, Organ

#### *Adagio*

Nyquist

### \*Call to Worship

Elder Steve Shaffer

I love the Lord because the Lord is my strength.

**Yes, the Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my Savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find rest and protection.**

God is my shield, the strength of my help, and the source of my hope.

**I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy of all my praise. I cry out to God because he will free me from my fears.**

Let us now call out to God. Let us praise God's powerful name. Let us trust God and open our lives before him. Come, let us worship God.

### \*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Shaffer

### \*Hymn No. 560

**May the Mind of Christ My Savior (verses 1-4)**

\*\*\*Seating interlude

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

Elder Shaffer

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, to seek and to save the lost. We admit that we have wandered from you and turned aside from your ways. We are misled by our pride and blinded by our wrongs. For we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed

in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to quiet waters and right paths. Amen.

*Silence for our personal prayers of confession and surrender.*

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## Assurance of Pardon

Elder Shaffer

God has removed our rebellious acts as far away from us as the east is from the west.  
**The Lord is tender and compassionate to all who seek and love him. Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

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## \*Gloria Patri

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

Rev. Wes Allen

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## Offertory

Rev. Allen



*Thank you for your faithfulness and for blessing FPC Moorestown with your giving, especially in these critical summer months. Your offerings and donations allow us to sustain our church programs year-round. Take advantage of secure or donate easily from your phone via the Church Center app for your tithes, offerings and other fund 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.*

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## Way of the Week #16: Give Cheerfully

**16. GIVE CHEERFULLY.** Rejoice, you get to give! Think of giving as a privilege rather than an obligation, a joy instead of a burden. As you consider all that's been entrusted to you – time, abilities and money – ask, "How is God calling me to share what I've been given?"

**Ideas for Action:** Consider making a special financial gift this week to the church or one of our mission partners. What else, besides money, can you give this week? How about your time or your forgiveness?

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## Offertory Music

Joel Krott, Organ

### ***Ah! Holy Jesus***

Alivia Nawrocki, Soprano

Arr. Walters

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## \*Doxology No. 809

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## Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

### ***"A Righteous Mind"***

**Scripture:** Colossians 3: 1-17 (Pew Bible page 201 NT)

**Sermon Series:** Jesus at the Center

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## \*Hymn No. 565

### ***Lord of Creation (verses 1-2)***

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## The Lord's Supper and Home Communion

Rev. Spencer, Elders

The Invitation to the Table

*continued*

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.**

It is right and good to give you thanks and praise, O God, because from the beginning, you invited us on a journey with you, a journey of wonders and miracles, a journey of healing and joy, a journey of mystery, a journey full of life and love. And so in thanks and praise we join our voices in the song of the angels and saints, who forever sing to you, as we say these words:

**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

***GROW THE KINGDOM!*** As we commit to growing God's Kingdom, every member and friend of FPC Moorestown is invited into a covenant with four commitments: ***I will pray. I will invite. I will serve. I will give.*** Every member and friend is asked to commit to doing all four. For additional information including commitment forms: <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/grow-the-kingdom/>

## \*Hymn No. 565

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***Lord of Creation (verse 3)***

## Music in Preparation for Service

***Toccata on "Slane"***

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Jordan

## \*Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

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## 9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

**Beadle:** Elder Steve Shaffer; **Communion Elders:** Steve Shaffer, Lorenzo Eagles, Joyce Wenzke, Kevin Fauvell; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Paul Lewis, John Miller, Leonard Fitts; **Flower Arrangers:** JoAnn Reynik and Carol Morgan; **Trustee Greeter:** Wendy Dougherty; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Peg Pierce; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Andrew Ehala and Karen Hynoski; **Bagel Pick-Up:** Bob Plant or Kathy McIlroy; **Coffee Hospitality:** Bob Plant or Kathy McIlroy; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum.

## Check out Summer Opportunities for Young People

- **NEW: Grades 7-12:** Middle school and high school students are invited to "chill at church" summer Wednesday nights June 26-August 28 from 7-9 pm. We'll have food, crazy fun and get to know each other. Friends are always welcome. What's on your mind? Contact Youth Director [Dave Fauvell](#) at 609.980.7885 or find us on Instagram.
- **NEW: College Bible Study --** On Tuesday evenings this summer from June 11-August 20, college age young people are invited to a weekly Bible Study from 8-9 pm in the Lounge, led by Youth Director Dave Fauvell. Call/text Dave at (609) 980-7885 if you're interested. Explore the Bible with friends this summer.

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

**Double the Fun:** We will be volunteering at the Children's Fresh Air Home in N. Wildwood for TWO days this year **Wed. Aug. 7** and **Thurs. Aug. 15** --- [learn more about this hands-on opportunity](#) to make a difference for Camden area youth to experience a day at the beach complete with BBQ. Contact Linda Jagiela to participate.



**NEW:** [Prayer on the Porch](#), 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> summer Thursdays at 7:00 pm on the Van Camp Porch with the Prayer Team. Share a summer evening with friends and pray together – with ice cream! **Next: Thursday, Aug. 8.**

**PARKING NOTICE:** *Your Capital Fund dollars are hard at work. The main parking lot is scheduled to be resealed and relined the week of **August 5-9** (weather depending). There will be no parking in that lot the entire week. Please plan accordingly. The handicapped lot and staff lot will be open.*



**“Drop In and Discuss”** -- 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 am**. Get your coffee and drop in for ten minutes or for forty. Look for special Sundays, when someone will be on the “HOT SEAT”! No need to sign up, just stop on by.



**NEW: On Saturday, August 17**, our partners at the Society of St. Vincent DePaul are sponsoring a [Drive-Through Food Drive](#) in the parking lot of Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) Church, between 9:00-11:00 am. All collected food will be given to the Moorestown Ministerium Food Pantry on the campus of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, First Baptist Church of Moorestown Food Pantry, and Bethel AME Church Food Pantry. Non-perishable foods and paper products are appreciated. Monetary donations will also be accepted to benefit charities supported by the St. Vincent de Paul Society at OLGC. Simply place the donation in your car trunk, enter the parking lot, pop the trunk, someone will remove the donation and off you go! *OLGC is located at 42 W. Main St. in Moorestown.*

**Time Away** -- Pastor Stuart will be away August 7-20 and preaching at Wells Presbyterian Church in Avalon, NJ. Pastor Wes will also be away August 6-12 and Aug. 26-30. For pastoral care needs during this time, please reach out to the church office at (856) 235-1688. Please pray for our pastors as they enjoy a brief respite and travels with their families.

**Office Closure** -- The church office will be CLOSED **Monday, August 12** for a planned staff summer holiday. The building will be open for regular building users, music lessons and evening meetings.

“I Will Pray” ... Registration is NOW OPEN for the [Women's Half Day of Prayer](#) event – **Saturday, Aug. 24** (8:00 am-12 noon) led by Arlita Winston. Sign up online on our Church Center event page.

**Stop by the Grace Boutique** (former Missionwares) and learn about items we're collecting for this new venture.

**Crossing Zone Paint Wars** for current and incoming 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders has been rescheduled for **Wednesday, Aug. 21** due to severe weather. Sign up online.

[Welcome Back Sunday](#) -- Our 2024-2025 programming year officially gets underway on **Sunday, Sept. 8** as we Welcome Back everyone to church after busy and eventful summers enjoying God's creation. Your church staff has been active too! Special happenings are coming **Sept. 8 and Sept. 15** as we begin another busy year in ministry.