



## August 18, 2024 ~ Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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 #18: Ask For Help

**18. ASK FOR HELP.** Part of being a real and authentic member of the church is to acknowledge your weaknesses and be willing to ask for God's help and the support of others. None of us can go it alone. Vulnerability is a sign of strength and a gift to others.

**Ideas for Action:** First think about what you need help with right now. Then, share that need with someone else from our congregation this week.

### Music in Preparation for Worship

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

#### *Prayer in A Flat*

Guilmant

### \*Call to Worship (adapted from 2 Chronicles 7: 14-15)

Elder Jean Kunkel

God says, "If my people,

**Who are called by my name, humble themselves, and pray**

And seek my face and turn from their wicked ways,

**I will hear from heaven and I will forgive their sin and heal their land.**

Now my eyes will be open and my ears will be attentive to the prayer that is made in this place."

**Loving God, we claim your promises to us today. Heal our land. Heal us. Help us to seek Your face as we worship You today.**

### \*Hymn No. 26

#### *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*

\*\*\*Seating interlude

## Prayer of Adoration

Elder Kunkel

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

Elder Kunkel

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When we encounter the light of Your purity, truth and glory, we ourselves are revealed for who we are, we are unmasked, our motives laid bare and we must confront what we'd rather hide from. However, we know Your grace is sufficient for even that, and Your mercy is lavish beyond our wildest imagination. So we humbly come to You confessing our errors, our arrogance, our faults and sin. Hear us now, gracious God, as we confess to You in this time of silent reflection and prayer ...

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

## Assurance of Pardon

Elder Kunkel

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The love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Nothing you do can make Him love you any less. The Lord's love for you is abundant and overwhelming. Because of His love, grace and mercy I declare to you today that through faith in Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior – you are forgiven all your sins; and you are free to live life in the joy and fullness of the Spirit now and always.

**Hallelujah! Amen!**

## \*Gloria Patri

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## Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Allen

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

Rev. Allen

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## Offertory



*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.*

## Offertory Music

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

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### **Wade in the Water**

Nadia Khalifa, Alto

African American Spiritual  
Exner

Refrain:

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children, wade in the water; God's goin' to trouble the water.

See the band all dressed in white! God's goin' to trouble the water.

The leader looks like the Israelite. God's goin' to trouble the water. Refrain

See that band all dressed in red! God's goin' to trouble the water.

It must be the band that Moses led. Go's goin' to trouble the water. Refrain

## \*Doxology No. 809

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## Sermon

Rev. Wes Allen

### *“The Power of Devotion, Grace and Wisdom”*

**Scripture:** Colossians 4: 2-6 (Pew Bible page 202 NT)

**Sermon Series:** Jesus at the Center

## \*Hymn No. 498

### *I Love to Tell the Story*

## Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

### *Praise and Thanksgiving*

Schack

## \*Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Wes Allen

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**Worship flowers** are given to the glory of God.

## 9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

**Beadle:** Elder Jean Kunkel; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Dave Rebuck, Brett Couvillion, James Clinton; **Flower Arrangers:** Stacy Schaffer and Karin Miller; **Trustee Greeter:** Jeff Mason; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Philip Jagiela; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Bobbi Vogel song and Alex Wilkie; **Bagel Pick-Up:** Lissa Herman or Holly Asciutto; **Coffee Hospitality:** Lissa Herman and Holly Asciutto; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum.

## Summer Opportunities for Young People

- **Grades 7-12:** Middle school and high school students are “chilling at church” summer Wednesday nights 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. **Ends August 28<sup>th</sup>.**



*Come be an acolyte this year, online signups are open*

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

**Time Away** -- Pastor Stuart will be away Aug. 7-20 and preaching at Wells Presbyterian Church in Avalon, NJ. Pastor Wes will also be away 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.



**“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”! Just stop on by.

Thank you for supporting [Avery LaMonica's Eagle Scout project](#). Donations will be gratefully accepted to defray expenses. Checks should be payable to **Troop 61** with a notation of *Avery LaMonica Eagle Project* in the memo line. Cash donations and Venmo payments also welcome. VENMO donations to @Laurie-LaMonica, MAIL checks to Avery LaMonica, 23 Sutton Place N, Moorestown, NJ 08057, or DROP OFF with Jan Martin in the Church office.



**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: August 22.**

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

**WORK RESCHEDULED:** The resurfacing and restriping work on the main parking lot has been rescheduled for **Aug. 25-29**. Auxiliary lots will be open, the main lot will be CLOSED that week.

**Crossing Zone Paint Wars** for current and incoming 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders is **Wednesday, Aug. 21**. The event is free but please [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 up **Sept. 8** and **Sept. 15** as we begin another busy program year. [See \*Connections\*, Church Center events, website and the church calendar for full details.](#) BONUS: "I Will Serve" Showcase (between services) -- Explore areas for service for the coming year in ministry and see where you or someone from your family might be able to help out. There are several neat ways to serve.

**CREDO Parents' Information Meeting: Sunday, Sept. 8** from 10:15-10:45 am, Hayes Room – The CREDO confirmation class is open to all high school students (grades 9-12). [Sign students up online.](#)

**Happy Birthday, Church** -- On September 12, 2024 we will celebrate the 136th Birthday of First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown, which was founded on September 12, 1888. Watch your mail for a letter from Pastor Stuart sharing about this legacy fund.

**Crud Wars**, the gloppy youth group kickoff for grades 7-12 is coming **Sunday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> (1-3 pm)**. Dress in your grungiest because it will get completely trashed. Shaving cream, anyone? Remember to bring towels for the ride home. The event is free but please [sign up online](#) so we have accurate information. Youth groups begin that week.

**COMING SOON: Online sign ups will soon be open** for K-12 fellowship groups for 2024-25: Kingdom Kids (K-3<sup>rd</sup>), Crossing Zone (gr. 4-6), Middle School Youth Group (gr. 7-8) and High School Youth Group (gr. 9-12). *Please sign up online so we can be sure to have correct information for our leaders.* Middle School Youth Group begins **Wednesday, Sept. 18**. High School Youth Group begins **Sunday, Sept. 22**. Younger groups begin **October 2**.