



Sunday, September 1, 2024 ~ Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

Way of the Week

Rev. Allen

20. FIND STRENGTH IN BELONGING. At FPC Moorestown, you're loved and valued. Claim us as your family. Rather than withdrawing, allow struggles and disappointments to deepen your sense of belonging. Pray for chances to bring healing to relationships. Please be patient! God isn't yet finished with us or with you.

Ideas for Action: Is there a disappointment you've been carrying about the church? In prayer, offer it to the Lord and ask for His help in releasing it. If you've been sitting on the sidelines at home, get back in the game by returning to worship and joining a Small Group, a class, or a committee. We need you; and you need us.

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

Glorious Day
Everybody Praise the Lord

*Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Rev. Stuart Spencer

We gather today to worship God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—Who created us,
The One Who calls us, the One Who equips us, the One Who loves us without end.
With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

*Prayer of Adoration

*Song of Praise

Worship Team

Sweet Sounds of Heaven

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

Rev. Allen

Holy God, please hear our prayer. You send prophets and teachers to help us, to save us, to raise us; and our response is to question You. You heal someone's beloved; and we ask, "Why not this one too?" You shower food upon some who hunger, and we complain that our stomachs are growling. Forgive us. Forgive us not for our doubts, but for our limited sight. Open wide before us the vista of Your grace, and the expanse of Your love, and the wonder of Your healing power. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

Silence for personal confession & reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness *(responsive)*

Sisters and brothers in Christ, hear the Good News: At some time, each one of us has been lost in many different ways. But now we are indeed found, and not simply found, but rejoiced over, and cherished, and beloved. Your sins are forgiven; you have come home. As God's beloved people, let us not doubt God's promise, but rather trust and believe this good news. Together we say:
Alleluia! Amen.

*Greeting

Wow Moments

Rev. Spencer

Offering Ourselves to God & Work of God's People

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 [automatic withdrawal](#) or donate from your phone via the Church Center app for your offering and our [Capital 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.**

Song of Praise

Worship Team

Hope Has a Name

Sermon

Rev. Spencer

The Kingdom: First Things First

Scripture Text: [Matthew 6:24-34](#)

Sermon Series: *Stories from the Fields*

Communion Song

Worship Team

Crowded Table

Communion and Home Communion

Rev. Spencer

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving:

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high, voices full and joyful...these You deserve, Lord God. For when we were nothing, You made us something. When we had no name, no faith, and no future, You called us Your children. When we lost our way or turned away, You did not abandon us. When we came back to You, Your arms opened wide in welcome. And look, You prepare a table for us that offers not just bread, not just the cup, but Your very Self so that we may be filled, forgiven, healed, blessed, and made new again. You are worth all our pain and all our praise. So now we join our voices to the angels in Heaven, saying:

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!

Words of Institution

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

*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/>.

Benediction

Rev. Spencer

11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team:	Wes Allen-Guitar; Kalane Williams-Bass; Joe Wichterman-Electric Guitar; Carl Wilson-Drums; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano
Audio Technician:	Taylor Adair
Live Stream Technician:	Jacob Allen
Visuals:	Alice Conley
Communion Elders:	Dave Rebeck, Steve Shaffer, Joyce Wenzke
Flower Arrangers:	Carol Morgan and Kristin Zorn
Usher:	Greg Connlain or Steve Connlain
Trustee Greeter:	Jeff Legath
Welcome Desk:	Bobbi Voglesong and Jess Zorn
Coffee Hospitality:	Donna Leatherman and Leslie Spencer
Nursery Caregiver:	Chelsea Margerum

Today's worship flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Andy Miller, beloved brother of Robin Godonis & Gretchen Birdsall.

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.

Welcome Back Sunday: Our 2024-2025 programming year officially gets underway on **Sunday, Sept. 8** as we Welcome Back everyone to church. Special happenings are coming up **Sept. 8** and **Sept. 15**. See Connections, Church Center events, and our website for full details. BONUS: "I Will Serve" Showcase (between Services) -- Explore areas of service and see where you might be able to help.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 2 for Labor Day. *Enjoy the holiday!*

CREDO Parents' Information Meeting: Sunday, **Sept. 8** from 10:15-10:45 a.m. in the Hayes Room – The CREDO Confirmation Class is open to all high school students. [Sign up online.](#)

The Engagement Project is a 10-week program Wednesday evenings **Sept. 11-Nov. 13** in Room 3-4 led by Jim Cole and Gayle Payne. [Sign up online](#) or right through the Church Center app. Invite friends to this enlightening video discussion series led by Dr. Del Tackett. There is no book and no homework.



Prayer on the Porch – 2nd & 4th Thursdays: Sept. 12 & 26: **7:00 PM** on the **Van Camp Porch**. Ice cream will be served.



On September 12, we will celebrate the 136th Birthday of First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown, which was founded in 1888. Watch your mail for a letter from Pastor Stuart sharing about the church's legacy Fund.

Bible Sunday: On **Sunday, September 15**, children entering third grade will receive a Bible as a gift from their church. Bibles will be presented at both Services. If you would like your third grader to receive a Bible, please sign up online or contact Holly Ascitutto hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org or Jean Marie Hanna childrensministries@fpcmoorestown.org.



Fall Prayer Retreat - October 22-25: Registration is OPEN for this 3-night, 4-day Retreat at Holy Cross Monastery, NY led by Pastor Spencer. Study Book: *One Thousand Gifts: A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are* by Ann Voskamp. See our Events page for details and to [register](#). Cost: \$355 study book included; \$340 study book NOT included. Deadline to Register is **Sunday, Sept. 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 (2nd & 4th 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.