



Sunday, September 22, 2024 ~ Eighteenth 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

23. WORSHIP WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART. Your life is meant to be an act of worship. Every breath, action, and thought flows from God and can bring Him glory. Praise God everywhere and embrace the opportunities to regularly worship with your church family.

Ideas for Action: Every morning this week, recite the Jesus Creed: *“Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.”* The second is this, *‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’* (Mark 12:29–31)

Songs of Praise

Worship Team

We Believe
Rest on Us

Wow Moments

Rev. Stuart Spencer

*Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Let us start this Service well by reminding ourselves: That it is not we who chose Jesus,
but Jesus Who chose us;
that we are not here because of our goodness
but because of His grace;
that we are not here to enlighten ourselves
but to allow Jesus to enlighten us;
that we have not come to be entertained
but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength. Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Adoration

*Song of Praise

Worship Team

Everybody Praise the Lord

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Rev. Allen

They can be such giants in our lives, God of Grace. Each day, our fears, our doubts, our worries wash over us until we come to believe that You do not care for us. There seems to be so much wrong in the world; we are convinced that there is nothing good we can do. The storms of sin and temptation batter at us; and we cower, unable to find the faith to withstand them. Forgive us, God of Hope. Remind us that if we but open our hearts, You will heal us. If we but listen to Your Words, we will hear peace and joy. If we but open our lives to You, we can go forth to serve our sisters and brothers even as we have been served by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silence for personal confession & reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness (*responsive*)

With calming words, the peace of the Holy Spirit, and with overflowing love and hope, our God forgives us and fills us anew with love.

Our God affirms us for who we are—those whose brokenness is made whole, whose sin is forgiven, whose lives overflow with faith. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Greeting

Sharing with Our Young Disciples

Rev. Allen

Offering Ourselves to God & Work of God's People

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Song of Praise

Worship Team

Living Hope

Sermon

Rev. Spencer

Do I Have Your Attention?

Scripture Text: [Matthew 13:18-23](#)

Sermon Series: *Stories from the Fields*

Closing Song

Worship Team

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team:	Wes Allen-Guitar; Joe Wichterman-Electric Guitar; Kalane Williams-Bass; Drums-Jamie Farmer; Ryan Peiffer-Piano; Vivian Allen-Vocals
Audio Technician:	Taylor Adair
Live Stream Technician:	Dalton Ryan
Sound Technician:	Joshua Leonard
Visuals:	Jennifer Allen
Flower Arrangers:	Fran Green and Kristin Zorn
Usher:	Greg Connlain or Steve Connlain
Trustee Greeter:	Tim Powell
Welcome Desk:	JoAnn Reynik and Dave Barr
Hospitality Coordinator:	Carol Wiggans
Nursery Caregiver:	Chelsea Margerum

Today's worship flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Siobhan Michelle by Michael & Joan Welch; and in loving memory of Brett's mother, Helen by Brett Couvillion & Elizabeth Litten.

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.

NEW! 2024-25 Program Guide: Pick up a copy of this handy Guide to see the many opportunities we have to *Serve, Invite, Pray,* and *Give* throughout the coming year at FPCM. They can be found in the narthex, Commons, and on the Welcome Desk.



The Engagement Project is a 10-week program **Wednesdays at 7:00 PM Sept. 11-Nov. 13** in **Room 2** led by Jim Cole and Sue Piper. [Sign up online](#) or through the Church Center app. Invite friends to this video discussion series led by Dr. Del Tackett. There is no book.



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.



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



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**.

Howard Univ. Gospel Choir Concert: On Friday, **Oct. 4** at **7:00 PM**, the renowned Howard Gospel Choir of Howard University will be in concert at First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown; and the community is invited! No tickets required. A freewill offering will be taken. Non-perishable food items will be collected for the Moorestown Ministerium Food Pantry.

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.