



October 6, 2024 ~ The Lord's Supper, World Communion Sunday

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 #25: Rejoice Always

25. REJOICE ALWAYS. The Kingdom of God is a party! Let healthy laughter fill our meetings, our meals, and even our worship. Allow the joy of our faith be clearly evident in our speech and on our faces.

Music in Preparation for Worship

Joel Krott, Organ

Improvisation on "Cibavit Eos"

Titcomb

Introit

Cibavit Eos

Plain Song

Sam Day, Tenor

He fed them from the fullness of wheat and sated them with honey from the rock. Alleluia.

*Call to Worship

Elder Leonard Fitts

We gather today as the people of God, as a community of Christ's followers.

We gather to share God's Word and Table, to discern the ways of faithful service.

Where in the world shall we serve our God?

At home and school and business place – in this community and throughout every land.

How in the world shall we serve our God?

By working toward justice where there is oppression, by offering comfort where there is pain, by sharing the love of Jesus where there is hatred.

Why in the world shall we serve our God?

Because the Holy Spirit beckons us, because Jesus calls us to enact our faith. Let us now worship the one who calls us!

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Fitts

*Hymn No. 743

Christ for the World! We Sing

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Fitts

God of mercy, we confess that we have not loved you with all our being. We have done things which we ought not to have done, and we have left undone things which we ought to have done. We have built walls between neighbors and between countries, and we have ignored the cries of those in need. Forgive us and set us free, that we may live into the hope of your calling, that your reign may come on earth as it is in heaven. Through the name Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord we pray. Amen

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

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Fitts

Thanks be to God: Jesus died for our sins. We are forgiven, and we are free to love God!

We are forgiven and we are free to love others. Thanks be to God.

Response

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Be Still, My Soul for God is Near

Joseph

Adult Choir

Be still, my soul, for God is near, the great High Priest is with thee now
The Lord of Life Himself is here, before Whose face the angels bow.

Stewardship Moment

Kevin Schaeffer

Anthem

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Father of Heaven, Whose Love Profound

Willan

Adult Choir

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

Rev. Allen

Offertory

Rev. Allen

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Offertory Music

Joel Krott, Organ

The Call

Vaughan Williams

Frank Mitchell, Bass

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath.
Such a Truth, as ends all strife. Such a Life, as killeth death.
Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength. Such a Light, as shows a feast.
Such a Feast, as mends in length. Such a Strength, as makes his guest.
Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move.
Such a Love, as none can part. Such a Heart, as joys in love.

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

“Small Things With Great Love”

Scripture: Matthew 13: 31-35 (Pew Bible page 14 NT)

Grow The Kingdom Commitment #3: I Will Serve

Sermon Series: Stories from the Fields

*Hymn No. 783 (verses 1 & 2)

Here, O My Lord, I See You

The Lord’s Supper and Home Communion

Rev. Spencer, Elders

The Invitation to the Table

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.**

With joy we praise you, gracious Father, for you have created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

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

*Hymn No. 783 (verses 4 & 5)

Here, O My Lord, I See You

Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Be Still, My Soul

Arr. Johnson

*Benediction and Going Forth; Stewardship Video

Rev. Spencer

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Worship flowers are given by Peg Madorno to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents Frederick & Roberta Crane and her granddaughter Kelsey Crane Lorence.

9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Leonard Fitts; **Communion Elders:** Jim Cole, Frank Manion, Joyce Wenzke, Cheryl Gaskill, Paul Gordon, Paul Grossmann, Debbie Heller, Jean Kunkel, Leonard Fitts; **Audio Technician:** Joshua Leonard; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Mike Welch, Gail Sorin, Bill Pettit; **Flower Arrangers:** Stacy Schaffer and Karin Miller; **Trustee Greeter:** Joe Molloy; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Jim Cole; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Diane Samuel and Helen Dominy; **Bagel Pick-Up:** Sue Piper or Debbie Rebeck; **Coffee Hospitality:** Sue Piper and Debbie Rebeck; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum.

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

TODAY: Sunday, October 6 is the last day to register your high school student for our upcoming [CREDO Confirmation Class](#). CREDO is open to all high school students (grades 9-12). **See event page for schedule.**

Adult Spiritual Formation Sept. 22-Nov. 19 features a fascinating study on the Book of Philippians. **Facilitators:** Lorenzo Eagles, Lissa Herman, Paul Gordon. Fellowship Hall, 10:15-11:00 am.



NEW: Wednesday Series "God's Good News About Politics" – Wes Allen offers a time of prayer and study Wednesdays in October from 6:30-8:00 p.m. following Family Dinner. Meet in the Lounge. Sign up online or through the app. Remaining: **October 9, 16, 23, 30.**



Consecration Sunday is October 13 – one **9:30 am** combined worship; check your mail for information. The theme for Consecration Sunday is *Grow the Kingdom - I Will Pray, I Will Invite, I Will Serve, I Will Give*. We will gather as a church family to dedicate our 2025 Estimate of Giving cards (please bring yours with you to church) and enjoy a Covered Dish Brunch afterwards! **Please bring a dish to share: Last Name A-L:** Main Dish; **M-Q:** Side Dish or Salad; **R-T:** Bread or Rolls; **U-Z:** Dessert.

NOTE: If you are unable to be with us on October 13, please complete your 2025 Estimate of Giving [online](#), mail to the office or drop in the offering plate ahead of time. These estimates allow church leaders to more accurately budget for fiscal year 2025.

Online sign ups are OPEN for [K-12 fellowship groups for 2024-25](#): Kingdom Kids (K-3rd), 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 collect current information for group leaders.

- Middle School Youth Group Wed. 6:30-8:00 pm (began **Wed. Sept. 18**)
- High School Youth Group Sun. 6:30-8:30 pm (began **Sunday, Sept. 22**)
- Kingdom Kids (4:45-5:45 pm) and Crossing Zone (6:30-7:30 pm) began **Wed. October 2**
- Family Dinner began **Wed. October 2** and is open to the entire congregation (\$7.00 per person, pay at the door or via Venmo too - @fpcmoorestown or pre-pay online)

NEW: High School Retreat Nov. 15-17 at Lake Champion Young Life Camp, Glen Spey, NY; grades 9-12. Don't miss this amazing Spirit-filled weekend! Sign up on our event page. **Money is nonrefundable after Friday, Nov. 8.**

Pastor/Staff Appreciation Sunday Oct. 20: bring cards or notes for our pastors and program staff to let them know how much they are appreciated. Blank cards will be available that day too.

West Jersey Chamber Music Society opens its 2024-25 season with "Autumn Serenade" **Sunday, Oct. 20** with the West Jersey Chamber Symphony, and will perform enchanting string works by F. Schubert, W. Mozart, D. Wren, and others that span the Classical, Romantic, and Modern eras. **Tickets:** \$30 Adults; \$24 Seniors, Children (under 18) – Free. Purchase tickets at wjcms.org or at the door.

Save the Date: [Red Cross Blood Drive](#) -- Monday, October 28 from 11:00 am-4:00 pm in Miller Commons

Reservations are being taken now for **2025 Sunday flower donations**. Two pedestal vases are available each Sunday, and each vase is \$40. What better way to commemorate loved ones or special dates in your life. To reserve your date(s), contact Rumi Sinunu at 856-266-4047 or rts319@gmail.com.