



October 20, 2024 ~ Welcome Dr. Bruce Main, Pastor/Staff Appreciation 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

Music in Preparation for Worship

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Prayer

Humperdink

Sarah and Christopher Sempier, Horns

*Call to Worship (based on Ephesians 5: 20)

Elder Jim Cole

People of God, give thanks to God!

We thank God for joy, for laughter, for abundant blessings of every kind.

Give thanks to God at all times and for everything!

We thank God, when we can and as we can, for struggles, for solitude, for fears.

Give thanks to God at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We thank God that, in Christ, our joys as well as our pain, our losses as well as our laughter, are in God's heart and hands.

Thank God at all times for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Cole

*Hymn No. 2

Holy, Holy, Holy

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Cole

Lord God, we come to you this morning to tell the truth about ourselves. We have given more weight to our successes and our happiness than to your will. We have eaten plenty with little concern for the hungry. We have kept silent instead of telling the truth. We have judged others, forgetful that you alone are the

Judge of the earth. Within your church we have been slow to practice love of our neighbors. Forgive us of these and every sin we have committed. Please help us to live differently, as real followers of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Cole

Who is a God like you? You pardon sin and forgive the offenses of your people. You delight to show your mercy.

Once again you have compassion on us. You tread our sins underfoot and hurl our transgressions into the depths of the ocean. Glory be to God!

*Gloria Patri

Anthem

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Now Everybody Sing

Leaf

Junior Choir; Sawyer McNab, Flute

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

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Way of the Week #2: Speak the Truth With Love

Speaker: Audrey Drummonds

2. **SPEAK THE TRUTH WITH LOVE.** Speak honestly and directly in a way that clearly reflects love and support for one another. Be courageous enough to say what needs to be said, even when it's difficult. Address issues directly with those who are involved or affected; speak to, not about, others.

NOTE: As we begin our 13th round of the Ways, weekly speakers will briefly share what they are thankful for about this Way and/or how they try to live the concept in their lives.

Offertory

Rev. Spencer



Thank you for your faithfulness and for blessing FPC Moorestown with your giving, especially in this important stewardship season. Your offerings and donations allow us to sustain our church programs year-round. Donate easily from your device 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

Rachel Ferguson, Piano

Elijah Rock

Arr. Perry

Chapel Choir

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Dr. Bruce Main

"Living Like A Fountain"

Scripture: Isaiah 35: 5-7; John 7: 37-38

Reader: Pam Main

*Hymn No. 841

May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

Music in Preparation for Service

Count Your Blessings ... See What God Has Done

Oatman/Excell

Bell Choir: Jim Cole, Barbara Fletcher, Lissa Herman, Melissa McNab, Sawyer McNab, Marion Norcross, Peg Pierce, Vicki Terry; Kathy Gunsallus, Director

*Benediction and Going Forth

Dr. Bruce Main

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Worship flowers are given by Jim and Marian Hartshorne, in loving memory of Jim's brother Richard Hartshorne.

9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Acolytes: Avery Gordon and Isaac Gordon; **Beadle:** Elder Jim Cole; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Michael Welch, Paul Grossmann, Barry Leatherman; **Flower Arrangers:** Carol Morgan and Gretchen DeCou; **Deacons 3rd Sunday Flower Arranger:** JoAnn Reynik; **Deacons 3rd Sunday Flower Deliverer:** Owen Dietz and Laurie LaMonica; **Trustee Greeter:** John Miller; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Jane Murphy; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Mike McNeil and Laurie LaMonica; **Bagel Pickup:** Donna Leatherman or Sarah Dietz; **Coffee Hospitality:** Donna Leatherman and Sarah Dietz; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum.

Welcome Dr. Bruce Main

The founder and president of UrbanPromise, Dr. Main established UrbanPromise's first summer camp in the city of Camden in 1988 at the age of 25. His many UrbanPromise roles have included camp director and executive director, as well as the visionary creator of UrbanPromise's satellite locations in Wilmington, DE; Charlotte, NC; Trenton, NJ; Little Rock, AR; Nashville, TN ; Los Angeles, CA; Nigeria, Kenya, Ghana, Liberia, Uganda; Toronto, ON; Copán, Honduras; and Lilongwe, Malawi. Dr. Main graduated from Azusa Pacific University with a Bachelor of Arts in Theology. He received his Master's in Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary and his Doctorate of Ministry from Princeton Theological Seminary. He is an accomplished author and has written a devotional *The Promise Effect*, *Why Jesus Crossed the Road*, *Spotting the Sacred*, and his newest book *God Writes a Better Story*. He has also penned a children's book, *The Water Barrel*. Bruce continues to speak locally as well as travel the world to inspire others to bring hope and opportunity to the children of God. Learn more at www.urbanpromiseusa.org.



Are you interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown and possibly joining the congregation? The Membership Committee invites you to attend its Fall Inquirers' Class, starting November 13. The Inquirers' Class is for those interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown and the Presbyterian Church as a whole. The five-part series is led by the pastors and church leaders. [See our event page](#) to register or call Alison Mackey in the church office at (856) 235-1688, x113.

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

TODAY: [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 are available in the Commons Lobby too for your words to our pastors and program staff.

TONIGHT: West Jersey Chamber Music Society opens its 2024-25 season with "*Autumn Serenade*" 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. 7:00 pm Sanctuary



[Consecration Sunday was October 13](#) – *Grow the Kingdom - I Will Pray, I Will Invite, I Will Serve, I Will Give.* We gathered as a church family to dedicate our 2025 Estimate of Giving cards and enjoy a Covered Dish Brunch after church, If you were unable to be with us or haven't yet submitted your Estimate of Giving, please complete your 2025 card [online](#), mail to the office or drop in the offering plate. These estimates allow church leaders to more accurately budget for fiscal year 2025.

Are you interested in taking a trip to North Carolina to assist in repairs after the recent hurricanes? We are creating a list of those interested to see if we can get a team together. Contact Steve Engle at sengle1017@aol.com or 609-332-8692.

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

NEW: Wednesday Series "God's Good News About Politics" – Wes Allen will be offering a time of prayer and study on Wednesday evenings in October (**October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30**) from 6:30-8:00 p.m. following Family Dinner in the Commons. Meet in the Lounge. Sign up online or through the app.



Save the Date: [Red Cross Blood Drive](#) -- Monday, October 28 from 11:00 am-4:00 pm in Miller Commons; see our event page to sign up or see Debbie Heller at the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings

[Men's Prayer Breakfast](#) -- Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024 (8:30-10:00 am); Men are invited to a wonderful morning with amazing food and a special time of learning and fellowship. Dr. Dick Herman speaks on "*Ways to Pray for Our Country During An Election.*" Sons of high school age or older and friends are most welcome. [Register online.](#)



Reservations are being taken for **2025 Sunday flower donations**. Two vases are available each Sunday. 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. You may purchase one (\$40) or two (\$80) vases. Please make checks payable to the church. Payment is requested at the time of ordering.

Donate new and nearly new treasures for the Saturday, Nov. 16 [PW Holiday Bazaar \(10 am – 3 pm\)](#). Look for donation boxes in the Commons Lobby for drop offs. We are looking for: Gently used jewelry, accessories (scarves, belts, purses, umbrellas, gloves); sporting goods, accessories, gift items, holiday and seasonal décor. Contact Edith McFalls.

Wed. November 13: Prayer and Discipleship in India; guest speaker missionary Rev. Cliff Jones. Please join us for Family Dinner and hear how the Holy Spirit is working in India to make disciples. Meets in Room 3-4 at 7:00 pm.