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Sunday, January 19, 2025 ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

Welcome	Rev. Wes Allen
Songs of Praise	Worship Team
People, Get Ready	Mayfield/Beck
Put Your Hands Together	The O'Jays
Up Above My Head	Sister Rosetta Tharpe
Wow Moments	Rev. Stuart Spencer

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Rev. Spencer

God of all glory: On this first day of the week, You began Creation, bringing light out of darkness. On this first day, you began Your new creation, raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death.

On this Lord's Day, our Sabbath day of rest, grant that we, the people You create by the waters of baptism and the power of the Holy Spirit, may be joined with all Your works in praising You for Your great glory. Through Jesus Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit, we praise You now and forever. Amen.

*Song of Praise	Worship Team
Strength, Power & Love	Soul Stirrers
Prayer of Adoration	Rev. Allen

Prayer of Confession (unison)

O Lord, we admit today that even as we consider Your goodness, we also see our failures. We find faults in our working, when we do too little, or do too much. We see wrongs in our resting, when we treat each day alike, or shrink Your day down to a 60-minute Sabbath. And so we come to You on Your day, confessing that we are weary of our foolishness and tired of our sins. Lift our heavy

hearts by Your Holy Spirit, and give us the true rest we need. Pardon our sins because of the work of Jesus Christ. And then so bless us this day that we will show forth Your Lordship every day until we reach the promised rest purchased for us by Jesus Christ our Lord, in Whose name we pray.

Time for silent confession

Assurance of Forgiveness (responsive)

Hear, receive, and trust the good news I share with you. Our merciful God says,

"With everlasting love, I will have compassion on you, says the Lord, your Redeemer. I, I am the One Who blots out your wrongs for My own sake; and I will not remember your sins. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you."

Be at peace. Believe the Gospel. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Greeting Rev. Allen

Moment for "Practicing the Way" (Churchwide Lenten Study) Rev. Allen

Way of the Week

Curtis Miyamoto

15. WELCOME CHANGE. Be curious about new ideas, perspectives, and approaches. Get excited by the possibilities that change can bring. What worked in the past won't always work in the future, for God is doing new things.

Ideas for Action: This is a simple one to try. Sit in a different pew in the Sanctuary or seat in the Commons next Sunday. See what happens.

Offering Ourselves to God & Work of God's People

Rev. Spencer



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Song of Praise	Worship Team
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Up to the Mountain (MLK Song)

Patty Griffith

Sermon Rev. Spencer

A Weekly Emancipation

Scripture Text: <u>Deuteronomy 5:12-15</u> Sermon Series: *Entering God's Gift of Rest*

Closing Song Worship Team

Moving On Dixie Hummingbirds

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; Matt Russell-Keys; Michelle Davis,

Vivian Allen-Vocals

Audio Technician: Taylor Adair
Sound Technician: Tony Saranchak
Live Stream Technician: Dalton Ryan
Visuals: Alice Conley

Flower Arrangers: JoAnn Reynik and Debbie Heller Usher: Greg Connlain or Steve Connlain

Trustee Greeter: Mike Welch

Welcome Desk: JoAnn Reynik and Dave Barr
Hospitality Table: Tim and Ginny Powell
Nursery Caregiver: Chelsea Margerum

Today's worship flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our daughter, Kimberly Susan by Philip and Linda Jagiela.

Nursery care is provided for children ages 0-5 years old in Room 12.

<u>Check-ins</u>: Check-in is <u>self-check in only</u> on your smart phone. A volunteer is available to assist.

Stopping at the Stop Signs: In conjunction with our sermon series on practicing the Sabbath, we offer resources to help you begin keeping your day of rest. Contact the Church Office if you'd like a paper copy. https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2652440

<u>Blanket Sunday</u> (an offering sponsored by our Deacons) – January 26: Your contributions to Church World Service enable CWS to help families around the world recover from disasters and displacement while helping to rebuild sustainable lives and communities. Just \$50 can provide five warm blankets for a family left homeless. Look for Blanket Sunday envelopes at both Services.

<u>Couples' Retreat</u> in Cape May – *April 11-13*: Resolve to make an investment in your marriage! **Register by Jan. 31** to take advantage of our **Early-Bird Special of \$400 per couple!** The cost includes breakfast, two nights, group sessions with Dr. Paul Booker, and dinner on Saturday.

The <u>Annual Meeting</u> will be held Sunday, **February 2** at **12:30 PM** in Fellowship Hall. The purpose of the Meeting is to receive the 2024 Annual Reports for First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown and to approve the Pastors' Terms of Call. It will be preceded by a Potluck Luncheon. Based on the first letter of your last name, please bring the following: (A-L) Main Dish or Entrée; (M-Q) Side Dish or Salad; (P-R) 8 oz. pony bottles of water; (S-T) Rolls or Bread; (U-Z) Desserts.

Noah Trip - *Thursday, March 20*: We have arranged a bus trip to Sight and Sound Theatre to see their production of "Noah." We will depart from FPC Moorestown that morning, travel to Lancaster, PA; enjoy lunch at Miller's Amish Country Buffet, followed by the 3:00 PM show; and return that evening to the church parking lot. Cost is \$150 per person. <u>Please sign up online</u>. Tickets are limited and are expected to sell out fast.



<u>Hurricane-Relief Mission Trip</u>: Please register on our website if you're interested in being a part of our Mission Team to help in the areas that were affected by the recent hurricanes. This multi-generational Trip is being planned for the **week of July 7, 2025**.

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

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.