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Sunday, February 2, 2025 ~ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

| Welcome | Rev. Wes Allen |
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| Songs of Praise | Worship Team |
| Rest on Us | Cody Carnes |
| Great Things | Phil Wickham |
| Wow Moments | |
| *Call to Worship (responsive) | Rev. Stuart Spencer |
| Come, let us worship the Lord, Who sees beyond outward appear | rances and looks into our hearts. |
| We come to worship the One Who knows our needs and offers g | grace freely. |
| Jesus calls us to healing, to restoration, and to life abundant. | |
| We come with open hands and expectant hearts, ready to receive | ve His mercy. |
| Though the world may harden its heart, our God is compassionate | e and just. |
| We rejoice in the love of Christ, Who makes the broken whole! | |
| Prayer of Adoration | Rev. Spencer |
| Song of Praise | Worship Team |
| Way Maker | Leeland |
| Call to Confession | |

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we are too often like the Pharisees, more concerned with rules than with love. We have judged when we should have shown grace. We have resisted change when we should have embraced Your healing power. We have cared more about appearances than

about the needs of others. Forgive us, Lord. Soften our hearts that we may see as You see, love as You love, and live as You call us to live. In the name of Jesus, Who heals and restores, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness (responsive)

Hear the good news: "Jesus came not to condemn but to bring life and healing. When we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness". Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Friends, believe the gospel: God's mercy is greater than our failures; and His love knows no bounds. We rejoice in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Greeting

Way of the Week

Cynthia Saint Cyr

Rev. Spencer

Rev. Allen

17. SHOW WHO YOU REALLY ARE. Our church is for "real" people. Bring your true self, including your joys, your sorrows, your fears, your strengths, and your weaknesses. God loves you as you are. Don't hide your struggles, failures or problems.

Ideas for Action: This week sit down with or talk to another member by phone and share one area of struggle, failure, or a fear you have.

Offering Ourselves to God & Work of God's People

Thank you for your faithfulness in blessing FPC Moorestown with your giving. 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 as well. To mail offerings, send to **P. O. Box 868, Moorestown, NJ 08057**.

| Song of Praise | Worship Team |
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| Holy Spirit | Francesca Battistelli |

Sermon

A Sabbath Well Spent

Scripture Text: <u>Luke 6:6-11</u> Sermon Series: *Entering God's Gift of Rest*

Communion and Home Communion

Revs. Allen & Spencer

Invitation to the Table
Come to this table, all who hunger and thirst for righteousness.
We come, not because we are worthy, but because we are invited.
This is the table of grace, where Christ meets us in love.
We come with open hearts, ready to receive.
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts! We lift them up to the Lord!

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

It is indeed right and good to give You thanks, Almighty God. From the very beginning, You formed us in Your image, breathing into us the breath of life. Though we turned from You, Your love never failed. You called us back to You, leading us by prophets and promises, until at last You sent Jesus, Your Son, our Savior, to bring light to our darkness, hope to our despair, and salvation to all who trust in Him. And so, with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, we join in their unending hymn of praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.

Words of Institution & Prayer of Consecration

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

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: <u>https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/grow-the-kingdom/</u>.

| Communion Song | Worship Team |
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| I Surrender | Hillsong Worship |
| Benediction | Rev. Allen |

11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

| Worship Team: | Matt Russell-Guitar; Kalane Williams-Bass; Carl Wilson-Drums; Rebecca |
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| | Neindorff-Piano; Michelle Davis, Vivian Allen-Vocals |
| Audio Technician: | Joshua Leonard |
| Sound Technician: | Taylor Adair |
| Live Stream Technician: | Dalton Ryan |
| Visuals: | Alice Conley |
| Communion Elders: | Kevin Fauvell, Leonard Fitts, Cheryl Gaskill |
| Flower Arrangers: | Debbie Heller and Kristin Zorn |
| Usher: | Matt La Grou or Jeff Legath |
| Trustee Greeter: | Tim Powell |
| Welcome Desk: | Tamara Trzeciak and Owen Dietz |
| Hospitality Table: | Donna Leatherman and Sarah Dietz |
| Nursery Caregiver: | Chelsea Margerum |
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Today's worship flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her father, Alfred Fisher from Jane Murphy.

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. <u>https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2652440</u>

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 at 12:00 PM.

Volunteers Appreciation Luncheon: In recognition of the invaluable contributions of our dedicated volunteers, FPC Moorestown cordially invites all volunteers to an Appreciation Luncheon on Saturday, **February 8,** from **11:30 AM-1:00 PM**. We are blessed by countless volunteers who give of their time and talents to serve our church. <u>Please RSVP online</u> by Feb. 5 so we can accurately gauge our food needs.



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is on the ground helping with the California wildfires. To give, visit <u>https://pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/disaster-assistance.</u>



Lenten Bible Study: This year our Lenten Study will be "Practicing the Way" by John Mark Comer. If you are able to host a Small Group, please let Rev. Allen know. We hope Groups will proactively INVITE neighbors, family, and friends to participate.

Inquirers' Class: Are you interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown? Come to our Inquirers' Class series which begins **February 26.** See our Church Center Events page for info and to sign up.

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.

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 in the Lobby.

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 <u>https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/prayer</u>
- 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.