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Sunday, February 9, 2025 ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (*Miller Commons*)

Welcome	Rev. Wes Allen
Songs of Praise	Worship Team
Run to the Father	Cody Carnes
Rest on Us	
Wow Moments	Rev. Stuart Spencer
*Prayer of Adoration	Rev. Spencer
*Call to Worship (responsive)	Rev. Spencer
Return to the Lord your God,	
for God is gracious.	

for God is gracious.
Confess to the Lord your God,
for God is merciful.
Repent to the Lord your God,
for God is slow to anger.
Praise the Lord your God,
for God abounds in steadfast love.
Worship the Lord your God.
Together, let us worship God!

*Song of Praise Worship Team

Jesus is Here Today

Rosetta Tharpe

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (based on Romans 7-unison) Rev. Allen

God, we confess that we don't always understand our own actions. We clearly know what is right—what You expect of us—but we don't always do it. We also clearly know what is wrong—the thoughts and actions that hurt others and offend You—but we do these things anyway. Forgive us! Forgive me! Through Jesus Christ our Lord, set us free from the sin that controls us. Amen.

Time for silent confession

Assurance of Forgiveness (responsive)

Beloved people of God, know this and never forget: Our God is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry, and filled with unfailing love. When we stumble, the Lord is there to catch us; when we are weighed down, He is there to lift us up. So be at peace; your sins are forgiven.

Thank you, Lord! We'll trust Your mercy, and we'll fully receive Your grace. Amen.

*Greeting

Sharing with Our Young Disciples

Rev. Spencer

Way of the Week

Jennifer Allen

18. ASK FOR HELP. Part of being a real and authentic member of the church is to acknowledge your weaknesses and be willing to ask for God's help and the support of others. None of us can go it alone. Vulnerability is a sign of strength and a gift to others.

Ideas for Action: First think about what you need help with right now. Then share that need with someone else from our congregation this week.

Offering Ourselves to God & Work of God's People

Rev. Spencer



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Song of Praise Worship Team

Holy Spirit Francesca Battistelli

Sermon Rev. Spencer

A Sabbath Way of Life

Scripture Text: Matthew 11:25-30
Sermon Series: Entering God's Gift of Rest

Closing Song Worship Team

Up Above My Head

Benediction Rev. Spencer

11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Worship Team: Wes Allen-Guitar; Joe Wichterman-Electric Guitar; Kalane Williams-Bass; Carl

Wilson-Drums; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Matt Russell-Keys; Michelle Davis,

Vivian Allen, Elizabeth Sikorski-Vocals

Audio Technician:Joshua LeonardSound Technician:Taylor AdairLive Stream Technician:Jacob AllenVisuals:Alice Conley

Flower Arrangers: Karin Miller and Rumi Sinunu
Usher: Greg Connlain or Steve Connlain

Trustee Greeter: John Miller

Welcome Desk: Bobbi Vogelsong and Jess Zorn Hospitality Table: Paul Grossmann and Jim Cole

Nursery Caregiver: Chelsea Margerum

Today's worship flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of our 60th wedding anniversary from Mike and Ann Ramage.

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>Lenten Bible Study</u>: 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.

<u>Inquirers' Class</u>: 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. Please sign up online. 14 tickets remain.



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



SPRING PRAYER RETREAT, April 1-4: Join a group of friends from a number of churches at Holy Cross Monastery (an Episcopalian Benedictine monastery) for time away from the crushing pace of life. This three-night, four-day Retreat affords the time to step away from the regular demands of life and enjoy a place of rest and welcome. **Registrations due by**

March 9.

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 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.