



**April 20, 2025 ~ Easter**

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. **NOTE: Worship announcements begin at 8:55 am.***

### Welcome & Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

### Way of the Week #3: Listen Generously

**3. LISTEN GENEROUSLY.** Be quick to listen and do so with your undivided attention. Minimize the distractions and let go of the need to agree or disagree. Suspend your judgment and be curious to know more rather than jumping to conclusions. Above all, listen to understand.

### Collect

Rev. Allen

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for listening generously to us. Please teach us to listen for understanding and with discernment, both to others and to You. We want to leave a legacy of being a loving listener. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

### Music in Preparation for Worship, Introit

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

#### **Entrata Festiva**

Flor Peters Op. 93

Adult Choir; Frank Mitchell, Bass; Brass Ensemble

*Christus vincit*

Christ conquers

*Christus regnat*

Christ reigns

*Christus imdddperiat.*

Christ commands.

### \* Call to Worship

Elder Gayle Payne

Christ the Lord is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed!**

Glory and honor, dominion and power, be to our God forever and ever!

**Christ the Lord is risen! Alleluia!**

Our Savior and Lord is risen today! Come, let us worship God!

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## \* Prayer of Adoration

Elder Payne

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## \* Hymn No. 234

### ***Christ The Lord is Risen Today***

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## Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Stuart Spencer

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Let us confess together before our risen Lord:

God of new life, on this glorious Easter morning, we celebrate the victory over death, yet we acknowledge our lingering shadows. Forgive us for not fully living as those raised with Christ. We cling to old ways, doubt your resurrection's power in our lives, and fail to love as you have loved us. We confess our inertia, hindering us from embracing the new creation. But we know your mercy is great. Renew our hearts, strengthen our faith, and empower us by your Spirit to live worthy of this resurrection. Help us be agents of reconciliation, sharing hope until your kingdom comes fully. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

*(Silence for our personal prayers of confession)*

## Assurance of Pardon

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Friends, hear the good news. Scripture proclaims that Christ was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. This is the promise of God:

**Congregation: Through the atoning sacrifice and glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are declared righteous.**

Therefore, in the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, I declare to you: your sins are forgiven. You are reconciled to God and called to walk in newness of life.

**Congregation: Amen. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!**

## \* Gloria Patri

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Adult Choir and Brass Ensemble

Giovanni Palestrina

*Gloria Patri et Filio  
Et Spiritui sancto  
Amen.*

Glory be to the Father and the Son  
and the Holy Spirit  
Amen.

## \* Apostles Creed (front cover of the Hymnal)

Rev. Spencer

**Pastor:** With joy and hope, we confess our faith with believers across continents and centuries: I believe ...

## \* Anthem

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

### ***Hallelujah Chorus***

Handel

Adult Choir; Jonathan Shaw and Francis Carpino, Trumpet; Charles Ross, Timpani

## Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Spencer

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

Rev. Allen

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## Offertory

Rev. Allen



**TODAY: Special Easter Offering pew envelopes are available for your convenience or you may use the drop down to give online.**

Thank you for blessing FPC Moorestown with your giving as we Grow God's Kingdom. 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

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

### **Today, Arose Christ from the Grave**

Michael Praetorius

Adult Choir; Lilly Rykaczewski, Soprano; Brass Ensemble

## \* Doxology No. 809

## Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

### **"Getting Out of the House"**

**Scripture:** Luke 24 : 33-49 (Pew Bible page 90 NT)

**Sermon Series:** Walking the Way of Jesus

## \* Hymn No. 254

### **Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven**

## Music in Preparation for Service

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

### **All Creatures of Our God and King**

Nehlybel

Brass Ensemble

## \* Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

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**Worship flowers** are lovingly given by members of the congregation in honor and in memory of those they hold dear. **SEE INSERT.** If you purchased flowers, you may pick them up after worship.

## 9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

**Beadle:** Elder Gayle Payne; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** John Miller, Patrick McIlroy, Steve Emerson; **Flower Display Arrangers:** Fran Green and Stacy Schaffer; **Trustee Greeter:** John Miller; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Lori Bell; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Susan Horn and Steve Emerson; **Bagel Pickup:** Sue Piper; **Coffee Hospitality:** Lissa Herman and Sherrell Fitts, **Nursery Care:** none provided this week

**Brass Ensemble:** Jonathan Shaw, Trumpet I; Francis Carpino, Trumpet II; Matt Gould, Trombone I; Russel Mehrtens, Trombone II; Charles Ross, Percussion

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

**Easter Schedule:** Easter Worship Sunday, April 20: 6:30 a.m. Sunrise, 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship. **Easter offerings** may be placed in the offering plate using special pew envelopes, by using the QR code in your pews to give from your device, or given online. We celebrate our Risen Lord!

The church office/campus is CLOSED **Monday, April 21** in observance of Easter Monday.

**Flower Deliveries** -- The Deacons are looking for a few drivers to help deliver Easter flowers to our less mobile members, contact Gail Sorin or Bobbi Voglesong.

**Congregational Meeting** -- Session has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation **Sunday, April 27** to elect officers to begin terms June 1, 2025. The meeting will immediately follow the 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship.



**Calling 2025 Graduates** -- Parents: Please submit names of 2025 high school, college and post-graduates to Jan Martin in the church office by **April 29th** ([see online form](#)). We will recognize outgoing Youth Director Dave Fauvell and his ministry on Sunday, May 4th (Graduate Recognition Sunday), where we will collect notes of appreciation for him at both Sunday worship services.

**Spring Cleaning With Meaning** – Imagine seeking medical treatment and upon leaving the ER you're not properly dressed to go back into the world. Pennsylvania Hospital has a donation room for those in need but is in desperate need of clothing. Sami Fauvell works in the ER and is collecting clothes. As you change out seasonal wardrobes please put aside items for this clothing drive. *Look for the bin outside Youth Director Dave's office.* Items of special need: women's and men's pants, jackets and sweatshirts, sneakers, shoes.

**American Red Cross Blood Drive: Wednesday, May 7** from 01:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in Miller Commons. Sign up online or at the Welcome Desk with Debbie Heller. You can save a life with your donation.

**NEW:** Celebrate the 66th Strawberry Festival in style with a vintage-inspired Strawberry Festival T-shirt! Fundraiser supports the FPC General Operating Fund so back the berries! See link to our [First Presbyterian Church Web Store](#) on our [event page](#), website and Friday eblast. Sale ends May 18.



**ALPHA**, an 11-week Wednesday evening discussion series, begins **April 30**. [Sign up online](#) or with Jim Cole.

**Pastor Spencer Sabbatical** -- Pastor Stuart will be on sabbatical from **May 12-August 20**. See event page for more information. He will be away at a CREDO Pastor's Retreat April 28-May 5.

**Save The Date: Membership Ice Cream Social Sunday, May 25**; combined 9:30 am worship; we will honor this year's Inquirers Classes, CREDO Confirmants and 50+ Year Members; [RSVP online](#) so we can estimate our needs.

**Women's Morning Prayer Event** -- Save The Date: **Saturday, May 31** (8:00 a.m.-Noon); sign up online. Come pray with your sisters in Christ. Beverages provided, bring your Bible, journal and a snack if you like.

**VBS June 23-27, 2025 – Registration is OPEN!** Get ready for an exciting adventure at *True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World!* Join us as we guide kids on the ultimate Alaskan journey, where the northern lights shimmer over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. *True North* is where kids can explore the tundra and discover how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. We will point kids to Jesus, our faithful friend whom we can always trust—He's our *True North!*