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**Connect. Devote.  
Serve. Worship.**

### **COVID-19 Advisory**

**The church campus is  
CLOSED.**

Join us from the safety of your home for a live stream worship service Sunday morning at **9:30 a.m.** This blended service streams live from the sanctuary and participants observe strict physical distancing. Log on from computer, phone or tablet to [www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org) or [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#) (see page 3). The service is also posted later in the week to our website.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF MOORESTOWN

# Connections

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May 31-June 7, 2020

## Way of the Week 23

**WORSHIP WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART.** Your life is meant to be an act of worship. Every breath, action, and thought flows from God and can bring him glory. Praise God everywhere and embrace the opportunities to regularly worship with your church family.

**Read:** Mark 12: 30; Romans 12: 1-2; Psalm 150: 6

## Grace Notes

*"And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength." (Mark 12: 30)*

*And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. (Romans 12: 1, 2)*

*Let everything that breathes sing praises to the Lord! (Psalm 150: 6)*

IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE that worship could be anything other than wholehearted since the concept of worship has to do with that which we value the most. If we have an attitude or take an action that is half-hearted, we might really have a quite positive value at heart ..... really like, even love the object of our affection or attention, but we are not worshipful.

When we make an offering, render service, or utter praise, we might be very sincere, but are not necessarily worshipping. For all we know, Cain might have had motives that were noble when he brought his offering. He might have had a modicum of sincerity. But the story shows that his offering was not accepted. It sort of sounds right to say: "God accepts anything as long as we are sincere." But it is very wrong. The story of Cain and Abel shows that.

Coming into God's presence, if our intent is to "worship," means that He must be the sole and total Lord of our hearts. Nothing, and no one, can be higher than God. Even every word and thought must honor the Lord Jesus above all else. Less than that might be genuine. Might be popular. Might be cool. Might be what we think is our best. Might even seem sacrificial. But it is not worship.

"Love so amazing, so divine demands my soul, my life, my all."

Joel Krott

### [Zoom Coffee Hour](#)

YOU'RE INVITED to a Virtual Coffee Hour every Sunday morning in May from 11:00 AM–Noon. Drop in for casual conversation, connect with new and old friends, discuss the sermon, and enjoy time together on Zoom. Participants will join small breakout groups of 6-10 people guided by a facilitator. Access from your smart phone, tablet or computer. **Meeting ID and Password are on our [FPC Events Page](#).**

### [Evening Prayer Service](#)

On Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm we offer a weekly time to gather in community; a 30-minute service of Worship and prayer. Log onto [www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org) and for that week's Worship Guide. Submit prayer requests, joys or concerns to Stuart Spencer by **WED 9:00 a.m.** and he will include them. You may reach Stuart at [sspencer@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:sspencer@fpcmoorestown.org) or cell/text: (215) 932-4531. Please include your name with your request.



### [Prayer Team Zoom](#)

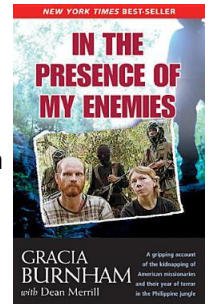
The FPC Moorestown Prayer Team invites you to pray with them through Zoom. [Join others at one of the Prayer Times](#) by clicking the REGISTER button on the FPC website (Events) to complete a Meeting ID request. A member of the Prayer Team will email you with a Zoom Meeting ID link and password. Would you like to pray with others at a time/day not listed? TEXT the Prayer Chain Support number, **609-923-4135** or make a note in the comments box on the REGISTER form.

### [Provide a Meal](#)

The Deacons have set up a Meal Train for Edith and Milt McFalls to provide meals following Edith's shoulder surgery on May 19. To volunteer to bring a meal for the McFalls, please contact Deacon [Jean Donahue](#) at 857-571-0307 cell/text.

### [Book Club](#)

COMING UP: Our next book is *In the Presence of my Enemies*, by Gracia Burnham. We will meet on **Monday, June 15** at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.



### [Live Stream Survey](#)

Thank you to everyone who completed the brief survey regarding ways you are accessing our live stream worship. Each week individuals in several states are tuning in to experience our Sunday service, Thursday prayer service and recorded options.

### [Preschool Honors its Grads](#)

Step by Step is having a car parade for its preschoolers on Saturday morning (May 30) as a way for teachers and students to reconnect and say goodbye. Our staff is decorating the parking lot and waving to every preschool family as they weave through the large parking lot. We can't wait to see our returning families in the fall and wish our Pre-K graduates all the best!

**CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!**



**WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!**

Amy Delgado,  
Director

### [Spring Gathering via Zoom!](#)

All are invited to the Spring Gathering at First Presbyterian Church, hosted by Presbyterian Women. Men and women of ALL AGES are welcome!

**When:** Monday, June 22 at 7:00 pm ET

**Where:** Online

**How:** ZOOM (video conferencing)!

**Who:** You and a friend

**Zoom Meeting ID:** 860 8924 6412

**Password:** 6d3jCG

**Family First: Keeping the Family in the Family Business.** Keynote Speaker: Mindy Holman, CEO of Holman Enterprises. [Read Mindy's BIO here...](#)

RSVP on our website event page at [www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org)!



### **Pentecost COVID-19 Relief Offering**

**NEW:** On Sunday, May 31, Pentecost, a special offering will be collected to aid local missions. Please use the special drop down for an online gift, or put "Pentecost COVID-19 Relief Offering" in the memo line of your mailed check. You may also drop off your donation during the Food Pantry Parade on May 31 from 12:30-2:00 p.m. No cash please.

### **Food Pantry Parade and Relief Offering**

Are you looking for a meaningful way to help that gets you OUT OF THE HOUSE? The Deacons are sponsoring a **Food Pantry Parade!** On Sunday, May 31, Pentecost, we will celebrate the Birth of the Church with two gift-giving opportunities -- without leaving your car.

From 12:30-2:00 p.m., after our worship and final Virtual Coffee Hour, drive into the church parking lot and drop off non-perishable food donations from the comfort of your vehicle. Simply drive in a loop and gloved volunteers will retrieve the donations. Please have the items in your TRUNK and pop the trunk as you approach the drop-off area.

Staff members will be on hand to wave and to bless you. **We miss you!** You may also drop off your special [Pentecost COVID-19 Relief Offering](#) at that time as well.

### **Congregational Meeting**

Sunday, June 7, 2020 (via Zoom)  
10:45 a.m. Check in  
11:00 a.m. Meeting

### **Special Meeting of the Congregation**

**June 7, 2020 (via Zoom)**

**Zoom Meeting ID: 850 7636 2315  
Password: 6BH45E**

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown, New Jersey has called a special meeting of the congregation. This meeting will be held **Sunday, June 7, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.**, immediately following the 9:30 am worship service via live stream. Check-in on Zoom will begin by 10:45 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to elect Elders, Deacons and Trustees to a term of office beginning **July 1, 2020**. Please stay posted to [fpcmoorestown.org](http://fpcmoorestown.org) for more updated information regarding worship status on a week to week basis. No other business may be brought before the congregation other than the preceding item.

Ann McBride, Clerk of Session

### **Focus: Discipleship**

The Prayer Committee, led by chair Joyce Peacock, is developing a plan to address elements of the Discovery Bible Study program into our discipleship strategy. The team is creating Prayer Points and reaching out to DBS leaders. You may view the discipleship trainings presented by Ed Gross on our website Events page.

**Home Communion**  
**Sunday, May 31 (Pentecost)**

### **Church Center App**

Download the free "Church Center" app to your cell phone to contact the church, give online, join a group and register for church events. Look for the Church Center app and get connected.

### **Task Forces Address Reopening Questions**

In consultation with Pastor Spencer and Session, the Long Range Planning team has developed six separate task forces to gather information and study recommendations regarding the effects of gradual reopening. Areas of emphasis include safety, logistics, Sunday events, small groups, staff and building usage. Administration is adhering to directives from New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy.

### **Watching Worship (Live Stream)**

- ◆ 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning
- ◆ 7:00 p.m. Thursday evening Prayer Service

Log on from your computer, smartphone or tablet:

1. [www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org)
2. [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)
3. [Our Facebook page](#)

### **Officers Extended**

Officers for the three boards Session (Elders), Deacons and Trustees will be extended through June 30, instead of concluding terms in May.

### **Letters of Well Wishing**

We have created an Electronic Letter of Well Wishing, which is "e-signed" by the pastoral staff. To have a letter sent on behalf of our congregation, email Alison at [amackey@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:amackey@fpcmoorestown.org) with the recipient's situation and email.



# FAMILY MINISTRY



**Good luck with your last few weeks of school!**

## VBS Moves to August 10-14

In an effort to provide a safe, in person, Vacation Bible School for our children we have moved VBS a few weeks later to **August 10-14**. We're hoping this will allow us to deliver a modified VBS with the necessary precautions in place at that time. With each day bringing new information and evolving guidelines, we are prayerfully hopeful and working hard towards a spiritually meaningful program.



## Our Youth Are Connecting

This spring the middle schoolers and high schoolers have been staying connected through Instagram and Zoom. We have been reading through the scripture together using Instagram to keep up with each other. Over Zoom the middle schoolers have been discussing dating and relationships through the lens of a Christ-focused life. The high schoolers have been using Zoom to talk through things that make faith difficult and how we can stay strong in faith despite the challenges.

- Dave Fauvell, Interim Youth Director

**Kingdom Kids:** Grades K-3  
Wednesdays 4:45-5:45 pm  
**Crossing Zone:** Grades 4-6  
Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 pm  
**Flock:** Grades 7-8  
Wednesdays 6:30-8 pm  
**Wave:** Grades 9-12  
Sundays 6:30-8:30 pm

## Sermon Series Memory Verse

**"For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it."**

(1 Thessalonians 1: 8) NRSV

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## Making Windsocks for Pentecost Sunday

*Hello Families,*

*This Sunday, May 31st, is **Pentecost Sunday**. The birthday of the Christian church. The story of Pentecost is rich with symbolism for children. They fully understand birthday celebrations; the symbols of wind and fire are exciting for kids to read about. This week I am including a craft you can do with your children using household items to help tell the story. You can either do the craft beforehand or afterward. Have fun decorating your "windsocks" with "tongues of fire" or birthday symbols.*

⇒ *This Sunday, if you bring your children with you to the **Food Pantry Parade** at FPC Moorestown Rachel and I will be there with a party goodie bag we will place in your trunk to celebrate the birth of the church. See you there!*

*Holly*

**Prepare:** Google a picture of a windsock or make the craft included ahead of time.

**Say:** Do you know what a windsock is? A windsock is a type of kite. The windsock was invented many years ago in Japan and was flown on "Boys Day." The family would hang one windsock for each son in the family on the end of a pole outside of their house and let it blow in the wind.

The wind is very important to us. What are some of the ways that the wind helps us?

[Read the complete family activity here ...](#)