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

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 or [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#) (see page 3). The service is also posted later in the week to our website.

"Connections" is published weekly for Sunday worship and every two weeks in the summer. Please submit information by **noon Tuesdays** to:
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Are you receiving our Friday e-blast with announcements, Connections and upcoming events? If not, contact the [church office](#).



Connections



First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

October 11-18, 2020

Way of the Week 17 (October 11-18, 2020)

17. SHOW WHO YOU REALLY ARE.

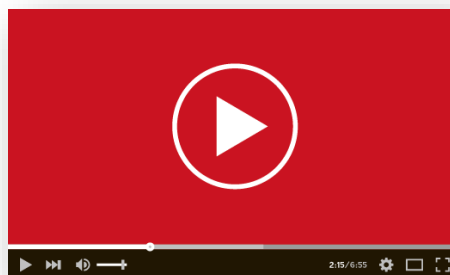
Our church is for "real" people. Bring your true self, including your joys, your sorrows, your fears, your strengths, and your weaknesses. God loves you as you are. Don't hide your struggles, failures or problems.

⇒ *When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. (Romans 5: 6)*

⇒ *For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. (John 3: 16)*



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.



[Watch the Way of the Week Video](#) by Caitlyn Posey, former intern



REMEMBER to subscribe to the FPC Moorestown YouTube channel and Facebook page to read current news and preview upcoming events!

The Church Has Left the Building

On **October 25**, we are leaving the building. Literally. Our church-wide mission project has been redesigned to reflect the global pandemic, and this year, all activities will be safely done off-site. We have added more projects to make up for the loss of our major project Rise Against Hunger and encourage families to work together on larger projects such as food drives. There are LOTS of fun projects that individuals and shut-ins can do with minimal amounts of effort such as card writing to missionaries and those who need encouragement. *There will be NO worship on October 25 so that everyone can participate.*



Sign ups are open! For questions please contact Linda Jagiela at misions@fpcmoorestown.org.

Phone Live Streaming

In an effort to maintain connections with those who may be less tech-savvy or not have a home computer, we are embarking on a new automated feature for Phone Live Streaming. Those who wish to opt-in for the service will call a dedicated toll-free phone number to be joined to our Sunday worship service which airs live from the sanctuary. When callers opt-in to be notified, their phone will ring anytime our church service goes live. All they have to do is answer to be joined to our 9:30 a.m. live service and listen to the church service on their phone. They can add themselves by calling our unique number and pressing one. Every time we go live, their phone system receives the live audio ... like magic. There are no access codes or PIN numbers. For information or questions please contact Alison Mackey in the church office at (856) 235-1688, Ext. 113 or amackey@fpcmoorestown.org.

Download the Church Center App to Check-In

Beginning October 11, members will now be able to **check-in** quickly and easily from their smart phone.

- (1) Download the "Church Center App" to your phone from either the App Store (iPhone) or Google Play (Android).
- (2) Follow prompts to enter the church's name or zip code (08057).
- (3) Select "**Check In**" when you arrive and look for the check-in icon (QR code). Tap the icon when attending an on-campus service or gathering to let us know you are in attendance with an automated scan.



Series: The (Un)simple Truth

Our adult spiritual formation series The (Un)simple Truth premiered October 5, with an engaging presentation by Rev. Dr. Michael Bruner.

This series is a monthly Zoom webinar on the first Monday of every month (7-8 pm), featuring Christian authors, pastors and professors from around the country.

If you missed the October 5 presentation with Dr. Bruner, [watch the recording here](#) (also posted on the Events page).

Next: Monday, November 2 (7:00 p.m. ET)

A Call to Fasting and Prayer

Join Pastor Stuart Spencer on Thursdays for a day of full or partial fasting from Sept. 24-Dec. 17. However or whenever you fast on Thursdays, be sure to participate in our Evening Prayer service at 7:00 p.m. If you are unable to fast for medical reasons, plan to make Thursday a special day of prayer for yourself, our church and our nation. If there are medical or health reasons that prohibit you from fasting, please do not fast. If you're uncertain, consult your doctor before fasting.

Download fasting resources from our website Events page, our website, Facebook page or website Sermon Series page.

We Give to the Lord

It's Coming! Save the Date for **Sunday, October 18** when we will celebrate the joy of living a generous Christ-centered life. This year our stewardship campaign will look a little different due to our current world. *Estimate of Giving* cards will be MAILED to all members so that households may prayerfully (and safely) indicate their weekly, monthly or annual financial commitments to the Lord's Work. Members may also [fill them out online](#). **We will all be together at home for ONE 9:30 a.m. live stream service**, where we will welcome an engaging speaker Dr. Shane Berg from Princeton Theological Seminary. Our sermon series "Giving Lessons" began Sept. 27 to provide a biblical framework. As we do traditionally, we are offering a meaningful way to dedicate your pledges. From 10:45-12:00 p.m., take part in a contact-free **Drive-Up Dedication Parade** where you can dedicate your gifts safely from your car. Members of the Stewardship team will receive your sealed Estimate of Giving envelope given through your car window, and Stuart and Kelly will offer a personal prayer of thanksgiving for each arriving household. Watch your mail for additional information!



12-Hour Prayer Vigil

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**Consecration Sunday 10/18 and
"The Church Has Left the Building" 10/25**

Our "River of Prayer" is widening and *constantly flowing*! The Prayer Committee will hold its next "12-Hour Prayer Vigil" on Oct. 17th to provide our church family an opportunity to reflect on our stewardship focus for Consecration Sunday, Oct. 18th. We will also focus on prayer for "The Church Has Left the Building" Sunday, 10/25. Please [SIGN UP online](#) for a 30-minute time between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. You will find the calendar and Prayer Guide on the church website (or call [Pam Engle](#) at 609-332-7513).

Have an immediate prayer need?

The Prayer Team is ready and available to pray for your request. Simply text the wording to be shared to 609-923-4135 or 609-332-7513 and the team will be notified immediately. Updates and praises are appreciated!

Stephen Ministry

Even during the pandemic your Stephen Ministers are still working with care receivers sometimes by telephone, sometimes by video and sometimes even in person outside and at a distance. We hope to start a new class of Stephen Ministers by Zoom in January. So if you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister or are in need of a Stephen Minister, contact Doris Kahley at d.kahley@verizon.net or 609-261-8474. Questions? Reach out.

Online Class on Psalms

Bethany Douglass' class on the Psalms begins this Sunday, from 7-8:30 p.m. on Zoom. The class continues through Nov. 29. Participants will be reading and discussing [*Psalms: Prayers of the Heart*](#) by Eugene Peterson. [Sign up online](#).

Join the Audio Visual Team

Our Audio Visual Team is looking for volunteers aged high school or older to learn our new multi-camera system and audio for the Sunday morning live stream worship (9:30 am). We will train you. Contact Steve Drzascz at steve@gotsteve.com or Hank Heidler at hrheidler@comcast.net.

Watching Worship

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

Log on from your computer, smartphone or tablet:

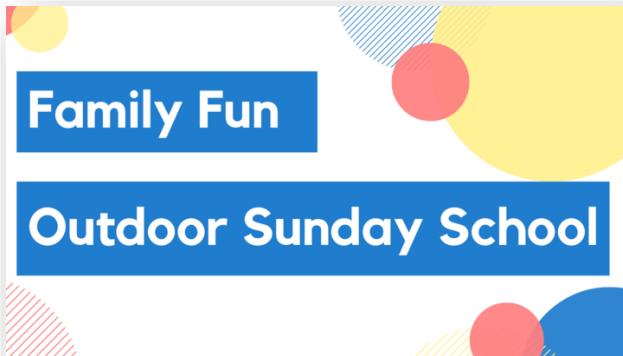
1. www.fpcmoorestown.org
2. www.youtube.com
3. [Our Facebook page](#)

Give Electronically

Please consider taking advantage of [online giving](#) — a safe, secure automatic withdrawal. It's simple to sign up. No more writing checks or searching for offering envelopes! Set up e-giving for one-time and recurring gifts to the church, and give right from your phone with the [Church Center app](#). The church never sees your bank information. Need help getting started? Contact [Norm Vandergrift](#) at (856) 235-1688, Ext. 112.



Be still and know that I am God.



- ⇒ **Small groups** have started for middle and high schoolers! If you haven't touched base with a leader, talk to Dave Fauvell and he'll set you up.
- ⇒ We have a **campfire hangout on Oct. 24** from 7–9 p.m. at the church (field) with Oct. 25 as the rain date. We will have a bunch of candy, warm apple cider, and hot cocoa as we share [spooky campfire stories](#).

Contact Dave Fauvell at dfauvell52@gmail.com or text 609-980-7885 for more information.

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

“Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14)

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For Families and Youth:
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NEW: Family Fun Outdoor Sunday School

Every Sunday from 11:00-11:45 a.m.

Remaining Weeks: Sunday, Oct. 11 and Oct. 18th

Bible Stories, Games, Crafts, FUN!

This is for families with children in K-6th grades. Children must be accompanied by a parent the entire time. Please bring your own chair or blanket to sit on and wear a mask. Registration and waivers will be required.

We can't wait to see you! [Sign up online](#) on our website event page!

Step By Step Christian Preschool is Open!

School is open and going great! Morning spots are still available in all our classes. Email Director Amy Delgado at Adelgado@fpcmoorestown.org for more info.

