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

JOIN US from the safety of your home or safely gathered at church for worship Sunday morning at **9:30 a.m.** This Blended Worship streams live from the sanctuary and participants in attendance observe strict protocols per state regulations. Log on from any device to www.fpcmoorestown.org or [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#). The service is also posted later in the week to our website.

9:30 a.m. Worship

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Connections



First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

November 15-22, 2020

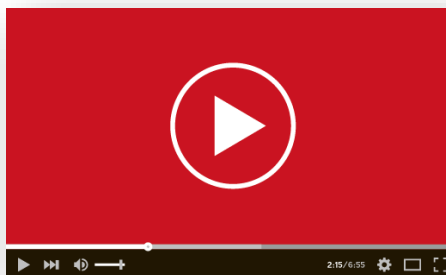
Way of the Week 22 (November 15-22, 2020)

22. REST AND REFLECT.

Make time in your week to step back from work, school, and stressful demands. Since Christ has freed us, we no longer have to be obsessively driven. Take a walk, play, nap, meet up with friends, share a meal, or just take some time in solitude.

- ♦ *On the seventh day God had finished his work of creation, so he rested from all his work. And God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, because it was the day when he rested from all his work of creation. (Genesis 2: 2, 3)*
- ♦ *Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11: 28)*
- ♦ *Then Jesus said to them, "The Sabbath was made to meet the needs of people, and not people to meet the requirements of the Sabbath. (Mark 2: 27)*
- ♦ *This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says: "Only in returning to me and resting in me will you be saved. In quietness and confidence is your strength. But you would have none of it. (Isaiah 30: 15)*

Ideas for Action: Can you make your Sunday more of a Sabbath day of rest for you and your family? Connect with God using worship music. Unplug from the devices for part or all of the day. Seek the joy of the Lord in Creation. Eat a meal together. Be silent with God and pray. Prioritize wholeness and rejuvenation in Christ.



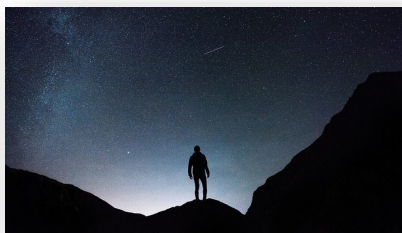
[Watch the Way of the Week Video](#) by Beth Douglass, seminary intern

Sunday, November 15 is Deacon Sunday

Indoor Worship

We have returned to limited indoor worship, with a **9:30 a.m.** Blended Worship service in the sanctuary. Worship is limited to 75 attendees and 45 minutes, and will continue to be live streamed. Entry is through the glass doors; please wait in the Commons until 9:15 a.m. when sanctuary doors open. Seating is first come, first served and overflow will be seated in Miller Commons to view the live stream on screen. Please physically distance, and download the [Church Center App](#) to your smart phone to facilitate a contact-free check-in. [Visit our website for more information.](#)

Can you help volunteer? Contact Paul Grossmann at 609-330-3214.



Longest Night Service **Sunday, December 6, 2020** **7:00 p.m.**

This service provides peace to those dealing with grief, illness, anxiety or depression this holiday season who may not feel the joy or celebration seen in others. The Longest Night includes elements from the annual Service of Remembrance, including the Lord's Supper, special music and a time for prayer. The service will be live streamed as well. Princeton Seminary intern Beth Douglass will lead this service.

If you, or someone you know needs a quiet place in the rush of December, come to the Longest Night. Open to the community.

Major Steeple Repair!

Look up! Mike Duke and his crew from New Hampshire have begun a month-long restoration of our church steeple, repairing wood rot, sealing cracks, improving ventilation, scraping and painting. Ken Wehn says the steeple will look as good as new when finished. Work is also planned to repair and repaint the columns out front. This is an exciting time in our church opening our doors for service on Sundays. Our property team's goal is to make this beautiful church look it's best for years to come!



Series: The (Un)simple Truth

This adult spiritual formation series is a Zoom webinar on the first Monday of the month (7-8 p.m.), featuring Christian authors, pastors and professors. **Our next event will be Monday, Dec. 7.** Speaker **Amanda Mootz** is the manager of Grassroots Organizing for World Vision, where she developed and manages a program for faith-rooted advocacy to federal lawmakers on issues related to global poverty. Prior to this role, Amanda worked for World Vision supporting programs to improve global education and literacy rates, as well as the California State Senate, where she crafted statewide policy on behalf of the 38th Senate District. She holds graduate degrees in theology and cross-cultural studies from Fuller Theological Seminary.

Phone Live Streaming



Those who may not have a computer or be as tech-savvy as they'd like may take advantage of our new Phone Live Streaming. When callers opt-in, their phone will ring anytime our Sunday service goes live. Just answer the phone to listen to worship on the phone. Simply call our dedicated toll-free number **844.723.1340** and **press 1**. On Sundays, you'll be joined to our worship service via your phone. Every time we go live, your phone receives the live audio.

For information or help, contact [Alison Mackey](#) in the church office at 856.235.1688, Ext. 113.

TODAY: Deacon Sunday

Deacon Sunday is **November 15**. Your gifts support the work of our Deacons and help to offset the expenses for the team's 2021 budget. *Deacon Fund* should be written in the memo line. Gifts may be made online, mailed or placed in the offering box at the back of the narthex.

Deacons Offer Seasonal Help for Those in Need

Our Deacons continue to help those in need. While assembling our traditional Thanksgiving Food Baskets is not currently possible, our team will be providing grocery gift cards to those who struggle and are working with local guidance counselors to identify at-risk families. The Deacons are again arranging with Wegmans to provide turkeys to a food pantry in Camden. Please DO NOT deliver turkeys to the church this year.

First Sunday of Advent Sunday, November 29 (Communion)

Angel Tree ONLINE

Watch for information about this year's virtual Angel Tree. Sign up to provide Christmas gifts for children of incarcerated parents, as well as the Christian Caring Center in Burlington County. Please do not return gifts to the church this year. Angel Tree is coordinated by our Deacons and Angel Tree coordinator Steve Connlain: sconnlain@gmail.com or (856) 425-5043.

**Church campus is CLOSED Nov. 26
-27 for Thanksgiving holiday.**

Holiday Poinsettias

Each year during Advent, the congregation has the opportunity to remember a loved one, honor an individual or recognize an occasion by purchasing a poinsettia to be placed in our worship spaces. **Order forms available Nov. 22, 29, Dec. 6, 2020 and NOW ONLINE!** Plants being taken home will be available after worship on December 20, 2020. Cost is \$13 per plant. Please mail your payment in to the church office with your order form or place in the offering box.



Christmas Toy Drive

As is tradition, Annette Emerson will be conducting the annual toy drive for the Presbytery Food Shelf in Camden. Can you help? Drop off new, **unwrapped** toys labeled "Emerson" at the Emerson HOME (329 Springhouse Lane, Moorestown). Or call Annette at 856-234-0717 for a pickup. *Gifts are most needed for ages 3-13.*

Join the Audio Visual Team

Looking for service hours? We are looking for friends high school or older to learn our new multi-camera system and audio for the Sunday morning live stream worship and planned contemporary service in December. We will train. Contact Martin Bass at mbass@fpcmoorestown.org or Steve Drzascz at steve@gotsteve.com.



*Please return your filled shoe boxes no later than **November 20th**. Boxes are still available if you would like to participate in this incredible ministry. Pick them up in the Miller Commons lobby!*

We Give to the Lord

To assist with 2021 budget projections, we kindly ask that all Estimates be turned in. You may submit your pledge securely online, mail it, stop by the church, or contact Norman Vandergrift at 856.235.1688, x112.

Floral Dedications

Now is the time to reserve Sunday flower donation dates for the rest of this year and for 2021. Vases are \$40 each and 2 vases are available each Sunday. Donations are being taken now. To reserve your special date(s), contact coordinator Rumi Sinunu at 856-266-4047 or rts319@gmail.com. What better way to commemorate loved ones or special dates in your life.

Watching Worship

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

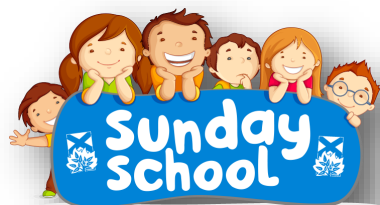
Log on from your computer, smartphone or tablet:

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

FAMILY MINISTRY

We're back in Sunday School. We have a seat for you.

Sunday School Returns After Worship



Sunday School meets every Sunday morning in Fellowship Hall from 10:45-11:30 a.m. through November, and **follows** the 9:30 a.m. indoor worship service. Curriculum is for students K

-6th grade. For information contact Holly Asciutto at 856.235.1688, Ext. 116 or hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org.

TODAY: Information Meeting, CREDO Class

When: **Sunday, November 15, 2020** at 11:00 am in Miller Commons: The CREDO Class returns in March of 2021. CREDO is a course for young people interested in learning about following Jesus and becoming members of the church. Pastor Stuart Spencer and Kelly LePenske will co-lead the class beginning Sunday, March 7, 2021. Students who began CREDO last year are invited to complete the course this year. On Sunday, Nov. 15, Kelly and Stuart will meet with interested students and their parents in Miller Commons from 11:00-11:45 a.m.

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

"To dwell in shalom is to enjoy living before God, to enjoy living in one's physical surroundings, to enjoy living with one's fellows, to enjoy life with oneself." - Nicholas Wolterstorff

For Families and Children:

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For Families and Youth:

Dave Fauvell
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dfauvell52@gmail.com

Groups Return for Children and Youth

REGISTER for our children's and youth groups online for Kingdom Kids (K-3rd), Crossing Zone (4th-6th), Flock (7th-8th) or Wave (9-12th). Share opportunities to learn about God, play games and find community among peers! Contact [Holly Asciutto](mailto:hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org) for Kingdom Kids and Crossing Zone groups, and [Dave Fauvell](mailto:dfauvell52@gmail.com) for Flock and Wave Youth Groups.

Virtual Gingerbread House Challenge!

Join us for a Virtual Gingerbread House Challenge! Come to the church and pick up a gingerbread house for you and your family to decorate together! **You can pick up your house on Nov. 15th or Nov. 22nd before or after services.** Take your house home and decorate it with whatever you'd like and take a picture and post it to our FPC Family Ministries Facebook Group on **Nov. 29th** by 4:00 p.m. to be entered into the judging! Check out our website and event pages for more information! [See our web-site for information!](#)



Family Advent Wreath

As we celebrate the Advent season we hope you will join us in an interactive family wreath lighting. You and your family are invited to connect in a new way with our congregation by conducting your own personal wreath lighting at home while participating in our live stream worship service. Light your wreath as we light ours beginning Nov. 29th through Dec. 24th. **Wreaths will be available for pick up Nov. 15 or Nov. 22 before or after Worship services.** Contact Holly Asciutto at hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org