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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](http://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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**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**

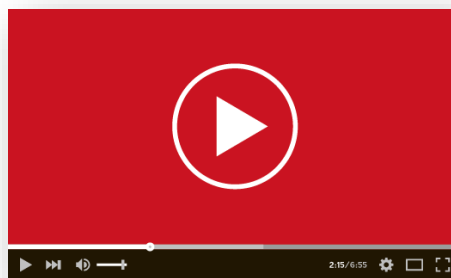
**Nov. 29-Dec. 6, 2020**

## Way of the Week 24 (November 29-December 6, 2020)

God has done and is doing something unique in your life.<sup>a</sup> Has God answered a prayer, provided help, or blessed you? Share it.<sup>b</sup> Ask God for opportunities to share your faith in Christ by words and deeds<sup>c</sup>

- ♦ <sup>a</sup>*"No, go back to your family, and tell them everything God has done for you." So he went all through the town proclaiming the great things Jesus had done for him. (Luke 8: 39)*
- ♦ <sup>b</sup>*Has the Lord redeemed you? Then speak out! Tell others he has redeemed you from your enemies. (Psalm 107: 2)*
- ♦ <sup>c</sup>*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere – in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1: 8)*

**Ideas for Action:** At the start of each morning this week, think about one thing you're grateful to God for from the previous 24 hours. Got it? Now share it with someone else in the course of today.



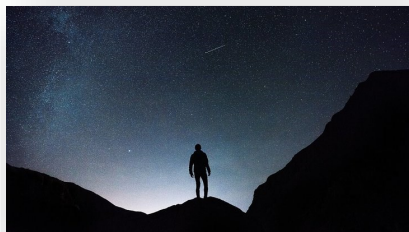
[Watch the Way of the Week Video](#) by Beth Lefferts

Advent begins November 29th. See our [2020 Advent Guide](#) with special event information for programming for this Advent Season.

**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. 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.



**West Jersey Chamber:**  
**At Home for the Holidays**

Members of the West Jersey Chamber Music Society's Chamber Chorale come together for a socially-distant musical holiday celebration on Sunday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m. This is the second live streamed concert of the 2020–21 season. Watch from the comfort of your home, for free! Host Ivan Woods guides audiences through the festive evening. **This free program will be broadcast online from [www.wjcms.org](http://www.wjcms.org) and [www.fpcmoores town.org](http://www.fpcmoores town.org).** Complete your registration in advance to receive a reminder and a copy of the PDF program.

**Sunday Worship**

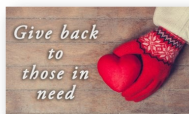
At the November Session meeting, it was decided to continue with one **9:30 a.m.** Blended Worship service, with live stream. Worship is limited to 75 attendees and 45 minutes, and seating is first come first served. Please enter through the glass doors. Sanctuary doors

open at 9:15 a.m. 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.](#)

**Christian Caring Center**  
**Gift Drive—ONLINE**

The Deacons have set up a website for Christian Caring Center to provide much needed items to local families. Please visit:

[www.yougivegoods.com/fpcm2020](http://www.yougivegoods.com/fpcm2020) and follow the prompts to choose goods to be delivered directly to the Christian Caring Center facility and distributed to those in need. Most appreciated are clothing and warm weather needs (adults and children), toys and books. Please complete online gift purchases by **Monday, Dec. 14**. For questions please contact Steve Connlain at 856.425.5043 cell/text or [sconnlain@gmail.com](mailto:sconnlain@gmail.com).



**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 manages a program for faith-rooted advocacy to federal lawmakers on issues related to global poverty. Amanda has worked with World Vision to support programs to improve global education and literacy rates, as well as the California State Senate, where she crafted statewide policy on behalf of the 38<sup>th</sup> Senate District. She holds degrees in theology and cross-cultural studies from Fuller Theological Seminary. [See our website for log on information.](#)

**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 through Dec. 6 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.



### Alternative Gift Market

The Alternative Gift Market catalog will be available **Dec. 1** and gifts may be purchased at church **Dec. 6, Dec. 13 and Dec. 20th** or anytime online. Look for tables in the narthex and Commons Lobby. Purchase your gifts ONLINE and pick up with a contact-free drive-up! Volunteers are needed to help with fulfillment; contact [Linda Jagiela](#) with the days you can help.

Charitable Gifts Supporting Non-Profits

## ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET

### 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.

**First Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, November 29**  
**Rev. Wes Allen, preaching  
(Lord's Supper)**

### 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. We will train. Contact either Martin Bass at [mbass@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:mbass@fpcmoorestown.org) or Steve Draszcz at [steve@gotsteve.com](mailto:steve@gotsteve.com).

### Advent Devotional

Beginning Sunday, November 29, the first Sunday in Advent, devotional booklets will be available to guide you through each day of Advent as we anticipate the good news of Christ's birth. Created by Kelly LePenske and our intern Beth Douglass, we'll reflect on what it means to be people of hope, peace, joy and love. Each day includes scripture, questions, action steps, and artwork for ages 15+. You can pick one up in the Miller Commons lobby, sanctuary narthex or download the PDF online at [fpcmoorestown.org](http://fpcmoorestown.org). Call the church office at 856.235.1688, or ask to have one mailed to you.

### 2020 Advent Guide

Throughout the four-week Season of Advent there are special, meaningful activities for all ages, some familiar and some new. Pick up a copy of our *2020 Advent Guide* at church or [download the PDF](#) from our website and eblast.

### Manger Sunday

Visit our website for suggested gift items for Manger Sunday gifts, which we will present on **Sunday, December 13th** (unwrapped please). Gifts will be provided to clients at Oaks Integrated Care.



### 2021 Pulpit Flowers

Reserve Sunday flower donations for 2021 to honor loved ones and special dates in your life. Vases are \$40 each and 2 vases are available each Sunday. To reserve your date(s), contact Rumi Sinunu at 856-266-4047 or [rts319@gmail.com](mailto:rts319@gmail.com).

### Special Holiday Giving Opportunities

- ◆ **Year-End Stock Donations** — Please remember the church in your year-end donations. Process gifts expediently by contacting your broker or [Norman Vandergrift](#) at 856-235-1688.

*For these offerings, you may mail a check, [give online](#), use the special envelopes in boxed sets or leave in the offering box. Please note in memo line.*

- ◆ **Christmas Green Offering**— this offering directly assists our church's program areas.
- ◆ **Christmas Joy Offering**— this gift to our denomination assists racial-ethnic schools and retired church workers who need financial assistance.
- ◆ **General Budget Help**— this gift above your pledged giving keeps our ministry going forward. Every gift helps us close our current financial gap.



*At this printing, plans are being developed for candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Services. We will be following health and safety protocols in response to current conditions for COVID-19. Services may be offered live streamed, pre-recorded, in-person or outdoors. Visit our website at [fpcmoorestown.org](http://fpcmoorestown.org) and Facebook page for updates.*

# FAMILY MINISTRY

**Sunday School time is extended to 10:45-11:45 a.m.!**



## Youth Small Group Leaders

- ♦ **Middle School Girls:** Colleen Young
- ♦ **Middle School Guys:** Dave Fauvell
- ♦ **Freshman/Sophomore Girls:** Sami Stewart, Carlie Blessing, Chloe Kenney, Gwen Wilkie
- ♦ **Junior Girls:** Lindsay Hinkson and Jess Winston
- ♦ **Senior Girls:** Corinne Callahan
- ♦ **Fresh/Soph Guys:** Nate Hinkson
- ♦ **Junior Guys:** Carl Krott and Durell Jenkins
- ♦ **Senior Guys:** Dave Fauvell

**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

“The angel reassured them. ‘Don’t be afraid!’ he said. ‘I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!’”  
- Luke 2: 10-11

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## Holiday Schedule

Please note that **Kingdom Kids** will meet again only on December 2nd from 4:45-5:15 p.m. As we determine safest practices for the new year, we will be in communication about future Kingdom Kids meetings and 2021 dates. If you are not on the email list for Kingdom Kids and would like to be please send an email to [rscarborough@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:rscarborough@fpcmoorestown.org).

**Crossing Zone** will meet December 2nd, 9th, 16th and break for the holidays December 23rd - January 20th, resuming January 27th. Starting January 27th, Crossing Zone will return to its previously scheduled meeting time of 6:30-7:30 p.m.

## Virtual Gingerbread House Challenge

Reminder for those who are participating in our Virtual Gingerbread House Challenge. Decorate your house with whatever you'd like, take a picture and post it to the FPC Family Ministries Facebook Group to be entered into the judging. Deadline: **Nov. 29th** by 4:00 p.m. [See our website for information!](#)



## Family Advent Wreath



As we celebrate the Advent season we hope families will join us in an [interactive wreath lighting](#). 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 one candle on your wreath with us each Sunday, beginning November 29 through December 24, lighting the Christ Candle on Christmas Eve. **Wreaths are still available!** [See our website for details](#) or the [Advent Guide](#).