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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

"Connections" is published weekly for Sunday worship and every two weeks in the summer. Please submit information by

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Are you receiving our Friday e-blast with announcements, Connections and upcoming events? If not, contact the [church office](#).



Connections



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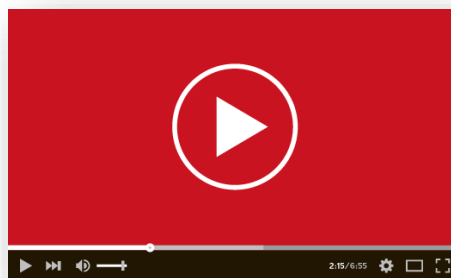
November 8-15, 2020

Way of the Week 21 (November 8-15, 2020)

21. YOU'RE SENT, NOW GO. We're blessed to be a blessing. God intends to use you to bless, heal, restore, and liberate a dark and hurting world. We're here for others: in our families and our community and in the world. Go to the need. Live missionally.

- ◆ *I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you. (Genesis 12: 2, 3)*
- ◆ *"You are the light of the world – like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. (Matthew 5: 14 – 16)*
- ◆ *Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." (John 20: 21)*

Ideas for Action: Check out the Missions tab on our website. Look at our local mission partners' websites for information and ideas for service. Contact Linda Jagiela, Director of Outreach, for additional suggestions. Make plans to go and serve ASAP.



[Watch the Way of the Week Video](#) by Rev. Jim Miller, friend of FPC Moorestown

Sunday School has started!

Meet in Fellowship Hall from 10:45-11:15 a.m.

Indoor Worship Began Sunday, November 1

We have returned to limited indoor gatherings for worship, with a **9:30 a.m.** Blended Worship service in the sanctuary. Steps have been taken to ensure this is a safe and meaningful experience. Worship is limited to 75 attendees and 45 minutes plus 15 minutes arriving/departing. Worship will continue to be live streamed. Entry will be through the glass doors to Check In, guests will wait in the Commons until 9:15 a.m., when they will walk across the parking lot to enter the narthex. Those with mobility issues may park in the handicapped lot by the sanctuary and enter through the narthex.

Temperatures will be taken upon arrival, and individuals must complete the Health Questionnaire and COVID-19 Waiver (if not already completed). Please wear a mask, and stay home if you are experiencing COVID symptoms. No reservations are required — seating is first come, first served

and overflow will be seated in Miller Commons to view the live stream on screen. Those who live together may be seated together. In all other cases, guests will physically distance. Please download the Church Center App to your smart phone to facilitate a contact-free check-in upon arrival (BELOW). **Can you help as a volunteer:** Please contact Paul Grossmann at 609-330-3214.

Download the Church Center App to Check-In

Check-in quickly, easily and contact-free from your smart phone. See the volunteer upon arriving. **Download the “Church Center App” from either the App Store (iPhone) or Google Play (Android). Follow prompts to enter our church, and select Check In when you arrive.** Hit NEXT to obtain the QR code and scan when attending worship to register your attendance. [See our website.](#)



Checking in for worship

Phone Live Streaming

We are embarking on a new program called Phone Live Streaming. When callers opt-in, their phone will ring anytime our Sunday service (or any live stream) 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.

Series: The (Un)simple Truth

Our adult spiritual formation series The (Un)simple Truth is a monthly Zoom webinar on the first Monday of every month (7-8 pm), featuring Christian authors, pastors and professors. **Our next event will be Monday, Dec. 7.**

If you missed our incredible presenters on Nov. 2, visit our website to hear their presentation. Dave and Marisa Avramovich are a phenomenal ministry team serving the Southwest Division of Young Life in the United States. They shared beautiful suggestions for working with diversity, living an authentic life, finding God in hidden places and following Christ today in an multicultural and often tumultuous world.

A Message from the APNC

The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) has continued to meet weekly on Zoom. We read Personal Information Forms (PIFs or resumes), do research, and discuss what we have learned. We have spoken with a few candidates, but God has still not led us to our next Associate Pastor for Youth and Discipleship Ministries. Please continue to pray for us, and for the person God is grooming for us.

Deacon Sunday

Sunday, November 15

Support the deacon ministry
with this annual offering

We Give to the Lord

On October 18th, Consecration Sunday, FPC church members dedicated their 2021 Estimate of Giving Cards. It was a spirit-filled day, featuring an inspiring sermon from Rev. Dr. Shane Berg and incredible Drive-Up Dedication Parade with over 50 cars! What a blessing!

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.

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

Our Audio Visual Team is looking for volunteers high school or older to learn our new multi-camera system and audio for the Sunday morning live stream worship and planned contemporary service beginning in December. We will train you. Contact Steve Drzaszcz at steve@gotsteve.com or Hank Heidler at hrheidler@comcast.net.

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.

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.



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.

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 **November 15th** or **November 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 **November 29th** by 4:00 pm to be entered into the judging! Check out our website and event pages for more information!

First Sunday of Advent Sunday, November 29

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^{ov}. 22 before or after Worship services. Contact Holly Ascianto at hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org

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. Please come join us!

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.

Information Meeting for 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

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For Families and Youth:
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Groups Return for Children and Youth

Family ministry programs are for children and youth in K through 12th grade. And we're back! Here, young people share opportunities to learn about God, play games and find community among their peers!

⇒ **Kingdom Kids - Grades K-3rd**

This group will meet ONE WEDNESDAY PER MONTH from 4:45- 5:30 pm. in Fellowship Hall (next group December 2nd, 2020. In January Kingdom Kids will be on break and will resume Feb. 3rd, 2021)

⇒ **Crossing Zone- Grades 4-6th**

This group will meet EVERY WEDNESDAY from 6:30-7:15 pm in Fellowship Hall starting on November 4th, 2020. (The last meeting of the year will be December 16th and Crossing Zone will resume January 27th, 2021)

⇒ **Flock - Grades 7+8, Wednesday Nights from 7:00-8:00 pm in Miller Commons**

⇒ **Wave - Grades 9-12, Sunday Nights from 6:30-8:30 pm in Miller Commons**

Staying Safe: Please note that all children and youth MUST WEAR MASKS the entire time they are on site and participating with their groups. Individuals are required to fill out a COVID Release Form and a Health Waiver in order to participate in programs. Parents must pick up and drop off only at Miller Commons Lobby doors. ***Due to the pandemic and the unpredictability please check our website regularly for updates.***

Contact [Holly Asciutto](mailto:hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org) for Kingdom Kids or Crossing Zone groups, and [Dave Fauvell](mailto:dfauvell52@gmail.com) for Flock and Wave Youth Groups.