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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](https://www.youtube.com) or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com). 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

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**Dec. 20-Jan. 3, 2021**

## Way of the Week 2 (Dec. 20-27, 2020)



**2. SPEAK THE TRUTH WITH LOVE.** Speak honestly and directly in a way that clearly reflects love and support for one another. Be courageous enough to say what needs to be said, even when it's difficult. Address issues directly with those who are involved or affected; speak to, not about, others.

*Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. (Ephesians 4: 29)*

**Ideas for Action:** Is there a difficult conversation you've been delaying? Is there someone you've been talking about instead of being direct? Pray for courage and grace to have the conversation, in person, if possible.

## Way of the Week 3 (Dec. 27-Jan. 3, 2021)



**3. LISTEN GENEROUSLY.** Be quick to listen and do so with your undivided attention. Minimize the distractions and let go of the need to agree or disagree. Suspend your judgment and be curious to know more rather than jumping to conclusions. Above all, listen to understand.

*Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires. (James 1: 19, 20)*

**Ideas for Action:** Put aside phones and laptops. Turn off the TV or computer and face someone you love. Focus on what the other is saying; not on what you want to say. Be careful that you're not interrupting because you're not listening to them.

### **The Ways**

On December 13, we began our fifth round of the Ways, our culture statements we've identified and consider as touch points each week. Look for how this round intertwines the way with elements of the worship service and sermon, showing concrete examples of how the ways are fundamental in our spiritual journey.

## Registration Opens for Step by Step Preschool

Now is the time to register for the 2020-21 school year at Step by Step Christian Preschool, a ministry of FPC Moorestown. **Early registration for church members and current enrollees begins the week of January 11.** Open registration for all others will begin on January 27. Applications can be found online at [www.fpcmoorestown.org/registration](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org/registration) beginning January 8<sup>th</sup>. Classes begin in September 2021 and are available for 2 ½ year olds (age 2 by April 1), 3-year olds (age 3 by Sept 30) and Pre-K students (age 4 by Sept. 30). Step by Step offers flexible options for morning or afternoon sessions for 2, 3, 4 or 5 days a week, and is open to members of the church and surrounding communities. Visit the preschool's web site for more information at <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/growth/step-by-step-preschool/> or contact [Amy Delgado](#) at 856.235.1688, x132.



## Christmas Eve Schedule

We will be offering three services on Christmas Eve. Please see our eblast, website, pastor's letter and Facebook for information.

**NOTE: Due to pending storms, there is a chance services may be moved to Wed. Dec. 23.**

- ◆ **3:00 pm:** Outdoor Service in the courtyard (between the sanctuary and the Commons, approx. 20 minutes in length)
- ◆ **4:00 pm:** Live Stream Communion Service in the sanctuary (NO in-person attendance)
- ◆ **7:00 pm:** Outdoor Service in the courtyard, approx. 20 minutes



## New Sermon Series

From January 3 to February 14, Rev. Spencer preaches a series of sermons called, "What a Wonderful World" based on the seven days of creation. These sermons will provide a reflection on the ever-present wonder and mystery of all that God created. "God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator." (Confession of 1967). Following a difficult and demanding year, we begin 2021 rejoicing and finding renewal in the gifts of creation.

## Sermon SERIES

## Sunday Worship

At this time, Session has approved to continue with one **9:30 a.m.** Blended Worship service, presented by live stream. Worship in the sanctuary 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.](#)

## Poinsettias

If you ordered holiday poinsettias, they will be available to take home after worship on **Sunday, December 20**. Thank you to Floral Guild chair Stacy Schaffer for arranging our beautiful display.

## Series: The (Un)simple Truth

The series is on hiatus for January, and will return Monday, February 1, 2021. Watch for the upcoming webinar link.

**DID YOU MISS IT?** If you did not get a chance to view the December 7 episode with Amanda Mootz from World Vision when it aired, you still can. Log on to our website [fpcmoorestown.org](http://fpcmoorestown.org) and visit the (Un)simple Truth page.

### **Alternative Gift Market**

The Alternative Gift Market catalog is still available and gifts may be purchased through Dec. 24. Look for tables in the narthex and Commons Lobby. Purchase your gifts and pick up with a contact-free drive-up too. If you need help contact Linda Jagiela at [misions@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:misions@fpcmoorestown.org). Volunteers are needed to help with fulfillment; contact Linda if you can help (cell 267-275-7582).

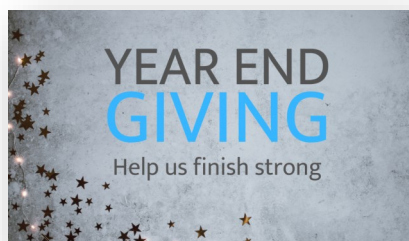


### **Christmas Toy Drive**

Annette Emerson wishes to thank everyone who generously donated toys to the Presbytery Food Shelf in Camden. She was overwhelmed at your generosity!

### **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**

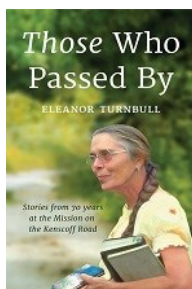
*For these offerings, you may mail a check, [give online](#), use the special envelopes in boxed sets or leave in the offering box. Please note in memo line. THANK YOU to all who have generously responded to the pastor's recent end of year letter.*

- ◆ **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, Ext. 112.
- ◆ **Christmas Green Offering**— this offering directly assists our church's program areas.
- ◆ **General Budget Help**— this gift above your pledged giving keeps our ministry going forward. Every gift helps us close our current financial gap.

### **Missions Book Club**

#### **January 18, 2021 (Zoom)**

Our January Book Club will be reading *Those Who Passed By* by Eleanor Turnbull. The veteran missionary traces the story of Haiti's development by what happens along the Kenscoff Road and those who travel its bumps and curves.



Throughout her nearly 70 years working in development and rural medical care, Eleanor met countless men and women who were just "passing by." These are their stories. Find the Zoom link on our Events page and website.

### **Annual Meeting / Reports**

The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held **Sunday, February 7, 2021** via Zoom. Committee chairs are asked to please provide a report summarizing events of 2019-2020 to Jan Martin by **Friday, January 15**. Please email reports to [jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org). Please let Jan know if you would like to receive a copy of last year's report. Copies of the *2020 Annual Report* will be available Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021 at church and online.



### **Join the Audio Visual Team**

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 Drzaszcz at [steve@gotsteve.com](mailto:steve@gotsteve.com).

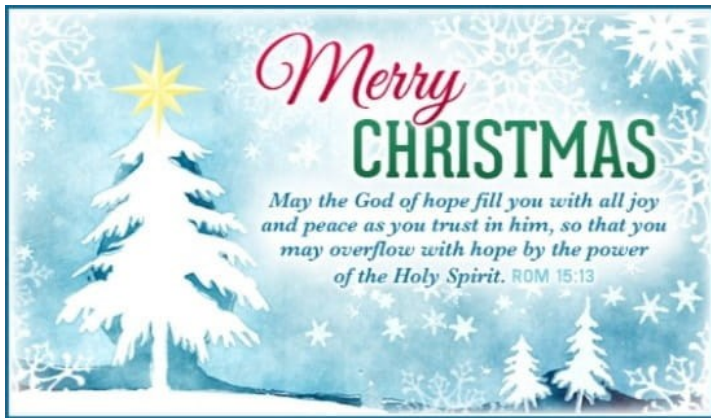
### **2020-2021 Preschool Registration**





# FAMILY MINISTRY

**SUNDAY SCHOOL is off Dec. 20, 27 and Jan. 3. See you January 10!**



**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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## Kingdom Kids and Crossing Zone Winter Break

### Crossing Zone

**Crossing Zone's last meeting of the year (Dec. 16) has been rescheduled for Monday, December 23rd due to the winter storm.** Snow! We will meet in Fellowship Hall from 6:30-7:30 pm for our Christmas party. Crossing Zone will then break for the holidays, returning Wednesday, January 27th, when the group returns to its previous format of a full hour 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### Kingdom Kids

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 Rachel Scarborough at [rscarborough@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:rscarborough@fpcmoorestown.org).

