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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.** The service 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 am 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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January 17-24, 2021

Way of the Week 6 (January 17-24, 2021)



6. FORGIVE ... AGAIN. Just as God forgives us, heal relationships by extending forgiveness with grace and generosity. Forgive everyone everything. Start by praying for those you resent or hate. Ask for every blessing you would want for the one you're struggling to forgive.

- ♦ *If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins. (Matthew 6: 13, 14)*
- ♦ *Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. (Ephesians 4: 31)*
- ♦ *Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. (Colossians 3: 13)*

Ideas for Action: Work on "dropping" the anger you have. Don't let it come between you and someone else. Stop bringing up the hurt in public or with friends. Stop nursing the memory of how you've been wronged.

Watch your mail in the coming weeks for a letter from Rev. Spencer and Stewardship chair Nancy Chumney about our per capita giving as a Connectional Church.

Registration Open for Step by Step Preschool

Now is the time to register for the 2021-2022 school year at Step by Step Christian Preschool, a ministry of FPC Moorestown. **Early registration for church families and current enrollees began January 11.** Open registration for all others will begin on January 27. Applications can be found online at www.fpcmoorestown.org/registration beginning January 8th. 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 director [Amy Delgado](#) at 856.235.1688, x132.

Spring Inquirer's Class

The Membership Committee will be holding a Spring Inquirer's Class virtually in February or March for those interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church and possibly joining the congregation. The two-part series will be held on a Wednesday (7:00-8:30 pm) and Saturday (9:00am-1:30 pm); exact dates are to be determined.

During this class you'll learn about what we believe as a church, some of the ministries we have here, and discuss basic Christian beliefs. It is a great starting point to explore what we do here at FPC Moorestown and if this church might be the right church for you!

To indicate interest, contact Alison Mackey at 856-235-1688, Ext. 113 or amackey@fpcmoorestown.org. Watch for the Zoom link on our Events page, eblast and website.

Evening Prayer Service

We continue to see the Lord together on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm with our live streamed Evening Prayer service. Several individuals have joined Pastor Spencer in setting Thursdays as a day for Fasting and Prayer.

Our Prayer services will now be around **15 minutes** in length. On the first and fourth Thursday of each month, we'll pray about our concerns as a congregation. Your prayer requests—both joys and concerns—are welcome. Please submit to the Church Office by **9:00 a.m. on Wednesdays**. On the second Thursday, we offer a guided prayer time using the Harvest Prayer of Jesus as we seek to make disciples. On the third week, we'll be praying for the important matter of racial healing and reconciliation using a time of guided prayer.



Annual Meeting Webinar

The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held **Sunday, February 7, 2021** via Zoom webinar.

Copies of the *2020 Annual Report*, which provides a year in review for 2020 for the church's ministry areas, will be available Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021 at church and online through our eblast, website and online Events page.

January 31st is Blanket Sunday

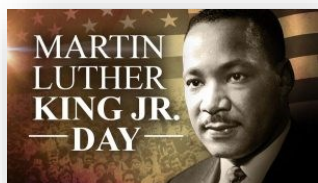
Blanket Sunday, a special offering sponsored by our Deacons and Church World Service, is coming Sunday, January 31. Your contributions enable Church World Service to help families around the world stay warm, recover from disasters and displacement, while helping to rebuild viable, sustainable lives and communities. [Visit our Events page to watch a short video ...](#)

To donate, simply select the Blanket Sunday drop down from our secure online giving menu at www.fpcmoorestown.org, or you may mail checks made out to First Presbyterian Church with Blanket Sunday noted in the memo line.



Winter Gathering by PW: **Monday, January 25**

All women of the church and their guests are invited to the Presbyterian Women's Winter Gathering on **Monday, January 25** via Zoom. This evening of fellowship, information, and inspiration will feature Linda Jagiela, FPC director of outreach, at **7:00 pm**. Topic: *The Changing Face of Mission in the World*. Watch the online events page, eblast and website for Zoom link information. We are again collecting **cotton socks** for clients of the Christian Caring Center. Place your donations in the box in the Commons Lobby throughout January. All are welcome to the event.



Honoring Dr. King

In observance of the birthday of Martin Luther King, the church campus will be CLOSED on Monday, January 18. Honor the legacy of Rev. King (1929-1968), by making it a "day on, not off," and volunteer, engage with communities and lend a hand in service.

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.

Sam Scheibe Recital

On Saturday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m., Sam Scheibe, FPC Moorestown music intern, will present choral works in an undergraduate recital via live stream. Join us for an evening of entirely new choral music sung by student singers under the direction of their conductor, Max Brey. To view the concert visit www.fpcmoorestown.org/live-stream. Sam is a candidate for a Bachelor's in Music for Music Education and Music Theory/Composition from Westminster Choir College of Rider University, and is a student of Dr. Joel Phillips.



Joint Session Meeting **Tuesday, January 26 (Zoom)** 7:00 pm with Deacons

Fasting on Thursdays

Join Pastor Stuart Spencer on Thursdays for a day of full or partial fasting. However or whenever you fast on Thursdays. 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, and be sure to participate in our Evening Prayer Service at 7:00 pm. 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. Visit our [Events page](#) and website for more information.

Spotlight on Youth

Visit the *Feature* section of our [website](#) to view a video by interim youth director Dave Fauvell (scroll down to the green Feature bar). Listen as Dave shares the very intentional way he has repackaged our youth ministry in this pandemic, and realized blessing after blessing. Our youth are incredible!

The (Un)simple Truth

The adult education webinar returns in February but will be rescheduled from the February 1 date. This will conclude the series. You can view all episodes on our website fpcmoorestown.org and the [\(Un\)simple Truth page](#).

Ash Wednesday **February 17** **Lenten Book Selection**

Annual Giving Statements

Annual giving statements for 2020 will be mailed to households in late January. Thank you for your generous giving to your church in this tumultuous year. For any questions regarding your giving, please contact [Norm Vandergrift](#) at (856) 235-1688, Ext. 112.

Sunday Worship

Our 9:30 a.m. Sunday service is held in the sanctuary and also airs via live stream. Capacity is 75 people and 45 minutes with generously spaced seating. Please enter through the glass doors. Sanctuary doors open at 9:15 a.m. Please physically distance, wear a mask and download the [Church Center App](#) to your smart phone to facilitate a contactless check-in. [Visit our website for more information.](#)

FAMILY MINISTRY

Come hang out with us at Sunday School (10:45-11:45 a.m.)



"IF YOU CAN'T FLY THEN RUN,
IF YOU CAN'T RUN THEN WALK,
IF YOU CAN'T WALK THEN
CRAWL, BUT WHATEVER YOU
DO YOU HAVE TO KEEP
MOVING FORWARD."

Martin Luther King Jr.



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

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

- Genesis 1:1

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Kingdom Kids and Crossing Zone Winter Break

Crossing Zone

Crossing Zone (grades 4-6th) is on winter break, returning **Wednesday, January 27, 2021**. In January, Crossing Zone 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 (K-3rd) 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.

Have questions?

For questions regarding these groups, contact Holly Asciutto at 609.273.7465 (cell) or hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org.

Stay tuned for some very special plans for Lent!



Wednesday, February 17
7:00 pm Worship (live stream)