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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](http://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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**February 28-March 7, 2021**

## Way of the Week 12 (February 28-March 7, 2021)



**12. OWN OUR CHURCH.** The work of the church isn't defined by pastors and staff alone; it comes from each member actively participating in the life of Jesus Christ. Claim ownership of FPC Moorestown's mission, programs, and property. Each is an expression of how God is working among us! Support others. Be informed. Volunteer for a new role. Live like you're the church – because you are!

- *All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it. (1 Corinthians 12: 27)*
- *This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad. (1 Corinthians 12: 26)*

**Ideas for Action:** Spend a few minutes on our website to learn about some aspect of our ministry or mission that's new or unknown to you. Fuel your curiosity and consider getting involved in an area of ministry that brings you joy!

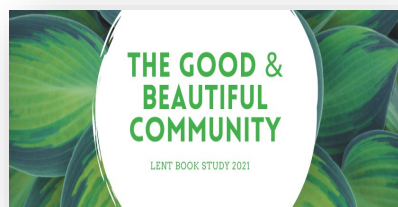
**YES**, there's still time to join one of the [Lenten small groups](#) reading "The Good and Beautiful Community." Jump in. See page 2 for information on getting started, and how to pick up a book at the church office (\$12).

**SENIORS:** do you need help registering for the COVID vaccine?

[Chris Catanella](#) and [Ginny Weber](#) are available to help you. [See our events page!](#)

### [Lenten Book Study](#)

Over 120 people are signed up for our six-week church-wide study of [The Good and Beautiful Community](#) which began the first week of Lent. Author James Bryan Smith, a professor and Methodist pastor, asks the questions: 1) How do we become more authentic Christ-followers, and 2) How do we become a beloved and vital community for others, no matter our differences? **Sign ups are OPEN; visit our [online Events page](#) or [website](#).** Book groups run through Easter. Groups are meeting either online or in person, observing COVID-19 protocols. Order books for \$12 through the church office. Contact [Alison Mackey](#) at 856.235.1688, Ext. 113 to reserve a copy or for help signing up.



### [Holy Week and Easter](#)

#### [Sunday, March 28 ~ Palm Sunday](#)

- Outdoor morning service at 8:30 a.m. (weather permitting)
- 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary worship

#### [Thursday, April 1 ~ Maundy](#)

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- Maundy Thursday worship at 7:00 pm; Lord's Supper
- Beth Douglass preaching
- Outdoor in the courtyard with a drama

#### [Friday, April 2 ~ Good Friday](#)

- Good Friday Tenebrae Worship at 7:00 pm
- Frantz Constant preaching

#### [Sunday, April 4 ~ Easter Sunday](#)

- 6:30 am worship: Cemetery Cross; Lord's Supper
- 8:30 am worship: Outdoor Worship (weather permitting)
- 11:00 am worship: Sanctuary Worship (live stream only)

### [Per Capita Due Feb. 28](#)

THANK YOU to all who have returned their per capita giving, which is due by **February 28**. As Presbyterians, we are a *connec-tional church*. This assessment is a "per member" contribution of **\$38.75 per member** above one's pledge, that each church pays annually to the larger church and includes funding for the General Assembly, Synod and West Jersey Presbytery.

Congregation members are asked to help provide the \$38.75 for themselves and/or their member children (if able). Or you may [submit an "opt out" request](#) if you do NOT wish this portion to be paid. You must alert the church office to opt out. Your response and support is most appreciated and will assist the church in paying this assessment. For questions please call [Norman Vandergrift](#) in the church office at 856.235.1688, Ext. 112.

### [CREDO: Starts March 7](#)

CREDO is a course for young people who are interested in learning about following Jesus and becoming members of the church. Pastor Stuart Spencer and Kelly LePenske will co-lead the class which begins on **Sunday, March 7** from 11:00 am-12:15 pm in Miller Commons, following all COVID protocols.

Those students who began CREDO last year are invited to complete the course this year.

For information or to sign up contact Pastor Stuart at [sspencer@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:sspencer@fpcmoorestown.org) or the church office at 856.235.1688.

### [Easter Flower Orders](#)

Orders for Easter flowers will be taken **March 7, 14 and 21**. [Order online](#) and mail in your payment, or submit payment and your order form in the narthex following worship. Flowers are \$13 each and will be assorted spring varieties. Flowers may be picked up after worship on Easter April 4 (6:30 a.m. Cemetery Cross; 8:30 a.m. Outdoor, and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Live Stream.)

### [Palm Sunday Offering:](#) [One Great Hour of Sharing](#)

**Families:** Fish banks will be available in the Lent-in-a-Bags. [Gifts may be made online](#) using the One Great Hour of Sharing drop down. Palm Sunday is March 28th. See page 4.

### Pastor Vacation

Pastor Stuart Spencer will be out of the office through **March 2**. Please contact [Kelly LePenske](#) or [Jan Martin](#) for pastoral care during this time at 856.235.1688.

### Spring Inquirers' Class held virtually in March

The Membership Committee will be holding a Spring Inquirers' Class via Zoom for those interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church and possibly joining the congregation. The three-part series will be held online on the following dates:

- ♦ Wed. March 3 (7:00-8:30 pm)
- ♦ Sat. March 6 (8:30-10:30 am)
- ♦ Sun. March 7 (11-12:30 pm with Session)

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!

Register on the [online Events page](#) or contact Alison at 856-235-1688, Ext. 113. [See our website and online events page for links.](#)

### Church Entry

During regular business hours, please enter the church building through the unlocked glass doors by Miller Commons. The back staff lot door is locked. Masks are required on campus. Staff is available in the offices by appointment and via email, cell and text.

### Have you remembered the church in your will?

### It's a Boy

Congratulations to Martin and Christine Bass, who became grandparents for the 7th time. Their daughter Trina had a baby boy, Noah Alexander on February 24 in Norway. "Mom and baby are doing good! Praise God!"

### How Can You Serve Your Church?

The Nominations Committee is currently seeking individuals to staff the three Boards of the church: Elders, Deacons and Trustees. Please pray about where God may be calling you. [Fill out an online nominations form](#) on our online events page to nominate yourself or others. Questions? Contact Gil Warren at [gbkwarren@verizon.net](mailto:gbkwarren@verizon.net).

### Registration Open for Step by Step Preschool

Open registration is underway for the 2021-2022 school year at Step by Step Christian Preschool. Applications can be found online at [www.fpcmoorestown.org/registration](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org/registration). Classes begin in September 2021 and are for 2 ½ year olds, 3-year olds and Pre-K students. Learn more at [www.fpcmoorestown.org/step-by-step-preschool](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org/step-by-step-preschool) or contact [Amy Delgado](#) at 856.235.1688, x132.

### Connections Hard Copy?

Would you or someone you know prefer to receive *Connections* in "snail mail" instead of electronically? Please contact [Jan Martin](#) in the church office at 856.235.1688, Ext. 133 with your name and address.

### Blood Drive Needs YOU

Appointments are being taken, and are required, for the American Red Cross Blood Drive on **Thursday, March 4th** from 1-6 p.m. in Miller Commons. This is a simple, free, COVID-safe way to make a meaningful difference. So please sign up for this needed blood drive, and our upcoming drive on May 14th. Donate a gift of life! For questions, contact Deborah Heller at (856) 273-6838 or [dheller374@comcast.net](mailto:dheller374@comcast.net). To schedule an appointment visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).



THANK YOU FPC Moorestown for helping to fill the **Socks Box**! The contents are being delivered to the Christian Caring Center in Browns Mills. An article in the Feb. 21 Courier Post highlighted the need: "National surveys reveal the No. 1 requested item by homeless shelters is not coats or hats, but clean socks. In addition to protecting the feet from hypothermia and frostbite, those surveys also show that homeless guests often suffer from extensive foot problems such as blisters, infections, and other skin-related conditions due to the lack of clean socks." Thank you for stepping up so others can step out more comfortably!



- Presbyterian Women



# FAMILY MINISTRY

**Hang with us at Sunday School 10:45-11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall**

[Kingdom Kids](#) (K-3rd) and [Crossing Zone](#) (grades 4-6th) will meet **Wednesday, March 3** with all COVID protocols in place:

- ⇒ Kingdom Kids: 4:45-5:45 p.m. Fellowship Hall
- ⇒ Crossing Zone: 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
Contact [Holly Asciutto](#) at cell 609.273.7465

### **One Great Hour of Sharing March 28**

The Lent bags will include the One Great Hour of Sharing “fish banks,” our traditional Palm Sunday activity.

**WE HAVE AN AMAZING TEAM leading our youth.** For information and small group schedules, please contact interim youth director Dave Fauvell at 609-980-7885 cell/text or [dfauvell52@gmail.com](mailto:dfauvell52@gmail.com) for group locations.

**Current Small Groups:** Middle School Girls; Middle School Guys; Freshman/Sophomore Girls; Junior Girls; Senior Girls; Freshman/Sophomore Guys; Junior Guys; Senior Guys.



**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

“What is important is faith expressing itself in love.”

- Galatians 5: 6

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### **Lent-In-a-Bag Take Home Activity: Praying with Jesus**

The 40 days of Lent has historically been a time of fasting, prayer, and study for those wishing to grow closer to God. It can be a time for personal and collective reflection and transformation. We look honestly at ourselves and are reminded of who we belong to while aligning with Christ's sacrifice. In scripture, the number 40 is significant as the Israelites spent forty years in the wilderness preparing for the promised land, and Jesus went into the wilderness for forty days to prepare for his ministry. These two stories show us that God can use Lent to help us make new choices and begin a new direction for our hearts and lives. The Lent bags will also include the One Great Hour of Sharing “fish banks” for Palm Sunday’s offering.

**Lent-in-a-Bag** is a take-home activity we are offering beginning Ash Wednesday February 17 to each FPC Moorestown family. [Read more on our online events page, eblast, or website.](#) The First Sunday in Lent was February 21.

- ⇒ **What it Contains:** Each kit contains everything you need. Families will pick one day each week, and after dinner or before bedtime, take turns, reaching in and pulling out the self-contained devotion for the week. This Lent-in-a-Bag is themed “Praying with Jesus.” Each Scripture and devotion are about one of the times Jesus used prayer before a major act or immediately after. This does not require much time, but families, especially children, will look forward to each week with anticipation.
- ⇒ **How to receive one:** If you would like to pick up a Lent-in-a-Bag, they are available in the Commons Lobby during Choristers and Crossing Zone, and Sunday Mornings in the Commons Lobby.

For more information please contact Holly Asciutto [hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org) or cell/text 609.273.7465.