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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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March 14-21, 2021

Way of the Week 13 (March 14-21, 2021)



14. GROW FAITH. Take advantage of every chance you have to form your faith – through small groups, classes, and personal study. Be a disciple and look to learn from those who know more of the Bible and Christian life than you do, then look for opportunities to share what you've gained with someone else.^{a,b}

^a*Then, calling the crowd to join His disciples, He said, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. (Mark 8: 34)*

^b*You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others. (2 Timothy 2: 2)*

Ideas for Action: If you're not currently in a small group, call the church office and ask for assistance in finding one. Ask for some time with someone whose faith you respect and pick their brains on their practices of faith formation.

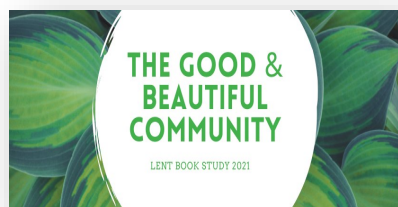
NEW

In an effort to gather data regarding viewership of our Sunday live stream, would you kindly check in from your smart phone using the Church Center App if you are watching the Sunday live stream? It's easy! [Read more and see page 3 ...](#)



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

The Worship Committee is finalizing the schedule and locations of worship for Holy Week and Easter:

Sunday, March 28 ~ Palm Sunday (in-person attendance)

- 8:30 a.m. service (Commons)
- 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary worship

Thursday, April 1 ~ Maundy Thursday

- Maundy Thursday worship at 7:00 pm; Lord's Supper
- Beth Douglass preaching
- Miller Commons (live stream)

Friday, April 2 ~ Good Friday

- Good Friday Tenebrae Worship at 7:00 pm (Sanctuary, overflow)
- Frantz Constant preaching

Sunday, April 4 ~ Easter Sunday

- 6:30 am worship: by Cemetery Cross; Lord's Supper (in-person)
- 8:30 am Contemporary Worship (live stream only)
- 11:00 am Sanctuary Worship (live stream only)

Drive Through Wedding Shower for Kelly & Joey **Sunday, April 11**

Taking no chance of COVID-19 transmission before The Big Day on May 15, we are happily presenting a Drive Through Wedding Shower for the bride and groom, who will be in attendance to receive your joyous well wishes. Please enter the main church parking lot off of Bridgeboro Road from **12:30-1:30 p.m.**

Because they will be moving to Brooklyn and their living situation is in flux, it is requested that envelopes with gift cards be dropped off at the shower. [See our online events page for a list of requested vendors.](#)

Volunteers will be there to safely retrieve it from your car. Guests are encouraged NOT to bring wrapped gifts, please.



CREDO

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 began 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 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 the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Easter Sunday April 4th.)

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.

Welcome New Members

Sunday, March 14th during worship at 9:30 a.m. we will welcome the members of the Inquirers' Class who have completed the series, provided their Statement of Faith to Session, and indicated their desire to join. Planning to join are:

- ◆ Kim Andreola & Matt Barnum
- ◆ Mark & Lori Bell
- ◆ Thomas & Evelyn Cannon
- ◆ Amit Joshi & Nikki Ariaratnam
- ◆ Ken Vartan

Welcome! In the Worship Guide is a listing of these new members and their contact information.

How Can You Serve?

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.

Church Entry

During regular business hours Monday through Friday, 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?

Check In for Live Stream (watching from home)

In an effort to gather data regarding our Sunday live stream, viewers are kindly asked to check in quickly on their smart phone by using the Church Center App **when they are watching our Sunday live stream – from anywhere.** (At this time, check in is not available on the computer). If you haven't downloaded the "Church Center App" to your phone, please do so, and follow the prompts to select our church.

When watching on live stream from home or anywhere:

- ◆ Open your Church Center App on your phone or device
- ◆ Select the "Check-In" icon
- ◆ Tap the service you are viewing (will say '**Sunday Morning Live Stream**' in the title)
- ◆ Check-in yourself and your family members
- ◆ That's it! Our reports will tell us you were watching

Check-in procedures when attending worship in-person remain the same: Check in through the Commons Lobby and check in using the Church Center App on your phone or tablets manned by volunteers. Scan the QR code to register your attendance.

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.

Free Live Stream Concert: All Worlds, All Times

On **Saturday, March 20** at 7:30 p.m. the West Jersey Chamber Music Society presents "All Worlds, All Times," a free live-streamed concert featuring works for string quartet and quintet that explore the inspirations composers draw from countries and cultures outside their own. The live video broadcast will be available at concert time at WJCMS.org/AllWorlds.

March Session Meeting Tuesday, March 23 Reports due March 19

Teachings from Millie Dienert Available on CD

Remember Millie Dienert, long time Community Bible Study leader? Her teachings of how God loves us are available— FREE. Subjects include *Brokenness, Inner Serenity, The God I Want, The Whys of Life* - and more. Contact Joyce Wenzke or our [online events page](#) for a complete list of available CDs: jwwenzke@aol.com or 609-410-4118.

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. 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 or contact [Amy Delgado](#) at 856.235.1688, x132.

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 17** 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](mailto:Holly.Asciutto@fpcmoorestown.org) 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. Please return on Palm Sunday March 28.

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 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 to each FPC Moorestown family. [Read more on our online events page, eblast, or website.](#) The First Sunday in Lent was February 21. Bags were available starting on Ash Wednesday.

- ⇒ **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 or cell/text 609.273.7465.