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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 21-28, 2021

Way of the Week 15 (March 21-28, 2021)



15. WELCOME CHANGE. Be curious about new ideas, perspectives, and approaches. Get excited by the possibilities that change can bring. What worked in the past won't always work in the future, for God is doing new things.

- ⇒ *"And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the wine would burst the wineskins, and the wine and the skins would both be lost. New wine calls for new wineskins." (Mark 2: 22)*
- ⇒ *And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" (Revelation 21: 6)*
- ⇒ *This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! (2 Corinthians 5: 17)*

Ideas for Action: This is a simple one, so try it. Sit in different pew in the sanctuary or seat in Miller Commons next Sunday. See what happens.

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 ...](#)

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.



Holy Week and Easter

The Worship Committee has finalized the 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

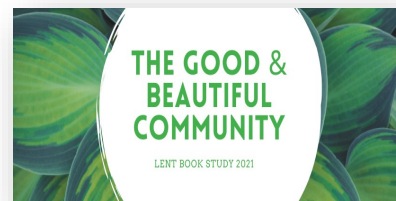
- Good Friday Tenebrae Worship at 7:00 pm (Sanctuary, overflow)
- Frantz Constant preaching

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)

Lenten Book Study

Over 120 people 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? Visit our [online Events page](#) or website. Book groups run through Easter. Books are available for \$12 in the church office. Contact [Alison Mackey](#) at 856.235.1688, Ext. 113.



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 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 were also invited to complete the course this year. Those who wish to join the church will present their Statement of Faith to Session on June 6, and be welcomed to the congregation on June 13.



Easter Flower Orders

Orders for Easter flowers are due **Sunday, March 21st.** [Order online](#) and mail in your payment, or submit payment and your order form in the narthex following worship. You may also drop your orders off in the church office. 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 welcomed the members of the Inquirers' Class who have completed the series, provided their Statement of Faith to Session, and indicated their desire to join.

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

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.

Connections Hard Copy?

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

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](#).

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.

Check In for LIVE STREAM

In order 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 watch our Sunday live stream**. (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 prompts to select our church wherever you are viewing:

- ◆ 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 are unchanged: Participants and congregants check in with volunteers in the Commons Lobby using the Church Center App on your phone or the available tablets. Scan the QR code to register attendance.



Step by Step Popcorn Fundraiser!

Our preschool is selling delicious, premium quality popcorn from the famous Poppin' Popcorn Company offered by SaveAround, to raise money for our school! We earn 50% profit for each bag sold! [See brochure on our online events page](#) or the school website. Collect \$15 for each bag you wish to order. Make checks payable to the church (please include phone number on check). Money is due when the order is placed. Return completed order form along with payment in an envelope marked "SaveAround Popcorn Sale" to the church office or Amy Delgado's mailbox. **Orders due by March 31.** Contact Amy at adelgado@fpcmoorestown.org or 856.235.1688, Ext. 132.

March Session Meeting Tuesday, March 23

Church Building 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?

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 24** 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:hasciutto@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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- ⇒ If you would still 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.
- ⇒ **Easter Egg Hunt** will be held Saturday, March 27th at 10:30 a.m. for ages birth to 4th grade — **OUTSIDE ONLY** so please dress appropriately and don't forget your basket! See information in eblasts and on this page.
- ⇒ For more information please contact Holly Asciutto hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org or cell/text 609.273.7465.

MARCH 27TH @ 10:30AM

Easter Egg Hunt

Please bring your basket and wear a mask . We will be outside **ONLY** so please dress appropriately !
Meet us in the parking lot !
Ages : Birth - 4th grade

IN CASE OF RAIN : Come pick up your eggs between 10:30 -11:00am instead on March 27th to have your Easter egg hunt at home!