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Worship. Connect. Serve. Devote.

JOIN US from the safety of your home or safely gather at church for worship Sunday morning:

8:30 am Contemporary 11:00 am Traditional

April 11 we move to our schedule of 8:30 am Traditional and 11:00 a.m. Contemporary.

Worship streams live from each worship space and participants in attendance observe strict protocols per state regulations.

Log on from any device to www.fpcmoorestown.org or YouTube or Facebook.

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Are you receiving our Friday
e-blast with announcements,
Connections and upcoming
events? If not, contact the
church office.



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First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

March 28-April 4, 2021

Way of the Week 16 (March 28-April 4, 2021)



- **16. GIVE CHEERFULLY.** Rejoice, you get to give! Think of giving as a privilege rather than an obligation, a joy instead of a burden. As you consider all that's been entrusted to you time, abilities and money ask, "How is God calling me to share what I've been given?"
- ♦ You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." (2 Corinthians 9: 7)
- "Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back." (Luke 6: 38)

Ideas for Action: Consider making a special financial gift this week to the church or one of our mission partners. What else, besides money, can you give this week? How about your time or your forgiveness?

We Give to the LORD

Because Holy Week and Easter services will be primarily via live stream, holiday offerings can be submitted securely online (use Easter drop down) or mailed to the church at 101 Bridgeboro Road, Moorestown, NJ 08057. Please note "Easter offering" in memo line.

Drive Through Wedding Shower for Kelly & JoeySunday, 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)

Good Friday Virtual Worship: 7 Last Words of Christ

Friday, April 2

Moorestown Ministerium presents a Virtual Good Friday Service: The Last 7 Words of Christ featuring local preachers. Our Stuart Spencer preaches the 7th word. Available virtually; 12 noon.

Visit Trinity Episcopal's YouTube page http://www.youtube.com or our website at www.fpcmoorestown.org.



Return to Two Services

At its March 23rd meeting, the Worship Committee approved a schedule for worship to begin after Easter. Beginning on **Sunday, April 11**, we will return to two worship services and are happy to be able to safely provide the experience of our Contemporary service.

- ♦ 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons)
- ◆ Sunday School for ages Kindergarten to 6th grade will move to 9:45-10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Easter Flowers

If you purchased Easter flowers, they may be picked up after the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Easter Sunday April 4th.

Easter Worship Sunday, April 4th

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



Palm Sunday Offering: One Great Hour of Sharing

Families: Fish bank offerings for our traditional Palm Sunday offering may be dropped off in both Commons Lobby and Narthex locations. Look for the baskets! Offerings may also be made online using the One Great Hour of Sharing drop down. Palm Sunday is March 28th. See page 4.



National Day of Prayer is May 6, 2021

The National Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Thursday in May. This day of observance, designated by the United States Congress, asks people to turn to God in repentance and prayer. The National Day of Prayer has great significance for us as a nation as it enables us to recall and to teach the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions. It stands as a call for us to humbly come before God, seeking His guidance for our leaders and His grace upon us as a people. The Prayer Committee invites you to visit our website for a 40-day Prayer Guide for America, devotion, family gathering prayers and history of the bill establishing the National Day of Prayer. This year's theme is LORD Pour Out Your Love, Life and Liberty. (2 Corinthians 3: 17)

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.

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.

Would you like a mailed copy of Connections?



Step by Step Fundraiser

Step by Step 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.

Church campus is CLOSED Monday, April 5

Church Building Entry

During regular business hours 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. 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?



There will be NO Sunday School on Palm Sunday or Easter

<u>Kingdom Kids</u> (K-3rd) and <u>Crossing Zone</u> (grades 4-6th) will be on Easter break for the weeks of March 31st and April 7th. Programs will resume on Wednesday, April 14th.

- ⇒ 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

Sunday School is off for March 28 (Palm Sunday) and April 4 (Easter) and resumes Sunday, April 11 from **9:45-10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall (note new time)**

Youth Group In-Person Returns

All students grade 7–12, join us for youth group in person starting **Sunday, April 18**, from 6:30–8:30 PM in the Commons. Middle school and high school will be together for the remainder of this year for time with peers, worship, learning, and fellowship. Please fill out the health form on the website and wear a mask when you come. If you are not comfortable with larger group gatherings you are welcome to come at 7:45 PM for our small group time. If you have any questions please reach out to <u>Dave Fauvell</u>. Can't wait to see everyone!

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

"What is important is faith expressing itself in love."

Sermon Series Memory Verse

- Galatians 5: 6

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- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ 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 for a Lenten offering. You may also give electronically and use the One Great Hour of Sharing menu drop down. Please see the containers in the Commons Lobby and Narthex to safely drop off your fish banks.
- ⇒ For more information please contact Holly Asciutto <u>hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org</u> or cell/text 609.273.7465.

