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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**

**noon Tuesdays to:**

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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 7-14, 2021**

## Way of the Week 13 (March 7-14, 2021)



**13. OPEN DOORS FOR OTHERS TO LEAD.** Encourage others to step into leadership by sharing responsibilities and mentoring. Let go of the jobs you've always done and allow new leaders to emerge. Remember that our youth and young adults are not solely the future of our church but are vitally important for our *present*.

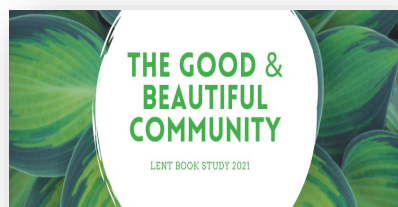
- *Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."* (Matthew 28: 19, 20)
- *He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."* (Matthew 9: 37, 38)
- *Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity. (1 Timothy 4: 12)*

**Ideas for Action:** As you consider whatever it is that you do regularly here, keep a look out for a younger person or a new member to invite to join you in the task. If the job requires training or coaching, offer it. Look to let go and hand off.

**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**

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

#### **Thursday, April 1 ~ Maundy Thursday**

- Maundy Thursday worship at 7:00 pm; Lord's Supper
- Beth Douglass preaching
- Location to be determined

#### **Friday, April 2 ~ Good Friday**

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

#### **Sunday, April 4 ~ Easter Sunday**

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

### **Per Capita Due Feb. 28**

THANK YOU to all who have returned their per capita giving, which was due by **February 28**. As Presbyterians, we are a *connectional 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 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.

### **Spring Inquirers' Class**

The Membership Committee concludes its Spring Inquirers' Class via Zoom today for those interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church and possibly joining the congregation. Those who have completed the series and wish to join the church will be presented during worship on **Sunday, March 14** at 9:30 a.m.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **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!"

**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 briefly 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](http://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](mailto: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](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.



# 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 10** 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. 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](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 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](mailto:hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org) or cell/text 609.273.7465.