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**Worship. Connect.
Serve. Devote.**

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

**8:30 AM: Traditional
11 AM: 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](#).
The service is also posted
later in the week to our
website.

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**Are you receiving our Friday
e-blast** with announcements,
Connections and upcoming
events? If not, contact the
[church office](#).



Connections



First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

May 16-23, 2021

Way of the Week 23

23. WORSHIP WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART. Your life is meant to be an act of worship. Every breath, action, and thought flows from God and can bring him glory. Praise God everywhere and embrace the opportunities to regularly worship with your church family.

♦ *"And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength." (Mark 12: 30)*

♦ *And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice – the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. (Romans 12: 1, 2)*

♦ *Let everything that breathes sing praises to the Lord! (Psalm 150: 6)*

Ideas for Action: Every morning this week, recite the Jesus Creed: *"Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* (Mark 12: 29-31)

Officers Elected at Congregational Meeting

At a Special Meeting of the Congregation May 2, 2021 held via Zoom, the congregation approved the following slate of incoming officers who will be serving their church.

Elders (Session)

Paul Booker, Leonard Fitts, Kristen Perkowski, Joyce Peacock (2-yr term), Sarah Rotter, Gil Warren, Jim Wiggans, Merritt Wikle

Deacons

Alice Conley, Kourtney de la Cruz, Steve Draszcz, Janet D'Angelo, Sarah Harper, Gail Sorin, Sharon Uibel, Susan Winner

Trustees

Bill Conner, Rich Corbin, Paul Lewis



May 9-23: Virtual Mission Fair

*The Great Commission:
Missionopoly*

Get ready to take a virtual trip around the world with this interactive mission fair, which takes you around the globe from the comfort of your home. Information bags and game pieces will be available **May 9-23** in Miller Commons lobby. Pick up your bag. Watch the videos, play the game, pray the devotions, compete in Trivia Night May 21 and join our missionaries live on May 23rd throughout the day for Zoom panel discussions and Q&A. Learn more on our Events page and [website](#) including instructional video!

*Sunday, June 6
Legacy Giving Sunday
Live Forward. Give Forward.*

Check-In Volunteers

Help is needed. In order to facilitate check in for two services, we need double the teams — three volunteers at EACH service, covering the Commons Lobby and Narthex. Adults and teens (earn service credit!). Please see the Sign Up Genius link for vacancies or contact the church office at 856.235.1688:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D48A5AD23A1FC1-help>

Support our Preschool

Make time to swing by [Chick Fil A Centerton Square](#) to support our Preschool for two summer Spirit Nights. *Be sure to mention the Preschool in the restaurant, carry out or drive-in so we get credit!* 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the Centerton Square location in Mount Laurel:

- ◆ **Wednesday, May 26**
- ◆ **Wednesday, June 30**

Creative Teams

The church office is looking for someone to assist with periodic art work in [Canva.com](#) to correlate with each sermon series. Work is all done online.

We are also looking for volunteers with skills in newsletter production, graphic design, layout or editing, as well as an interest in Sunday live stream video production. Contact [Jan Martin](#) at 856.235.1688, Ext. 133 or jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org.

Farewell and Best Wishes

June 6 will be the last day for **Dave Fauvell**, our interim youth director. Dave, who teaches photography at Moorestown High School, ably stepped in to repackage our youth groups following the departure of Dan Wonneberger, and we are very grateful. Dave stepped right into a pandemic! Dave and his fiancée Sami Stewart are getting married June 11th.

It's a Community Shredding Event!

The Mission Committee and Tab Group Inc. of West Berlin, NJ, have teamed up to host a community shredding event in FPC Moorestown's parking lot on **Saturday, June 5th** from 9 a.m. — noon.

This fundraising event will benefit FPC Moorestown's mission partners: [Haiti Outreach Ministries](#) and [Urban Promise International](#). 100% of the proceeds will go to these ministries. **A suggested donation of \$5 per banker's box is encouraged.** This is a safe and secure way to dispose of confidential documents. Paper clips and staples are fine. Please no film negatives or x-rays. Questions? Contact Linda Jagiela at 856.235.1688, Ext. 104 or missions@fpcmoorestown.org.

Fellowship & Prayer Breakfast Walk

Calling Young, old, and in between! Singles, couples and families! Join the Prayer Team for a brief Fellowship & Prayer Continental Breakfast and prayer time together (bring your mask), followed by a prayer walk in our communities:

- ◆ **When: Saturday, May 15th**
- ◆ **Meet:** Van Camp Porch
- ◆ **Time:** Breakfast 9-9:45 a.m.
- ◆ **Walk or drive:** 10 am to ??? (your schedule)
- ◆ **Where:** Main Street Businesses/Schools/Neighborhoods

Questions? Contact Joyce Peacock at jkpeac@comcast.net.

Sunday Study: Discipleship

Join Pastor Stuart and Rev. Paul Asciutto for a Sunday study of discipleship (9:45 am). Participants will use the companion Study Guide for the Discipleship Gospel (\$10). The class begins on **Sunday, May 23rd** and concludes on August 15th. The study will be offered both in-person in Fellowship Hall A and virtually via Zoom. Masks are required on campus. Please REGISTER on our [online Events page](#).

TODAY: Missionwares Sale

We're spring cleaning! Missionwares yard sale will be held outside on **Sunday, May 16** and items are discounted to sell!

Gracism Study in June

Gracism: The Art of Inclusion – A combined virtual study with the Converge Church, will be held Thursday, **June 3, 10, 17, 24** from 7-9 p.m. (Zoom). We will be reading *Gracism: The Art of Inclusion* by David Anderson. When people deal with color, class or culture in a negative way, that's racism. When you look at color, class and culture in a positive way, that's "gracism." REGISTER on our [online events page](#). For info visit: www.embracegracism.com.

Live Stream Choir Concert

SAVE THE DATE

FPC Moorestown Choral Concert

Sunday, June 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Live stream ~ Sanctuary

All vocal choirs

View www.fpcmoorestown.org

West Jersey Chamber Live Stream Concert May 23rd

WJCMS closes its 2020–21 season with *Journeying Together*, a free live stream concert on **Sunday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m. ET**. The West Jersey Chamber Chorale pairs spirituals from the African-American and European-American traditions of the 1860s. Explore the commonalities that led both communities on a journey to heaven. Visit www.wjcms.org or our church website at concert time.

Welcome Lauren Clark

We are excited to announce that Lauren Clark will be assisting our staff this summer with Vacation Bible School, Family Ministries, and office administrative support. Lauren, whom many know from her choir participation, is a rising junior at Berklee College of Music in Boston. Welcome Lauren!

2021 Graduate?

Do you know of a 2021 graduate? Please submit names of those high school, college or post-grad graduates from our congregation to [Jan Martin](#) in the church office. We will honor our grads (virtually) on June 13 during worship.



Watching the Live Stream?

When watching the live stream, please remember to **check in** on your smart phone by using the Church Center App. Just open the app and select the "Check-In" icon. Tap the service you're viewing. Check in yourself and your family.

5th Sunday May 30

The Worship Committee is planning two outdoor Fifth Sunday worship services. Weather permitting, these blended worship services will be outdoors in the courtyard between the sanctuary and Miller Commons:

- Sunday, May 30th (9:30 am)
- Sunday, August 29th (9:30 am)

Please bring a chair, wear a mask and physically distance. There will be no Sunday School. Please check-in for 5th Sundays OUTSIDE in the driveway leading to the courtyard between the sanctuary and Miller Commons. **NEW: Check-in for 5th Sundays will be a self-check in on your smart phone ONLY.**

Groups Using the Building

A reminder that all meetings in the building must be cleared through church office, and abide by health protocols. Only select rooms in the church are available. All participants are to be masked and submit COVID-19 health forms. Physical distancing is required and entry to the building is through the glass doors by Miller Commons. Please contact the church office at 856.235.1688.

UrbanPromise Camp

UrbanPromise is getting ready for summer camp, and they need your help. Would you consider purchasing an item or two to help them defer the cost of supplies? Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4fa9ad22a1f58-urban> to sign up to get the items needed for camp. Thank you!

*Have you remembered
the church in your will?*

FAMILY MINISTRY

Last day of Sunday School: Sunday, May 23rd

[Kingdom Kids](#) (K-3rd) and [Crossing Zone](#) (grades 4-6th) are concluding their meeting times for the season and we're going to miss all of you!

- ⇒ Crossing Zone: 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.
- ⇒ End of year party will be **Wednesday, May 19!**
- ⇒ Kingdom Kids: 4:45-5:45 p.m. Fellowship Hall.
- ⇒ This group's end of year party was on May 12.

Sundays: In-Person Youth Group

All students grade 7-12 are meeting together for youth group in person from 6:30-8:30 PM in the Commons. Middle school and high school will be together 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 questions please reach out to [Dave Fauvell](#). *NOTE: Dave's last Sunday with us will be **Sunday, June 6**, as he and Sami Stewart will be married. Congratulations Dave and Sami! **THANK YOU.***

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
"The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News."

- Mark 1: 15

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Vacation Bible School: June 28th - July 2nd, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Children entering Kindergarten through entering 6th grade (FALL 2021).
Cost: \$20 per child. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 9, 2021**

AT ROCKY RAILWAY VBS, kids climb aboard for mountains of fun! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. We anticipate delivering a fun VBS with the necessary precautions in place. We are working hard to bring a spiritually meaningful program to our community.

- ♦ Safety is our highest priority, for both children and staff. All efforts will be made to abide by state, local, and FPC Moorestown church guidelines.
- ♦ All children and volunteers will be required to wear facemasks when inside the building and while outside on church property. Social distance protocols will be enforced and handwashing will be encouraged. VBS will be a creative modified version, consisting of Biblical teachings done in an engaging yet safe manner.
- ♦ Please reach out with any questions to Holly Asciutto at 856-235-1688 x 116 or email hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org.
- ♦ **ADULTS AND TEENS (7th grade and older):** Interested in being a VBS volunteer? **WE NEED YOU!** Please contact Holly Asciutto at hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org or 856-235-1688, Ext. 116. She is excited to talk with you!

