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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 II AM: Contemporary

Worship streams live from each worship space and participants in attendance observe health 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.

"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.



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First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

July 4-17, 2021

THANK YOU to all who helped with **Rocky Railway VBS** this summer by praying, planning, and participating. It takes every part of the church body to make VBS happen. What a blessing to serve at First Presbyterian Church and see how God changes lives in amazing ways as we learn to Trust Jesus! Thank you to all!



- ♦ **5 Year Olds**: Kaitlyn Eagles, O'Neal Keegan, Alivia Nawrocki, Sawyer McNab, Tess Murphy, Marc Trabulsi, Lila Zink
- ♦ **6 Year Olds**: Helen Dominy, Carol Clarke, Molly Joyce, Callum Keegan, Charlie Moxhay, Emily Pelc, Michael Trabulsi
- ♦ **7 Year Olds**: Melody Ransom, Harris Ransom, Emma Hagan, John Trabulsi, Olivia Zink
- ♦ 8 Year Olds: Alison Mackey, Avery LaMonica, Will McNeil, Mae Murphy, Lola Rogers
- ◆ 9-11 Year Olds: Carol Clark, Amy Delgado, Taylor Krott, Amy Mehany, Jonathan Nawrocki, Ava Zink
- Crafts: Marina Olsen, Ginny Schad, Andrew Boyle, Annie Chen, Marissa Duarte
- Missions: Linda Jagiela, Luke Maxted, Amadu Mansaray
- Recreation: Ethan Gaskill, Ryan Boyle, Max Chiang, Luke Eagles, Ava Ford, Christian Schad
- ◆ Snacks: Lissa Herman, Bob Plant, Rumi Sinunu
- Registration: Cheryl Gaskill, Joann Nawrocki, Rebecca Neindorff
- Photographer: Will Gaskill
- Decorations/Admin Help: Holly Asciutto, Lauren Clark, Katie Donahue, Rebecca Neindorff
- Director: Holly Asciutto
- Assistant to the Director: Lauren Clark

PO Box 868

Effective June 2021, post office regulations require mail for the church to be addressed to the **PO Box 868** mailing address (no periods). The physical location of the church and Step by Step Christian Preschool remains 101 Bridgeboro Road, Moorestown, NJ 08057. Both addresses may appear on mailed items (PO Box listed first please).

Check-In Volunteers

Help is greatly needed. In order to facilitate check in for two services, we need two volunteers at EACH service, covering the Commons Lobby and Narthex (tough with summer travels!) Adults and teens are welcome. Please see the Sign Up Genius link for vacancies or contact Alison Mackey in the church office at 856.235.1688:

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

The church office will be CLOSED at noon Friday, July 2 through Monday, July 5.



Audio Visual Ministry

The Audio Visual team is looking for several high school, adult or retired volunteers to learn our multi-camera system and audio for the Sunday morning live stream worship. Worship broadcasts live from the sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. and at 11:00 a.m. from Miller Commons. We will train you on this exciting new technology; vMix software, camera operation and audio. You would serve in a rotation and therefore just be needed every few weeks or so. Sign up on our event page or contact Steve Drzaszcz at steve@gotsteve.com.

Catch it Again

If you missed an event, concert or worship, view the replay at www.fpcmoorestown.org.

Guest Preacher

On Sunday, August 1 we warmly welcome Rev. Anthony Maimone as our guest preacher. Rev. Maimone actively ministers to our neighbors at the ACTS/Evergreens community as its full-time chaplain. He will preach at both services.

Pastor Time Away

Pastor Spencer will be on vacation with his family August 9-23, returning to the office Tuesday, August 24. For pastoral care and concerns during this time, please contact the church office at (856) 235-1688 or Jan Martin at imartin@fpcmoorestown.org.

Creative Teams

The church office is looking for volunteers with an interest in Sunday live stream video production, or skills in newsletter production, graphic design, layout or editing. Contact Jan Martin at 856.235.1688, Ext. 133 or imartin@fpcmoorestown.org.

Outdoor Hymn Sings July 7, August 4, September 1

Join your church family as we gather safely outdoors to sing God's praises and offer our prayers. On the first Wednesday evening of July, August and September at 7:00 p.m. we'll meet in the courtyard between the Commons Lobby and the main parking lot. Bring your chair. Our Hymn Sing includes lots of singing with a reflection on our Way of the Week and a time to share prayer requests with prayer. If you've been vaccinated you need not wear a mask. However, we'll respect anyone who chooses to do so. In the event of rain, it will be held the following Wednesday. How wonderful to gather together to ask the Lord's blessing!

Deacons' Toiletry Drive

The Deacons are holding a Toiletry Drive for St. Matthew's Ministerium Food Pantry through September. Please see our event page or website for a <u>listing of suggested items</u>. Please return items to the shopping cart in the Commons Lobby. Thank you in advance for your donations! Contact Linda Jagiela at 267.275.7582 cell/text, <u>missions@fpcmoorestown.org</u>, or the church office at 856.235.1688.



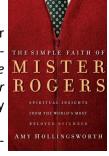
Watching the Live Stream?

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 all family members.

Missions Book Club

FRIDAY, July 30 (Zoom, 6 pm)

Join us for our July book discussion: The Simple MISTER Faith of Mister ROGERS Rogers by Amy Hollingsworth.



Note this is a Friday. To participate in the Zoom call:

Log on to: www.zoom.com Meeting ID: 858 1209 6236

Passcode: 040982

Sunday Study: Discipleship

Join Pastor Stuart, Rev. Paul Asciutto and Peter Jonescu for a study of discipleship (9:45 AM). Participants will use the Study Guide for the Discipleship Gospel (\$10). The class concludes Aug. 15th. The study is offered both inperson in Fellowship Hall and virtually via Zoom. Please REGISTER on our online Events page.

Session for July

The July Session meeting for Tuesday, July 27 will be held in person in Fellowship Hall (and also via Zoom). Masks are optional.

SAVE THE DATE

Fall Prayer Retreat October 19-22, 2021

Prayer Opportunities

The Prayer Committee will be at church in the Prayer Chapel on Mondays from 9-10 AM and online on Tuesdays from 9-10 AM. Anyone needing, or wanting to pray for others, is welcome to join Jim Cole at those times. Have a prayer request? Please leave them in the Chapel for the prayer team. Would you like a Letter of Well Wishing mailed? Please contact Alison in the church office at 856.235.1688.

Take a Trip to Israel

Ruth Stotsenburg is leading a guided tour from Nov. 21- Dec. 4 to Israel. This is an extraordinary tour, going north into Galilee, Golan, four days in Jerusalem, then down into the wilderness. If you've been before, it's worth going again. you're interested in attending, call Ruth Stotsenburg at 856-220-1602 or rstots@gmail.com, or Pam Engle pam@pamengle.com or (609) 332-7513. Limit 25. See our flyer on our event page.

UrbanPromise Camp

UrbanPromise summer camps are underway and still need your help. Please consider purchasing

items to help them defer the cost of supplies. You can order directly from Amazon! Just search the Amazon



registries for "Urban Promise" summer camp list. When you buy the items, they will go directly where they're needed. You can also go to https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/10c0c4fa9ad22a1f58-urban sign up for the donations and drop by the church office.

Session Approves Relaxed Restrictions

- Effective June 27, masks are optional, and vocalists at both services won't have to wear masks when singing.
- Starting July 4th, limited congregational singing will be permitted at both services.
- The collection practice continues with emphasis on electronic giving and mailing checks to church. The offering box will be available at both services.
- All entry remains through the Commons Lobby.
- Check-ins are for attendance purposes only and shift to selfcheck only (no QR code to swipe). No release forms, health forms or temperatures are now required.
- Please CONTINUE to check in on the Church Center app on your smart phone when arriving to church or when viewing the live stream from home
- No restrictions on capacity

Adult Spiritual Formation

Coming in September: The Engagement Project, a 10-week study which will meet Wednesday evenings at the church. When we draw near to God and contemplate His divine nature, it exposes us, as it did Isaiah. But it also awakens us to His Truth, which transforms us and calls us to engage the world around us. After we engage, we seek to restore the Truth of God in all areas of life. For information contact Jim Cole at 856-296-5732 iamescole7@comcast.net. Watch for registration information later this summer. Invite your friends.



Thanks for coming aboard the Rocky Railway VBS



Our spirit-filled week was capped off with a cold treat from Mister Softee on Friday!

School is out for summer! Woookooo!

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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