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

JOIN US from the safety of
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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 health protocols
per state regulations.
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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](#).



Connections

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First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

Sept. 26-Oct. 2, 2021



Way of the Week 17 (Sept. 26-Oct. 2)

17. SHOW WHO YOU REALLY ARE. Our church is for "real" people. Bring your true self, including your joys, your sorrows, your fears, your strengths, and your weaknesses.^a God loves you as you are.^b Don't hide your struggles, failures or problems.

- ◆ ^a*When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. (Romans 5: 6)*
- ◆ ^b*For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. (John 3: 16)*

Ideas for Action: This week, sit down with or talk to another member by phone and share one area of struggle, failure or a fear you have.

Chick Fil A Spirit Night for the Kids!

Tuesday, September 28 from 5-8 p.m.

Take a night off of cooking in this busy back-to-school season and swing through the Centerton Square Chick-Fil A to support our [Step by Step Christian Preschool](#).

Bring your friends and colleagues ... our wonderful school receives a percentage of every order. Dine in, drive through or carry out! Order a tray of chicken nuggets for a committee meeting. **Be sure to mention to your server that you are supporting Step by Step Preschool.**

Choir Open House Sept. 29

Current/past choir members and FPC Moorestown members are asked to come and **bring a friend!** Meet with current choir members and see video clips of the recent European choir tour and youth choir concerts, to see how rewarding joining the youth choir can be! Tours of the music facilities are available. To-go dessert will be provided.

Contact Kristen Perkowski ([732-779-8948](tel:732-779-8948)) or Laurie LaMonica ([609-304-9720](tel:609-304-9720)) for questions.

SAVE THE DATE

American Red Cross Blood Drive
Monday, Nov. 1 from 1-6 p.m.
Fellowship Hall



We Give to the Lord

It's Coming! On **Sunday, October 17** we will celebrate the joy of living a generous Christ-centered life with our annual stewardship campaign. Like last year, *Estimate of Giving* cards will be mailed to all members so that households may prayerfully (and safely) indicate their weekly, monthly or annual financial commitments to the Lord's Work. We will all be **together** (in-person or via live stream) for ONE **9:30 a.m.** service, where we will welcome an engaging speaker Rev. Sam Massengill. During worship, we will prayerfully dedicate our gifts. You may also return by mail, [fill out online](#), or swing through a Drive-Through Dedication & Blessing from 11:30-Noon that day. Watch your mail for special information.

Our new sermon series "Now Is The Time" begins Sept. 26 to provide a biblical framework for this emphasis highlighted by personal stories from church members.

Check Ins

THANK YOU for signing in each Sunday you're here. Our simple automated check-in replaces the Friendship sign-in pads and provides accurate records of members and guests for the Membership Committee. Please download the Church Center app on your phone for this quick way to let us know you're here. If you need help, please see the volunteer in the Commons Lobby.

REMINDER: When either watching the live stream at home or attending in person, please **check in** on your smart phone to register your attendance.

Associate Pastor Installation Service

Sunday, November 14
4:00 p.m.

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Save the Date!

Youth Parents Information Meeting

Sunday, September 26
12:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
(masks required please)
Middle School (grades 7-8)
High School (grades 9-12)

Youth groups are starting! Our new youth teams are mobilizing to plan programming for middle school and high school students. Let's lean in together to the LORD's call. We welcome volunteer **Luke Maxted** to the youth team (page 3). Youth Groups begin the week of October 3rd.

[SIGN UP on our current events page online please.](#)

The Church Has Left the Building **Sunday, October 24**

No worship, adult education, or Sunday School

On Sunday, October 24, we are leaving the building. Literally. Our church-wide mission project has been redesigned to reflect the global pandemic, and this year, all activities will again be safely done off-site. We have added more projects and encourage families to work together on larger projects such as food drives. There will be lots of fun activities that individuals and shut-ins can do with minimal amounts of effort such as card writing to missionaries and those who need encouragement.

But don't come to church!

Watch for more news ...

Fall Inquirers Class

Welcome new members! Individuals interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown met for a three-part Inquirers Class this month. On Sept. 19 four individuals met with Session to present their Statements of Faith and officially join the church. They will be welcomed at worship Sept. 26. Please introduce yourself to these newest members.

- ◆ Jim Dodimead
- ◆ Nancy Dodimead
- ◆ Deborah Gerhardt
- ◆ Ruth Stotsenburg

Adult Education

Join Lorenzo Eagles and Wes Allen on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall or via Zoom (see current events page for link) for our fall adult education hour. Each week we will dive headfirst into the Word of God as we reflect on and explore that week's sermon text. **A study guide will be provided electronically on the church website.**

There will be NO adult education on October 17 (Consecration Sunday), or October 24 (Church Has Left the Building).

Adult Spiritual Formation

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. [Sign up online](#) on our website or events page or contact Jim Cole at jamescole7@comcast.net or 856-296-5732. Friends from other churches encouraged to attend.

Stephen Ministry Training Class in October

The goal of Stephen Ministry is to provide distinctively Christian lay ministry to people in need. Without well-trained Stephen Ministers there's no ministry. We are starting a new class for those who would like to train to be a Stephen Minister, beginning on Monday, Oct. 25. If you are interested in more information about this class, sign up online or contact Doris Kahley at d.kahley@verizon.net.

12-Hour Prayer Vigil

*Consecration Sunday October 17
and The Church Has Left the Building October 24*

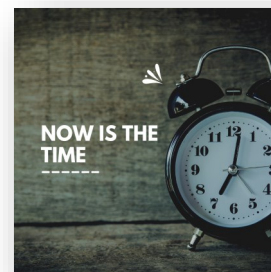
Our "River of Prayer" is widening and constantly flowing! The Prayer Committee will hold its next "12-Hour Prayer Vigil" on **Saturday, October 16th** to provide our church family an opportunity to reflect on our stewardship emphasis for Consecration Sunday, October 17th: "Now Is The Time." We will also focus on prayer for "The Church Has Left the Building" Sunday, October 24th.

Please [SIGN UP online](#) for a 30-minute time between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. A special Prayer Guide will be emailed to everyone who signs up and will also be available on the church website. For questions please contact Prayer Committee chair Pam Engle at 609-332-7513 or pam@pamengle.com.



Youth News

We're happy to share that **Luke Maxted** will be a volunteer interim youth director for our middle school and high school youth groups. Luke and his wife Kelly are fellows with Urban Promise. Next spring, they return to England with their two sons where the Maxteds hope to launch an Urban Promise site in London. Luke is helping our youth advisor teams leading Senior High Youth Group on Sunday evenings and Middle School Youth Group Wednesday evenings.



***New Sermon Series begins
Sunday, Sept. 26***

Check-In Help Needed

With two worship services in person, we need help on Sunday mornings assisting with attendance check-ins. [Sign up online](#) for one Sunday or as many as you can to help those who need it to check in on our tablets or call the church office.

Meeting Note

Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery For Southern New Jersey
Fall Gathering
Saturday, Oct. 23 at 9:30 am
Trinity Presbyterian Church
499 Route 70 East
Cherry Hill, NJ
See Susan Masiko for information
(susan.masiko@comcast.net)



FAMILY MINISTRY

Sept. 26: Youth Parents Information Meeting (12:15 p.m./Zoom hybrid)

Sunday School

Children's Sunday School meets Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 a.m., where children learn about the Word of God, the love of God, and His rescue plan, the Promised Savior, Jesus! Children and teachers will be asked to wear face masks. This is for children in K-6th grades.

- ♦ **Nursery:** Room 12—Amy Coombe
- ♦ **Grades K-1:** Room 13—Jenny Legath/Karen Alecxih
- ♦ **Grades 2-3:** Room 10—Tamara Trzeciak/Lori Bell
- ♦ **Grades 4, 5-6:** Room 3-4 Leslie Spencer/Philip Jagiela

Junior and Senior High Youth

Youth Groups are starting! Our new youth teams are mobilizing to help plan activities. [See our website for info.](#)

- ⇒ **MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 7-8):** Will be led by Liz Greene, Luke Maxted, Paul Savage and Stuart Spencer. STARTS **Wednesday, Oct. 6 (6:30-8:00 pm)**
- ⇒ **HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9-12):** Will be led by Dave Fauvell, Sami Fauvell, Luke Maxted and Carl Krott. STARTS **Sunday, Oct. 3 (6:30-8:30 pm)**

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

Love does no wrong to others, so love fulfills the requirements of God's law. This is all the more urgent, for you know how late it is; time is running out. Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. (Romans 13: 10, 11)

For Families and Children:

Holly Asciutto

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For Families and Youth:

**The search is underway for a
new Youth Director!**

Kids and Youth Groups: Registration is OPEN

These groups are for children and youth in K through 12th grade. They will share opportunities to learn about God, play games, and find community among their peers! Please note that all children, youth, and leaders must wear masks the entire time they are in the building and participating with their groups.

Please **SIGN UP** online for Kingdom Kids (K-3rd), Crossing Zone (4th-6th), Middle School Youth Group and High School Youth Groups:

<https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/281608>

**KIDS AND YOUTH
REGISTRATIONS**

Wednesday Night Kids Groups Begin

KINGDOM KIDS (Grades Kindergarten-3rd):

Led by Holly Asciutto. STARTS **Wednesday, October 6 (4:45-5:45 p.m.)**

CROSSING ZONE (Grades 4-6)

Led by Holly Asciutto. STARTS **Wednesday, October 6 (6:30-7:30 p.m.)**

We have missed you!