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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 health protocols
per state regulations.
Log on from any device to
www.fpcmoorestown.org
or [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#).

The service is also posted
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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

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First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

October 10-16, 2021



Way of the Week 19 (Oct. 10-16)

19. ACCEPT AND DON'T CAST STONES. God's love opens the doors of our church to all people. Just as Jesus did, welcome people as they are.^a It's not up to us to judge. Love unconditionally, and as Christ has received you, receive others.^b

- ♦ ^a*Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people – even eating with them! (Luke 15: 1, 2)*
- ♦ ^bTherefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory. (Romans 15: 7)

Ideas for Action: Approach someone you normally avoid at church for whatever reason. Make a point to speak to them this week.

The Trumpet Shall Sound!

Sunday, October 10, 2021

West Jersey Chamber Symphony Orchestra Concert Sunday, Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m., "The Trumpet Shall Sound!" presented in memory of Dr. Stanley Lane. Featuring Darren Kelly, Trumpet; Frank Mitchell, Bass, and works by Handel, Bach, Telemann, Corelli, Torelli and Vivaldi. Free admission.

The concert is given in celebration of a life devoted to healing by Dr. Stanley R. Lane (1940-2020), and will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown.

We Give to the LORD

On **Sunday, October 17** we celebrate the joy of living a generous Christ-centered life with our annual stewardship emphasis. Recently 2022 *Estimate of Giving* cards and supporting material was mailed so members 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 Rev. Sam Massengill as our guest preacher. During worship, we will prayerfully dedicate our gifts. If you won't be here that day, you may return by mail, [fill out online](#), or swing through a Drive-Through Dedication from 11:30-Noon that day. Our sermon series "Now Is The Time" provides a biblical framework for this emphasis highlighted by personal stories from church members. **To assist with budget projections, we kindly ask that all estimates be turned in by October 31.**

The Church Has Left the Building

Sunday, October 24

9:30 am outdoor worship

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 there will be lots of fun activities that individuals and shut-ins can do with minimal amounts of effort. [SIGN UP on our current events page or website.](#)

There will be a 30-40 minute, outdoor service in the courtyard between the Sanctuary and Miller Commons. Rev. Chuck Swanson of Options for Women preaches. Please bring your own chairs, masks are optional outdoors. *There will be no nursery care, adult education or Sunday School.*



Pastor/Staff Appreciation

Pastor Appreciation Sunday is celebrated on the second Sunday in October. On **October 10**, help us celebrate the ministry of Rev. Spencer, Rev. Allen, and our program staff, by sending them a note of appreciation. You may bring a card with you to either worship service, or there will also be blank thank you cards available in the Commons Lobby. Kids: they'd love to receive artwork from you too! Baskets will be located in the Commons Lobby and in the Narthex to receive cards and notes

"Kingdom of God" Bible Study

A new Sunday evening small group Bible study focuses on the Kingdom of God. Facilitated by Dick and Lissa Herman, this *LifeGuide Bible Study* will help us better understand a theme which is close to the heart of Jesus. The 10-session study will meet via Zoom—the link will be provided to each person who registers to participate.

Class meets Sundays from 6:30-8:00 pm, and runs from October 17th to February 6, 2022 on Zoom.

Purchase the study guide *The Kingdom of God* by Gregory Jao from Inter-Varsity Press, Amazon or Christianbook.com.

Check Ins

THANK YOU for registering your attendance 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 and staff. 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.



Give the Gift of Life

Give the Gift of Life at a blood drive for the American Red Cross here, **Monday, Nov. 1** from 1-6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. To sign up visit www.redcross.org or contact coordinator Debbie Heller at dheller374@comcast.net.

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 10-week class for those who would like to train to be a Stephen Minister, beginning on **Monday, Oct. 25**. If you are interested in this class, sign up online or contact Doris Kahley at d.kahley@verizon.net.

Adult Education

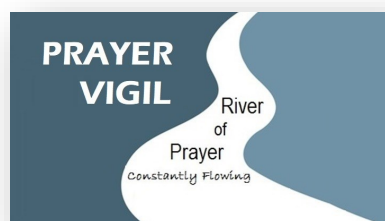
Join Lorenzo Eagles and Wes Allen on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall or via Zoom (see current events page for link) for our fall adult education hour. Each week we dive headfirst into the Word of God as we reflect on and explore that week's sermon text. **A study guide will be provided electronically on the church website.** There will be NO adult education on Oct. 17 (Consecration Sunday), or Oct. 24 (Church Has Left the Building) or Oct. 31 (5th Sunday).

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.



Check-In Help Needed

With two worship services in person, we're looking for 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. Teens and adults; teens, earn service credit! Contact Alison in the church office 856-235-1688, x113.

Power of Prayer

Sunday mornings following both worship services a member of the Prayer Team and an Elder will be in the Prayer Chapel for about 10 minutes to greet anyone with a prayer request. You're encouraged to take a couple minutes to stop by.

5th Sunday

Sunday, October 31

9:30 a.m. worship

Rev. Chuck Swanson preaching
No nursery care, adult education
or Sunday School

Organ Recital

Sunday, October 31

Jim and Grace Roman

7:30 p.m.

Associate Pastor Installation Service

Sunday, November 14

4:00 p.m.

Sanctuary

Sunday Worship Flowers

Reservations are being taken now for Sunday flower donations for 2022. Vases are \$40 each and two vases are available each Sunday. To reserve dates, contact Rumi Sinunu at rts319@gmail.com or (856) 266-4047 or the church office. What better way to commemorate loved ones or special dates in your life.

Congregational Meeting November 7

A congregational meeting has been called for **Sunday, Nov. 7** after the 8:30 a.m. service for the election of a deacon. See our website for more information. The brief meeting will be live streamed as well.



No nursery care or Sunday School October 17, October 24 or October 31

Wednesday Night Kids Groups

KINGDOM KIDS (Grades Kindergarten-3rd):

- ◆ Led by Holly Asciutto
- ◆ Wednesdays 4:45-5:45 p.m.

CROSSING ZONE (Grades 4-6)

- ◆ Led by Holly Asciutto
- ◆ Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Kids Groups started October 3rd. Welcome back!
See link to SIGN UP below

Youth Groups

Come hang out with our Middle School and High School Youth Groups. We have awesome activities planned. [See our website for info.](#) (see link to SIGN UP below).

⇒ **MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 7-8):** Led by Liz Greene, Luke Maxted, Paul Savage and Stuart Spencer.

Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm

⇒ **HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9-12):** Led by Dave Fauvell, Sami Fauvell, Luke Maxted and Carl Krott. **Wednesdays 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
Middle School: Grades 7-8
Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm
High School: 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, Crossing Zone, Middle School Youth Group and High School Youth Group:

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

**KIDS AND YOUTH
REGISTRATIONS**

Sunday School (Kindergarten-6th Grades)

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. There is no nursery care or Sunday School on October 17, October 24 or October 31.

- ◆ **Nursery:** Room 12
- ◆ **Grades K-1:** Room 13
- ◆ **Grades 2-3:** Room 10
- ◆ **Grades 4-5-6:** Room 3-4

Amy Coombe
Jenny Legath and Karen Alecxih
Tamara Trzeciak and Lori Bell
Leslie Spencer and Philip Jagiela