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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 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: Editor Jan Martin
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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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October 24-30, 2021



Church Has Left the Building



Way of the Week 21 (Oct. 24-30)

21. YOU'RE SENT, NOW GO. We're blessed to be a blessing. God intends to use you to bless, heal, restore, and liberate a dark and hurting world. We're here for others: in our families and our community and in the world. Go to the need. Live missionally.

- ◆ *I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you. (Genesis 12: 2, 3)*
- ◆ *You are the light of the world – like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. (Matthew 5: 14-16)*
- ◆ *Again he said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” (John 20: 21)*



Church Has Left The Building

- ⇒ **9:30 a.m. outdoor worship** in the sanctuary courtyard (bring a chair)
- ⇒ **SIGN UP** for fun and engaging community service projects
- ⇒ Stop by the church, pick up a kit and safely return it later that day, contact free
- ⇒ **Drop off** completed projects Oct. 24th between 1-3 pm in the main parking lot, visit with local missions, honor local first responders with [High Five for Heroes](#)
- ⇒ Last year more than 350 members and friends participated in the 2020 event

Church Has Left the Building is HERE!

Sunday, October 24

9:30 am outdoor worship

On Sunday, October 24, our church-wide outreach takes center stage with activities again safely done off-site. There are LOTS of fun projects that individuals and those at home can do with minimal effort. **Drop off completed projects that day between 1-3 pm in the main parking lot.** We will honor our local first responders that day with High Five for Heroes! [Read more online.](#)

[SIGN UP on our current events page or website.](#)

At 9:30 a.m. there will be a 30-minute outdoor service in the sanctuary courtyard. 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.



Missionwares Re-Opening

Look for the Grand Re-opening of Missionwares on Sunday, October 31. Volunteers to work on Sundays between services are needed and welcome! Contact coordinator Jen Allen or the church office.

Fall Fun 5th Sunday

Sunday, October 31

9:30 a.m. worship then stay to connect!

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

Bring a lunch or brunch for afterwards to enjoy

We Give to the LORD

On **Sunday, October 17** we celebrated the joy of living a Christ-centered life with our annual stewardship emphasis. Following an inspiring message by Rev. Sam Massengill reminding us "Now Is The Time," members prayerfully dedicated weekly, monthly or annual financial commitments for 2022 to the Lord's Work. If you were not able to be here that day, please return by mail, [fill out online](#), place in the offering, or email your pledge to Norm Vandergrift in the church office. As of Oct. 22, we have received 136 pledges, eclipsing last year's first-day total of 120. It's a strong start. **To assist with budget projections, we kindly ask that all estimates be turned in by November 14.**



K-6th Pop Tart and PJ Party Sunday, November 7th

Due to October's special events, we will NOT meet for Sunday School on October 17th (Consecration Sunday), October 24th (Church Has Left the Building or October 31 (5th Sunday). We look forward to seeing you in Worship those days.

**PAJAMAS
and
POPTARTS**



On **Sunday, November 7th** please join us for a Pop-Tart and PJ Party during Sunday School hour. Children are invited to wear their PJs to Sunday School and we will supply the Pop Tarts. We look forward to seeing you back on November 7 at 9:45 am!!

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, staff and pastoral care. 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 or Narthex.



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.

Adult Education/Youth

Sunday School

Adult education resumes **Sunday, Nov. 7** in Fellowship Hall at 9:45 am. It is 7th grade through adults. Youth and adults start off together, then youth branch out into their own group led by either Lorenzo Eagles, Wes Allen or Dave Fauvell. Come be a part of it!

Deacon Sunday

Sunday, November 14

On November 14 we celebrate our deacons and their service to others. Your gifts are greatly appreciated. Please designate checks to "Deacons Fund" in the memo line, use the envelope in your offering box, or give securely online.

Poinsettia Sales

Nov. 21, Nov. 28, Dec. 5

The Knitting Network will meet on Saturday, Nov. 6 from 10 am-noon in Room 8. We make prayer shawls and lap robes, scarves and hats of all sizes. If you like to knit or crochet please consider joining us.

Chick Fil-A For the Kids

Stop by the Centerton Square Chick Fil A on **Tuesday, Oct. 26** from 5-8 pm to support [Step by Step!](#)

Organ-Vocal Concert

Sunday, October 31 (7:30 pm)

Jim and Grace Roman
Watch via live stream at
fpcmoorestown.org

Check-In Help Needed

With two worship services, we're looking for lots of 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. Super easy to train!

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.

Associate Pastor Installation

Sunday, November 14
4:00 p.m. in the 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.

Advent Guides

Look for an *Advent Devotional* this fall as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Christ. Also look for an *Advent Activity Guide* with programming information. The First Sunday in Advent is November 28.

Longest Night Service

Sunday, December 12 (7:00 pm)

This unique service provides peace to those dealing with grief, illness, anxiety or depression this holiday season who may not feel the joy or celebration seen in others. Seminary intern Paul Savage preaches. The event will also be streamed live on the church's website. The Longest Night includes elements from a Service of Remembrance, including the Lord's Supper, special music and a time for prayer. All ages and faiths are welcome to partake in communion. Please share this event with those you know who might need a quiet place in the rush of December, an authentic respite in the midst of busy holiday activities, or with those who have experienced a loss. If you have someone you would like us to invite to this service, please provide their name and address to Alison Mackey in the church office so we may send them an invitation letter. Contact Alison 856.235.1688, Ext. 113 or amackey@fpcmoorestown.org.



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.

See link to SIGN UP below.

Youth Groups

MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 7-8): Fall fun! We're having a fire pit, cider, donuts, candy, stories and games outside by the basketball court in the grass area. **6:30-8:00 pm Wed. Oct. 28**



HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9-12): Join us for candy, cocoa, and a campfire 7-10 pm on Friday, Oct. 29 in the field next to the church parking lot. We'll hang out, play games, tell spooky stories, and eat tons of candy. Come for as long as you can, we'd love to see you!
7:00-10:00 pm Friday, Oct. 29 (note Friday date & time)

- 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



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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. For safety, 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>



WATCH FOR DETAILS on the Virtual Gingerbread House Challenge in November