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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

Oct. 31 - Nov. 6, 2021



Way of the Week 22 (Oct. 31-Nov. 6)

REST AND REFLECT. Make time in your week to step back from work, school, and stressful demands. Since Christ has freed us, we no longer have to be obsessively driven. Take a walk, play, nap, meet up with friends, share a meal, or just take some time in solitude.

- ♦ *On the seventh day God had finished his work of creation, so he rested from all his work. And God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, because it was the day when he rested from all his work of creation. (Genesis 2: 2, 3)*
- ♦ *Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11: 28)*
- ♦ *Then Jesus said to them, "The Sabbath was made to meet the needs of people, and not people to meet the requirements of the Sabbath. (Mark 2: 27)*

Ideas for Action: Can you make your Sunday more of a Sabbath day of rest for you and your family? Connect with God using worship music. Unplug from the devices for part or all of the day. Seek the joy of the Lord in Creation. Eat a meal together. Be silent with God and pray. Prioritize wholeness and rejuvenation in Christ.

Session Updates COVID-19 Protocols

At its October 26th meeting, Session updated our COVID-19 protocols **effective November 1, 2021**: masks are optional for those fully vaccinated and highly encouraged for those not vaccinated; seat and space as you are comfortable; children 18 and under shall be masked; congregational singing remains suspended; singers shall be masked; no food on premises. [Read the pastor's letter online.](#)

Fall Fun 5th Sunday

Sunday, October 31

9:30 a.m. worship

then stay to connect!

No nursery care, adult education
or Sunday School

*Bring a lunch or brunch for
afterwards to enjoy*

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.

Christmas Toy Drive

Annette Emerson is conducting the annual toy drive for the Presbytery Food Shelf in Camden. Can you help? Drop off new, **unwrapped** toys labeled "Emerson" at church or at the Emerson home (329 Springhouse Lane, Moorestown). Or call Annette at 856-234-0717 for a pickup. Gifts are most needed for ages 3-13.



We Give to the LORD

On October 17th members 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 to Norm Vandergrift in the church office. As of Oct. 29, we have received 160 pledges en route to our goal of 180. **To assist with budget projections, we kindly ask that all estimates be turned in by Nov. 14.**

*First Sunday in Advent
Sunday, November 28*



Thank you to everyone who participated in Church Has Left the Building. From our youngest



est to our oldest congregants, everyone played their part to help our ministry partners

and to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community.

Thanksgiving Postcards

Included in worship bulletins on November 21 will be Thanksgiving postcards. Fill out the name and address of someone you are grateful for and wish to tell, and place addressed postcards in the offering plate for the church to mail or mail at home.



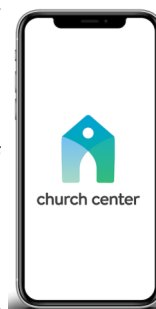
K-6th Pop Tart and PJ Party Sunday, November 7th

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

Nov. 14 is Deacon Sunday and the Deacons ask that you prayerfully consider gifts to their Deacons Fund. Our Board of Deacons reaches out to our congregation and community with local benevolence. Give online at www.fpcmoorestown.org or designate "Deacon Fund" on the memo line of checks. Look for blue envelopes in offering boxes.

Poinsettia Sales

November 21, November 28, December 5

Ways of the Week

Round 7 of the Ways begins Sunday, Nov. 28 with Way 1: Be Third.

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!



Sunday, November 7

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.

Associate Pastor Installation

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

Advent Guides

Look for an *Advent Devotional* this November 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 who may not feel the holiday joy or celebration seen in others. Seminary intern Paul Savage preaches. The event will stream live on the church's website. The Longest Night is a Service of Remembrance, including the Lord's Supper, special music and a time for prayer. All ages and faiths are welcome to take communion. Please share this event with those you know who might need a quiet place, an authentic respite in the midst of busy holiday activities, or who have experienced a loss. *If you have someone you would like us to invite, 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.*

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.

Sunday Worship Flowers

Reservations are being taken now for 2022 Sunday flower donations. 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.



FAMILY MINISTRY

NEW: Youth Sunday November 7th

Thanksgiving Breaks

Wednesday, November 24

No Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone, or
Middle School Youth Group

Sunday, November 28

No Sunday School or Nursery Care
No High School Youth Group

The church office will be closed Nov. 25 & Nov. 26.
Have a blessed and restful Thanksgiving holiday.

Guest Preacher

Dave Fauvell will be the guest preacher on **Sunday, November 7** for Youth Sunday. Dave, who co-leads our high school youth group, will preach at both 8:30 am Traditional and 11:00 am Contemporary services.

This Sunday is a gift for the youth and all middle schoolers and high schoolers are invited to attend. Come as you are and be a part of this worship experience.



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

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and hope." (Jeremiah 29: 11)

For Families and Children:

Holly Asciutto

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For Families and Youth:

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

**PAJAMAS
and POPTARTS**



Pop Tart and PJ Party Sunday, November 7th

On **Sunday, November 7th** please join us for a PopTart and PJ Party during Sunday School hour. Children and Sunday School teachers are invited to wear their pajamas to Sunday School that week. We will supply the PopTarts!

We look forward to seeing you back on November 7 at 9:45 am!!



Kids and Youth Groups: Registration is OPEN

These fun 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>

**KIDS AND YOUTH
REGISTRATIONS**