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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.

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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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November 14-20, 2021



Way of the Week 24 (Nov. 14-20)

24. TELL YOUR STORY. God has done and is doing something unique in your life. Has God answered a prayer, provided help, or blessed you? Share it. Ask God for opportunities to share your faith in Christ by words and deeds.

- ◆ *"No, go back to your family, and tell them everything God has done for you." So he went all through the town proclaiming the great things Jesus had done for him. (Luke 8: 39)*
- ◆ *Has the Lord redeemed you? Then speak out! Tell others he has redeemed you from your enemies. (Psalm 107: 2)*
- ◆ *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere – in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1: 8)*

Ideas for Action: At the start of each morning this week, think about one thing you're grateful to God for from the previous 24 hours. Got it? Now share it with someone else in the course of today.

Session Updates COVID-19 Protocols

At its October 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](#).

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.

Thanksgiving Breaks

- ♦ **Wed. Nov. 24:** no kids groups or middle school youth group
- ♦ **Thu. Nov. 25** — CLOSED
- ♦ **Fri. Nov. 26** — CLOSED
- ♦ **Sun. Nov. 28;** No high school youth group.



Associate Pastor Installation

Honoring Reverend Wesley Allen
Sunday, November 14
4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Outdoor s'mores and fire pits

The Installation will also be carried live via live stream at www.fpcmoorestown.org

Need a Copy of your Giving Record?

If you would like a copy of your current 2021 financial statement to see where you are with your Pledge, contact Norm Vandergrift in the church office at nvandergrift@fpcmoorestown.org. Final statements for 2021 will be sent in January. For questions, contact Norm at (856) 235-1688, Ext. 112.

Ways of the Week

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

Poinsettia Sales

November 21, November 28, December 5

Watch for order forms in *Connections* and online

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

If you have not yet returned your 2022 Estimate of Giving, please return by mail, [fill out online](#), place in the offering, or e-mail to Norm Vandergrift in the church office. We want to hear from you. As of Nov. 12, we have received 188 Pledges.

Springtime in Israel: Walking With Jesus

Ruth Stotsenburg will be leading the tour from May 9-22, 2022 with excellent local tour guides. Don't miss this opportunity.

If you have traveled with Ruth before, this is an extraordinary tour, going both north into the Galilee, Golan, four days in Jerusalem, then down into the wilderness. If you've been before, it's worth going again. Our leaders have learned so much every time they've gone. We will see new places, too!

If you're interested in attending, contact Ruth Stotsenburg at 856-220-1602 rstots@gmail.com, or Pam Engle (609) 332-7513 or pam@pamengle.com.

Limit is 25 persons in order to keep the price at its advertised price of \$3,636 for the entire two weeks - a significant bargain. Ruth indicates this is her last overseas trip, so take advantage of this spectacular tour while you can.

COME TO AN INFORMATION MEETING

- ⇒ Sunday, Nov. 21 at 3:00 pm (Room 8)
- ⇒ Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 7:30 pm (Room 8)

Watch for information on the Deacons' [online Holiday Gift Drive](#) for Christian Caring Center, replacing the Angel Tree.

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.



Adult Education/Youth Sunday School

Adult education continues 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.

Holiday Worship

Thursday, December 23

Christmas Eve Service

- 3:00 pm Outdoor
- 7:00 pm Outdoor

Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve (sanctuary)

- 4:00 pm Family Service
- 6:00 pm Family Service
- 8:30 pm Communion
- 11:00 pm Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 26

9:30 a.m. Blended worship

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!

Missionwares Re-Opening

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

Advent Devotionals

As we prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ, we will be reading "Watch for the Light: Readings for Advent and Christmas" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer for our Advent devotional. This is a beautiful resource. Order your copy from Amazon or www.christianbook.com. There will also be limited copies available in the church office.

Advent Guide

Look soon for a special *Advent Activity Guide* with programming information for the season's events and special dates. There is something meaningful for all ages.

Deacon Jason Rose

At a Congregational Meeting **Sunday, Nov. 7**, Jason Rose was elected to a term as a Deacon, for the Class of 2024. Congratulations!



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.



Check out the Virtual Gingerbread Challenge!

Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule

Have a blessed and restful Thanksgiving holiday.

- ♦ **Wednesday, November 24:** No Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone, or Middle School Youth Group
- ♦ **Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26:** The church campus will be CLOSED.
- ♦ **Sunday, November 28:** No High School Youth Group



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
856-235-1688, x116

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For Families and Youth:

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

Virtual Gingerbread Challenge 2021

Our annual Gingerbread challenge will be virtual again this year. Come to the church and pick up a kit for you and your family to decorate together, beginning November 14 - 23! **The Challenge will begin on November 21 and end on November 29 at midnight.**

The kits this year are train-themed. As in previous years, it is a basic kit, and you will need to personalize it. You do not have to use the train kit. You can use one of your choosing. Make it colorful, make it interesting, make it unique!! HAVE FUN!

When you have completed your challenge, please take pictures, and either post them on the FPC Family Ministries Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/455452324633585> (ask Holly to join). Or send photos to Holly Asciutto at hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org. Judging will be held Nov. 30-Dec. 3. Oh, and there will be prizes!!

SEE INFORMATION on our Current Events page, website or Facebook pages.

Looking for Advent Candle Lighters

Would your family like to light one of the Advent wreaths during Advent? The Worship Committee is looking for individuals for both 8:30 a.m. traditional and 11:00 a.m. contemporary services for the four weeks of Advent November 28, December 5, 12 and 19, as well as four Christmas Eve Services. Contact Worship Chair Paul Booker at pbooker31@gmail.com or (856) 816-5121.

