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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](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org)  
or [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#).

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to our website.

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e-blast** with announcements,  
Connections and upcoming  
events? If not, contact the  
[church office](#).



# Connections

**FPC**  
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**First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown**

**November 7-14, 2021**



## Way of the Week 23 (Nov. 7-13)

Your life is meant to be an act of worship. Every breath, action, and thought flows from God and can bring him glory. Praise God everywhere and embrace the opportunities to regularly worship with your church family.

- ◆ *And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength. (Mark 12: 30)*
- ◆ *And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice – the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. (Romans 12: 1, 2)*
- ◆ *Let everything that breathes sing praises to the Lord! (Psalm 150: 6)*

**Ideas for Action:** Every morning this week, recite the Jesus Creed: *"Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* (Mark 12: 29 – 31)

## Session Updates COVID-19 Protocols

At its October 26<sup>th</sup> 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;** 9:30 am combined service, no Sunday School or nursery care; no high school youth group. There WILL be adult education.



### Missionwares Re-Opening

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

### 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](mailto: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 with Way 1: Be Third.

*First Sunday in Advent  
Sunday, November 28*

### 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 Nov. 5, we have received 170 pledges en route to our goal of 185. **To assist with budget projections, we kindly ask that all estimates be turned in by Nov. 14.**

### 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.

### 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](mailto:rstots@gmail.com), or Pam Engle (609) 332-7513 or [pam@pamengle.com](mailto: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)



### 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](http://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!



**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  
Outdoor s'mores and fire pits

### 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**.

### Poinsettia Sales

November 21, November 28,  
December 5

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

## Check out the Virtual Gingerbread Challenge!

PAJAMAS  
and POPTARTS



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

### A Sunday for Youth

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 enjoy this unique 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**  
856-235-1688, x116  
[hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org)

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 14th - 23rd! **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](mailto: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.

## 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:** 9:30 am combined worship; No Sunday School or Nursery Care; No High School Youth Group

