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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**   
Moorestown

**First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown**

**January 2-8, 2022**



## **Way of the Week 6 (Jan. 2-8)**

**6. FORGIVE ... AGAIN.** Just as God forgives us, heal relationships by extending forgiveness with grace and generosity.<sup>a,b</sup> Forgive everyone everything.<sup>c</sup> Start by praying for those you resent or hate. Ask for every blessing you would want for the one you're struggling to forgive.

- ◆ <sup>a</sup> *If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins. (Matthew 6: 13, 14)*
- ◆ <sup>b</sup> *Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. (Ephesians 4: 31)*
- ◆ <sup>c</sup> *Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. (Colossians 3: 13)*

**Ideas for Action:** Work on "dropping" the anger you have. Don't let it come between you and someone else. Stop bringing up the hurt in public or with friends. Stop nursing the memory of how you've been wronged.

We are hoping to arrange a missions team to head to Kentucky in the first quarter to help with disaster relief following the December tornadoes that ravaged the area. Are you interested? We are looking for 14 individuals. If interested, please contact Linda Jagiela at [missions@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:missions@fpcmoorestown.org) or cell (267) 275-7582.

### Pastor Vacation

Pastor Spencer will be away from the church from Monday, January 3 through Friday, January 7. In his absence, Pastor Wes Allen is available to provide pastoral care.

### Revised Protocols

In light of the change in the CALI score for Burlington County to HIGH, the following changes were effective Dec. 12 and will remain in effect into January 2022:

#### WORSHIP SERVICES

Masked required for all persons, no congregational singing, all choir singers masked

#### INDOOR MEETINGS

Protocols unchanged -- mask optional for vaccinated adults, recommended for unvaccinated adults. If one or more participants are 18 years of age or younger, all participants are required to wear masks. Participants in choir rehearsals are required to wear masks. No food will be served indoors (with the approved exceptions still in place).

### Adult Education

Rev. Wes Allen and Dr. Leslie Spencer co-lead a 6-week study on the Confession of Belhar. **Starts January 6, 2022; [sign up online on Church Center](#)**. Class is limited to 8 people. The Confession of Belhar emerged out of apartheid South Africa in 1986 and was adopted by the Presbyterian Church (USA) as a Confession of Faith in 2016.

#### January 2, 2022

- ◆ 8:30 a.m. Traditional
- ◆ 11:00 a.m. Contemporary
- ◆ Sunday School 9:45 am
- ◆ Adult education and nursery care

#### January 30, 2022

- ◆ 9:30 AM 5th Sunday Worship
- ◆ No nursery care, adult education or Sunday School

#### January Session Meeting

Tuesday, January 25, 2022  
Joint meeting with Deacons  
7:00 p.m.

### CREDO Confirmation

CREDO is FPC Moorestown's confirmation class for high school students. Confirmands meet weekly during the Sunday education hour 9:45-10:45) in room 2. **[Sign up online by January 1](#)**. These interactive sessions are designed to help confirmands engage their faith, wrestle with difficult questions, and reflect on what it means to be a member of the church. Later, confirmands will begin crafting their statement of faith. Students are encouraged to review these statements with their parents and mentor as they prepare to present it to Session at CREDO's conclusion in April. The cost of CREDO is \$35 and covers all materials for students, parents and mentors (cost should not deter students from participating in confirmation, scholarships are available for students, please reach out to Wes Allen ([wallen@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:wallen@fpcmoorestown.org)) if financial assistance is needed).

### January 31: PW Winter Gathering



On Sunday, January 31 at 7:00 p.m., Kelly Maxted will be our speaker in Miller Commons and also via live stream ([www.fpcmoorestown.org/live-stream](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org/live-stream)).

The program, *"When God says, 'Go!'"*, will tell about her faith journey. Kelly and her husband, Luke are currently Fellows at UrbanPromise Camden. They are preparing to answer God's call to found UrbanPromise London with their two young sons Judah and Reuben. Luke is also currently working with our middle school youth program.

### 2022 Inquirers Class

The Membership Committee will be holding a three-part Winter Inquirer's Class for those interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church and possibly joining the congregation.

- **Wednesday Feb. 23;** 7:00-8:30 PM via Zoom
- **Saturday, Feb. 26;** 9:00AM-1:00 PM (in person)
- **Sunday, Feb. 27;** 12:00-1:00 PM with Session, received into membership (in person)
- **Sunday, March 6:** welcomed at worship

To SIGN UP contact Alison at 856-235-1688, Ext. 113 or [amackey@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:amackey@fpcmoorestown.org) or register on the [online Events page](#).

## Epiphany Concert January 9, 2022

Please join us on Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. to conclude the Season of Advent. The Choristers, Chapel Choir and Adult Choir will be singing carols, songs, and anthems of the season. The concert will also air via live stream.

## Evergreens Worship

Second Monday of the Month

NEXT: Monday, January 10

10:00-11:00 a.m.

## Yes, I'm Here or Watching

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 for the Membership Committee, staff and member care. Download the Church Center app on your phone to check in. If you need help, please see the volunteer. **REMINDER:** When watching the live stream at home or attending in person, **check in** on your smart phone to note participation.

## MLK Observance

The church campus is CLOSED on Monday, January 17

## Check-In Help Needed

We're looking for friendly faces to 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!

## Special Holiday Giving Opportunities

For these offerings, you may mail a check (postmarked by Dec. 31), [give online](#) (by midnight Dec. 31) use the envelopes in boxed sets or leave in the offering box. Please note in memo line. THANK YOU to all who have generously responded to the pastor's recent end of year letter. For a copy of your 2021 giving record, contact the church office.

**Please Note:** Checks may be received in the offering plate up to January 2, 2022 with a date of December 31 on the check.

**Have you noticed someone  
missing from church?  
Give them a call.**

## 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.

**NEW:** Submit an online prayer request to the Prayer Committee. Visit the prayer page on the website at <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/prayer> to share your prayer request with the prayer team.

**Offering envelopes for 2022  
will be mailed in early January**



## Preschool

PARENTS: Register for 2022-23 preschool classes in January for Step by Step Christian Preschool. Look for applications in January.

Early registration for church members and current enrollees will be January 3-14, 2022. Open registration for all others begins January 18, 2022.

**Church campus is CLOSED  
Monday, January 3, 2022**

## Annual Meeting / Reports

The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held **Sunday, February 6, 2022** in Fellowship Hall. Committee chairs are asked to please provide a report summarizing events of 2020-2021 to Jan Martin by **Friday, January 14**. Please email reports (MS Word please) to [jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org). Copies of the *2021 Annual Report* will be available Sunday, Jan. 30, 2022 at church and online.

## 2022 Pulpit Flowers

Reserve Sunday flower donations for 2022 to honor loved ones and special dates in your life. Vases are \$40 each and 2 vases are available each Sunday. To reserve your date (s), contact Rumi Sinunu at 856-266-4047 or [rts319@gmail.com](mailto:rts319@gmail.com).

## Christmas Toy Drive

Annette Emerson wishes to thank everyone who generously donated toys to the Presbytery Food Shelf in Camden. She was overwhelmed at your generosity!



# FAMILY MINISTRY

**Sunday School resumes January 2, 2022 (9:45-10:45 am)**

## Winter Break for Fellowship Groups Happy New Year!

- ⇒ Kingdom Kids (K-3rd) returns **Wed. Feb. 2.**
- ⇒ Crossing Zone (4th-6th) returns **Wed. Feb. 2.**
- ⇒ Middle School (grades 7-8) returns **Wed. Feb. 2.**
- ⇒ High School (grades 9-12) returns **Sun. Jan. 30**

## High Schoolers Head to Lake Champion!

January 21-23, 2022



**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

And all of you, dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." (1 Peter 5: 5)

For Families and Children:

**Holly Asciutto**

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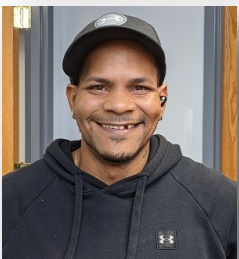
For Families and Youth:

**The search is underway for a  
new youth director**



## Jesus Birthday Party (December 19)

## Welcome Sam Caraballo



**Sam Caraballo** has been hired to the Property Team as a part-time staffer, filling a vacancy in that department. Sam will be assisting with the maintenance of the grounds and equipment. He will assist in the upkeep of the building providing assistance to property supervisor Steve Margerum, Steve Cashmer and others. He will be here to help in any way possible on Sunday mornings before, during, and after services. He is a hard worker with a great attitude, and is always willing to help. Please introduce yourself to Sam next time you see him.