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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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First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

February 13-19, 2022



Way of the Week 12 (February 13-19)

12. OWN OUR CHURCH. The work of the church isn't defined by pastors and staff alone; it comes from each member actively participating in the life of Jesus Christ. Claim ownership of FPC Moorestown's mission, programs, and property. Each is an expression of how God is working among us! Support others. Be informed. Volunteer for a new role. Live like you're the church – because you are!

Ideas for Action: Spend a few minutes on our [website](#) to learn about some aspect of our ministry or mission that's new or unknown to you. Fuel your curiosity and consider getting involved in an area of ministry that brings you joy!



Lenten Book Study; Looking for Leaders

THIS YEAR our Lenten small group studies will be reading *Way of A Pilgrim* by R.M. French. If you are interested in leading or hosting a group, please contact Wes Allen or Alison Mackey in the church office (856.235.1688) and they'll sign you up! Look for group sign ups in the Commons Lobby beginning **February 13**. Books are available online and have been ordered for the church office (\$11).

[Sign up for Lenten Groups online](#)

Lenten Prayer Retreat

March 15-18, 2022 (Due Feb. 13)

Pastor Spencer leads a four-day, three-night retreat at Holy Cross (NY) Monastery, an Episcopal community of faith. Join members from FPC Moorestown and friends from other churches for a study of the parable of the Prodigal Son and lots of time for rest, reflection and renewal. Our study is Henri Nouwen's masterpiece *The Return of the Prodigal: A Story of Homecoming*. [SIGN UP online](#) on our event page or website.

FPC Moorestown Hosts Crisis Blood Drive

URGENT: The American Red Cross is searching for donors as the ARC blood banks are in critical supply. Please schedule a time on **Wednesday, Feb. 16 from 1-6 PM in Miller Commons** to donate your blood to literally save someone's life. Sign up today at www.redcrossblood.org.

NEW: Jesus Prayer (Zoom)

Sign up for a Jesus Prayer study on Zoom with Pastor Stuart about this special prayer, centerpiece of our Lenten study. Series will be held Thursdays in Lent March 3-April 7 from 6:30-7:00 p.m. via Zoom.



Protocols

Worship Services

- ◆ Masks required for all persons including singers
- ◆ Physical distancing encouraged in both worship spaces
- ◆ No congregational singing.

Indoor Meetings

- ◆ Everyone in the building is required to mask, regardless of vaccination status.
- ◆ Groups are welcome to meet at church, or meet virtually.
- ◆ No food will be served indoors.

Per Capita

This month look for mailed information regarding our annual Per Capita giving. As Presbyterians, we are a *connectional church*. This assessment is a "per member" contribution of **\$38.75 per member** above one's pledge that each church pays annually to support the General Assembly, Synod and Presbytery. Congregation members are asked to help provide the \$38.75 for themselves and/or their member children (if able). Or you may [submit an "opt out" request](#) if you do NOT wish this portion to be paid. You must alert the church office. Your response and support is most appreciated and will assist the church in paying this assessment. For questions please call Norm in the church office at 856.235.1688, Ext. 112.



Adult Spiritual Formation

Lorenzo Eagles leads a Sunday morning Adult Spiritual Formation class from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Come participate in this Discovery Bible Study adult class, which is open to those 7th grade and older.

The Four Gospels

Seminary intern Paul Savage leads a four-week study on The Four Gospels Feb. 6-27. The class meets from 9:45-10:45 am in Room 8, and is accessible via Zoom or in person.

FIND the Zoom links for both events online on our event page and Adult Spiritual Formation page of our website www.fpcmoorestown.org.

The Season of Lent

Ash Wednesday: March 2

First Sunday in Lent: March 6

The Journey of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday March 2. That day, we will be holding a drive-through **Ashes on the Go** event at 12 noon. Simply drive into the main parking lot and be safely greeted for prayer and, if desired, the imposition of ashes. Please wear masks. **Ash Wednesday Worship** will be that evening at 7:00 p.m., intern Paul Savage preaching.

Lent-in-a-Bag will be available for our families with family activities for this season. Contact Holly Asciutto at 856.235.1688, Ext. 116 (see page 4).

Boards of the Church

The Nominations Committee is hard at work staffing the three Boards of the church: Elders, Deacons and Trustees. Is God calling you to serve? What ministry area calls to you? Please pray about where you may "join hands." [Look for an online sign up.](#)

Check in to Church

Using the Church Center app on your phone, please "check in to church" each Sunday you're in person or home watching the live stream. This simple automated check-in replaces the Friendship sign-in pads and provides accurate records for the Membership Committee, staff and member care. Download the app on your phone from the App Store or Google Play. Need help? Please see the volunteer in the narthex or at the desk.

Look for an Activity Guide for the Lenten Season

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.

Your Service Pledge

A new church year is underway. Is there something new you'd like to try? Do you want to serve as an usher, prepare snacks for VBS or be a trustee? Or maybe you'd rather stuff envelopes, or design flyers? [Fill out our new online Service Pledge.](#) There are countless ways to make an impact and utilize your skills, all for the glory of God. Use the convenient QR code in the contemporary service. Please complete by **February 28.**

- Stewardship & Nominations Committees

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 class begins on Wednesday, Feb. 23. Sign up with Alison at 856-235-1688, Ext. 113 or amackey@fpcmoorestown.org or register on the [online Events page.](#)

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

Joel Krott Tribute

If you missed the surprise event on January 23rd honoring Joel Krott's 50 years at FPC Moorestown, watch the tribute online at www.fpcmoorestown.org/krott-50.

Sock It To Me

Cold, wet feet add to the misery of the homeless. Please help bring some relief! Presbyterian Women are collecting white cotton socks for the Christian Caring Center. A collection box will be located in the Commons Lobby through Easter.



Preschool Registration, Open House

Registration is underway for 2022-23 preschool classes. Applications on our [website](#). Classes begin in September 2022 and are available for 2 ½ year olds, 3-year olds, and Pre-K students. Come to an **Open House** on Tuesday, March 1 from 7 -8 p.m. and meet us in person.

Spring ALPHA Series
Visit our event page to learn more; community welcome

Easter Flower Orders

Orders for colorful Easter flowers will be taken **March 20, March 27 and April 3.** Order online and mail in your payment, or submit payment and your order form in the offering box following worship. Flowers are \$15 each and will be assorted spring varieties. Flowers may be picked up after the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Easter Sunday April 17th.

Annual Meeting

The Congregational Meeting was held Sunday, Feb. 6 via Zoom webinar. The [Annual Report](#) is available at church and on our website.

FAMILY MINISTRY

Save The Date: Vacation Bible School June 27-July 1, 2022

Sweet Fundraisers for our School

- ♦ **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15:** Take a night off on *Third Tuesdays* and swing through the Centerton Square Chick-Fil A from 5-8 PM to support our preschool. **Please mention Step by Step Preschool for credit!**
- ♦ **NEW!** Help support Step by Step by [purchasing delicious Stock's Pound Cakes](#) for you, family and friends. Cakes are \$16 and six delicious varieties! Return order form by March 3. Contact Amy Delgado at adelgado@fpcmoorestown.org.



At youth group our middle schoolers and high schoolers are diving into the Book of Mark.

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:

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For Families and Youth:

The search is underway for a new youth director

COMING: Lent-in-a-Bag for Families

Lent is the season before Easter where we try to "journey" with Jesus. We invite families to take a Lent Bag and follow weekly instructions for a meaningful experience during this most holy of times. On the back of the outer bag is an overview of the activities for the seven weeks leading up to Easter. Week 1 should start the week of Ash Wednesday (March 2).



WHEN AND WHERE: The Lent-in-a-bag devotion will be available beginning **Sunday, February 27th** in the Commons Lobby, and on Ash Wednesday, **March 2nd** at the Drive Through Ashes in the parking lot at 12 noon.

Lent-in-a-bag is meant to equip families to help have conversation and prayer at home. There are specific connections with the *Jesus Storybook Bible* listed but please use whatever version/ translation of the Scripture is best for your family. Inside each bag are seven individual bags marked weeks 1-6 and "Holy Week". Choose one day a

week to gather with your family, take out that week's devotional and contents, and follow the detailed instructions. (Sometimes there is a bonus at the end of the devotions for older children).

Also, we have included a Lenten **Fish Box** for "One Great Hour of Sharing" as a means of charitable, monetary collections and giving during Lent (see insert with the box). Completed fish boxes will be collected during both Palm Sunday services on April 10th.

For questions contact Holly Asciutto at 856.235.1688, x116 or hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org.

On **Wednesday, March 2**, Ash Wednesday, there will be no Kingdom Kids or Crossing Zone so families may worship together. Middle School Youth Group may meet earlier that night. There will be Choristers and Primary Choir rehearsal as scheduled.