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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.

"Connections" is published weekly for Sunday worship and every two weeks in the summer. Please submit information by noon Tuesdays to:
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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 6-12, 2022



11. MAKE OTHERS AT HOME HERE. Warmly welcome newcomers and visitors. Offer your name with a smile. Reach out and greet the person you don't know after worship, during Coffee Hour, in Youth Group or Sunday school. Show a genuine interest in others.

- ♦ *Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. (Romans 15: 7)*
- ♦ *Welcome her in the Lord as one who is worthy of honor among God's people. Help her in whatever she needs, for she has been helpful to many, and especially to me. (Romans 16: 2)*

Ideas for Action: Look for someone you don't know very well. Invite that person for coffee, a walk or a meal and get to know them. Keep your eyes peeled for the guest or visitor at our church and offer your name and a smile of welcome. Pave the way for new friendships wherever you are.

Congregational Meeting and Annual Report

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 6, 2022** at 12:15 p.m. and will be held virtually via Zoom webinar. [Find the link on our events page and website](#). The purpose of the meeting is to share the Annual Report, receive the 2022 church budget, and approve the 2022 pastors' terms of call.

ZOOM WEBINAR LINK

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82802424815?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82802424815?pwd=VjA3Z1loenZKenAwcnZFRXJSZ1Vudz09)
[pwd=VjA3Z1loenZKenAwcnZFRXJSZ1Vudz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82802424815?pwd=VjA3Z1loenZKenAwcnZFRXJSZ1Vudz09)

Passcode: 462490

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.

Lenten Prayer Retreat March 15-18, 2022

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.

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 this year, please contact Wes Allen or Alison Mackey in the church office (856.235.1688) and they'll sign you up!

Look for SIGN UPS at church beginning **February 13**.



NEW: Jesus Prayer (Zoom)

Watch for sign ups for a Jesus Prayer study on Zoom with Pastor Stuart about this special prayer, centerpiece of our Lenten study. WHEN: Thursdays in Lent March 3-April 7 from 6:30-7:00 p.m.

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 move to virtual meetings.
- ♦ Our Annual Meeting, set for Sunday, February 6, 2022 at 12:15 p.m. will be offered virtually via Zoom webinar.
- ♦ No food will be served indoors.

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.

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

NEW: Seminary intern Paul Savage leads a four-week study on The Four Gospels beginning **Sunday, February 6th**. 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 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.

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 or register on the [online Events page](#).

Per Capita

In February, 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 For Southern New Jersey. 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.

Your Service Pledge

The New Year is upon us ... 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 **Feb. 28**.

- Stewardship and Nominations Committees

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

Blanket Sunday

January 30, our 5th Sunday, was Blanket Sunday, a program of the Deacons. Each blanket is \$10 and will provide critical needs for this Church World Service effort. Donate whatever amount you wish. Checks payable to First Presbyterian Church with Blanket Sunday in the memo line, use special pew envelopes or [online drop down](#) for Blanket Sunday.

Are you interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown and possibly joining?



FAMILY MINISTRY

Lent begins March 2 (Ash Wednesday) ~ 7:00 p.m. Worship

Fellowship Groups Are Back from Break

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

Contact group leaders or
the church office at 856.235.1688



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**

Preschool Items

- ♦ **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15:** Take a night off on *Third Tuesdays* and swing through the Centerton Square Chick-Fil A to support our preschool. **Be sure to mention that you are supporting Step by Step Preschool.** Bring your friends and colleagues ... our school receives a percentage of every order. Dine in, drive through or carry out! Address: 58 Centerton Square, Mount Laurel **Tuesday, Feb. 15, 5:00-8:00 p.m.**

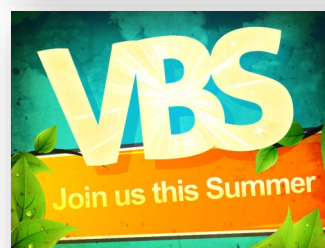
- ♦ **REGISTRATION** is underway for 2022-23 preschool classes. Applications on our [website](https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/growth/step-by-step-preschool/). Classes begin in September 2022 and are available for 2 ½ year olds, 3-year olds, and Pre-K students. Step by Step offers flexible options for morning or afternoon sessions and is open to members of the church and surrounding communities. Visit the preschool's web site for more information at <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/growth/step-by-step-preschool/> or contact director [Amy Delgado](mailto:Amy.Delgado@fpcmoorestown.org) at 856.235.1688, x132.

The Season of Lent

COMING SOON: Lent-in-a-Bag for families



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. Choirs will rehearse as scheduled.



SAVE THE DATE

Vacation Bible School
June 27-July 1, 2022