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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](#).

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later in the week
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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

March 20-26, 2022



Way of the Week 17 (March 20-26)

17. SHOW WHO YOU REALLY ARE. Our church is for "real" people. Bring your true self, including your joys, your sorrows, your fears, your strengths, and your weaknesses. God loves you as you are. Don't hide your struggles, failures or problems.

◇ *For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. (John 3: 16)*

Ideas for Action: First think about what you need help with right now. Then, share that need with someone else from our congregation this week.

Children's Ministries Aide

The Children's Ministries program is looking for an energetic, Christ centered, kid loving, creative part time aide to assist with Wednesday night programs, Vacation Bible School, and other events associated with our vibrant children's program. The hours vary as needed and remuneration is negotiable. If you are interested please reach out to Earl Gage at egage@fpcmoorestown.org. This is an ideal position for someone that wants to help children experience the love of Jesus and God's big story, have fun while serving our community, but cannot commit to regular employment. There are no benefits with this position.

Jesus Prayer (Zoom)

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

To join us via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81934312431?pwd=VVY4YnRnRm42UDFFZmQzeKdxbXBmZz09>

Meeting ID: 819 3431 2431

Passcode: 819740

Easter Worship

Sunday, April 17th

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service

8:30 a.m. Traditional

11:00 a.m. Contemporary



Lent Programming Guide

Copies of our 2022 Lent Programming Guide are available at church and [online](#), detailing the events for this meaningful Lent and Easter season. Download or pick up your copy today.

Meal Train

Calling all cooks. Please contact Alison in the church office if you'd like to join the list of volunteers who offer to bring a meal to someone in our church family. When there is a need for meals within the church, Deacon Jean Donahue creates a meal train and lets people know they can sign up to bring a meal to someone. Signing up doesn't mean you have to pick up a meal but when there is a need Jean lets people know so they can decide based on what works for their schedule. Contact Alison Mackey at 856.235.1688, Ext. 113 or amackey@fpcmoorestown.org.

Couples Night Out

Save the Date for a Couples Night Out at the historic Union League of Philadelphia; May 20, 2022 — 6-10 pm. Cost per couple is \$325 and includes a four course meal and guest speaker. Join us for a much needed night out, connect with other couples, and strengthen your relationship and faith. Overnight accommodations are available for an additional \$265 (includes breakfast Saturday) - for rooms contact the Inn at the Union League (215.587.5570). **Speaker information soon!** [Register on our event page.](#)

About the venue: The Union League of Philadelphia, ranked the #1 City Club in the Country, is a shining jewel of history in a city defined by such treasure. Founded in 1862 as a patriotic society to support the Union and the policies of President Abraham Lincoln during a time of civil unrest in America.

Adult Spiritual Formation

- ⇒ Lorenzo Eagles leads a Sunday morning Adult Spiritual Formation class from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall and Zoom hybrid. This Discovery Bible Study adult class is open to those 7th grade and older.
- ⇒ Seminary intern Paul Savage leads a Lent study group beginning March 6 from 9:45-10:45 am in Room 8 and Zoom hybrid. The class is accessible via Zoom or in person. SIGN UP online or in the Commons Lobby.

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

Holy Week Schedule **(in person and live stream)**

Maundy Thursday Worship

*A solemn service recalling The Last Supper,
Communion served*

Thursday, April 14 ~ 7:00 p.m. (Miller Commons)
Rev. Wes Allen preaching

Good Friday Tenebrae Worship

*A moving experience extinguishing light
into darkness, powerful*

Friday, April 15 ~ 7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)
Paul Savage preaching

Easter Flower Orders

Order forms for Easter flowers will be available **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.

PW Mission Donations

- Presbyterian Women are collecting **white cotton socks** for the Christian Caring Center. Cold, wet feet add to the misery of the homeless. Please help bring relief! A collection box will be in the Commons Lobby through Easter.
- Items are also being collected by PW for **hygiene kits** for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. [See our event page for a list of items.](#)

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

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.](#)

Community Band Concert

The Golden Eagle Community Band under the direction of Greg Connlain, welcomes you to a free concert on Saturday, April 2nd at 2 pm, here at church in the Commons. It will feature music of Andrew Lloyd Webber, Duke Ellington, the Beatles, Paul Simon, Gershwin and Westside Story. Hope you'll be able to join us for band favorites and vocalist Ellen Kirk!

April 10 (Palm Sunday) One Great Hour of Sharing offering

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.

Spring ALPHA Series

Invite your friends to this video discussion series Wednesday evenings **April 20-June 22** in Room 3-4 (7-8:30 p.m.) All are welcome — believers, searchers, and those seeking to know what Christianity is and what it believes. No book is required. Open to the community. SIGN UP online on our events page.



Power of Prayer

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

***Save The Date:
Spring Blood Drive
Friday, May 13th
Miller Commons***

Camp Johnsonburg Summer Camp

Registration is OPEN for the summer camps of Camp Johnsonburg, a Presbyterian camp and retreat center. Visit www.campjburg.org/summer-camp. There are programs for 1st-5th graders, 6th-8th graders, and 9th-12th graders. Pick yours! A handful of kids from Moorestown are already signed up for **July 31-August 5!**

Different price tiers and weeks are available; there is also a discount for more than one child. At Camp Jburg, kids have an opportunity to make friends, have fun, and most importantly learn about Jesus Christ and God's love for them. Parents: learn about flexible payment options and deferred payments too. It will be a summer your kids will not forget! Reach out to Wes Allen with any questions.

Strawberry Festival

SAVE THE DATE
Friday, June 3, 2022
6:00-9:00 p.m.
OUTSIDE on church grounds

FAMILY MINISTRY

Nut-free fun size candy donations welcomed for our Egg Hunt

Children's Easter Celebration **Saturday, April 9th ~ 10 a.m.**

The Children's Easter Celebration will be **Saturday, April 9** from 10:00-11:00 a.m., and weather permitting, will be outside. Celebrate the joy of Easter with an Egg hunt for children ages 2-10! There is no charge; canned food for the food pantry as an entrance will be welcomed. If it rains, we will cancel and reschedule. **Don't forget your basket!**



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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

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!
- Luke 18:38

For Families and Children:

Holly Asciutto
856-235-1688, x116
hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org

For Families and Youth:

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

Lent-in-a-Bag for Families

As we journey with Jesus this Lenten season, 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). The Lent-in-a-bag devotions are available in the Commons Lobby.

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 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.

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

One Great Hour of Sharing

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 the insert with the box). Fish banks will also be distributed in children's Sunday School. Completed fish boxes will be collected during both Palm Sunday services on **April 10th. There is NO Sunday School on April 10.**

Easter Break Schedule

Wednesday, April 13: No Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone or Middle School Youth Group

Sunday, April 17: No CREDO confirmation class or High School Youth Group

Wednesday, April 20: No Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone or Middle School Youth Group