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**Worship. Connect.
Serve. Devote.**

JOIN US Sunday morning
at church for worship or
watch via live stream.
Please **check in** via the
Church Center app:

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

March 27-April 2, 2022



Way of the Week 18 (March 27-April 2)

18. ASK FOR HELP. Part of being a real and authentic member of the church is to acknowledge your weaknesses and be willing to ask for God's help and the support of others. None of us can go it alone. Vulnerability is a sign of strength and a gift to others.

Read: Psalm 107: 6; 2 Corinthians 12: 9

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.

Special Film Event:

"The Reluctant Convert: The Untold Story of C.S. Lewis"

FPC Moorestown is registered to host a screening of *"The Most Reluctant Convert: The Untold Story of C.S. Lewis"* on Saturday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. in Miller Commons. An elder C.S. Lewis looks back on his remarkable journey from hard-boiled atheist to the most renowned Christian writer of the past century.

Tickets are \$11 for adults and \$9 for children 12 and under. A small convenience fee will be added to each order. Visit our website event page to order online and watch a movie trailer. This event is OPEN to the community - please invite a friend! Kindly arrive 15-30 minutes ahead of time to check in.

Order tickets online: <https://brushfire.com/faithcontentnetwork/themostreluctantconvert/530481>.

Stay after the movie for a film discussion. For information contact Jean Kunkel, Gayle Payne or the church office at 856.235.1688.

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.

C. Harry Knowles Memorial Concert

Sunday, April 10 ~ 7:30 p.m.

In Memoriam:

Requiems—Fauré and Rutter
West Jersey Chamber Chorale
and Adult Choir

[Visit our website for details](#)

Community 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 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!

Hearing Assist Devices

The hearing assist devices in the sanctuary have been recalibrated, thanks to the work of Charles Plymale and Barbara Duffy. If you need one of these receivers, please see an usher.

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 from 9:45-10:45 am in Room 8. The class is accessible via Zoom or in person.

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

Saturday, April 2: Session Retreat

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 and payment for Easter flowers will be due **April 3**. Order forms are available online and in Connections March 20, 27 and April 3. Submit payment and order forms 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 April 17th.

Boards of the Church

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

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

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-12th graders. Several kids from Moorestown are already signed up for **July 31-Aug.5!** Different price tiers and weeks are available; discount for more than one child. At Camp Jburg, kids have an opportunity to make friends, have fun, and learn about Jesus Christ and God's love for them. Flexible payment options. It will be a summer they will remember! Reach out to Wes Allen with any questions.

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.



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.

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

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.

2022 Strawberry Festival

Friday, June 3, 2022

6:00-9:00 p.m.

OUTSIDE on church grounds

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.](#)

A big thank you for all the prayers, cards, flowers, and delicious meals this congregation provided during Sara's post-op recovery from hip surgery. We can report that Sara is on a gradual recovery path, improving a little bit every day. We are very glad to be a part of this caring church family. Thanks again,

- Sara and Mancyr Cyr

PW Mission Donations

- Presbyterian Women are collecting **white cotton socks** for the Christian Caring Center. A collection box will be in the Commons Lobby thru Easter.
- Items are also being collected by PW for **hygiene kits** for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. [See our event page for a list of items.](#)

SAVE THE DATE
Red Cross Blood Drive
Friday, May 13th
Miller Commons

FAMILY MINISTRY

Nut-free fun size candy donations welcomed for our Easter egg hunt

Children's Easter Celebration **Saturday, April 9th ~ 10-11 a.m.**

The Children's Easter Celebration will be **Saturday, April 9** from 10-11 a.m., and weather permitting, will be outside. Celebrate the joy of Easter with an Egg hunt for children ages 0-10! There is no charge; canned food for the food pantry as an entrance will be welcomed. If it rains, we will cancel the event. **Don't forget your basket!**



AIDE WANTED: The Children's Ministry 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 with our vibrant children's program. 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. No benefits with this position.

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
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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. The Lent-in-a-bag devotions are available in the Commons Lobby. On the back of the outer bag is an overview of the activities for the seven weeks leading up to Easter. **Lent-in-a-bag** is meant to equip families to have conversation and prayer at home. Inside each bag are 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 just follow the instructions!

Children's End of Year Parties:
Wednesday, April 27
(outside on church grounds, inflatables!)

[Kingdom Kids:](#) 4:45-5:45 pm, \$10
[Crossing Zone:](#) 6:15-7:30 pm, \$10

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