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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](#).

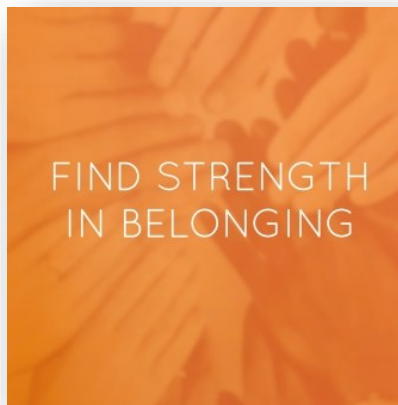


Connections

FPC
Moorestown

First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

April 10-16, 2022



Way of the Week 20 (April 10-16)

20. FIND STRENGTH IN BELONGING. At FPC Moorestown, you're loved and valued. Claim us as your family. Rather than withdrawing, allow struggles and disappointments to deepen your sense of belonging. Pray for chances to bring healing to relationships. Please be patient! God isn't yet finished with us or with you.

Read: Romans 14: 7-9; Acts 2: 46; Matthew 12: 25; Psalm 103: 8

NEW! Deliver an Easter Basket for Angel Tree Easter

The Deacons invite the congregation to help the Seeds of Hope Ministry in Camden by putting together an Easter basket for an incarcerated mom or dad. This is part of the Prison Fellowship program that we have supported with the Angel Tree.

This is a quick turnaround, but the Deacons just received this request and wanted to share it with the congregation. If you would like to donate a basket, all of the information is contained in the link below.

Each basket should contain age-appropriate candy for each child and an age-appropriate Easter booklet/coloring book, etc. sharing the reason we celebrate Easter. In addition to the basket, an Easter plant or flowers would be great for the caregiver. On the day before Easter, you would deliver the items to the family that you selected. Once you sign up, you will be given the phone number, name and address to contact to set up a delivery.

To select a family and for more information:

<https://seedsofhopeministries1.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=48503>



Palm Sunday April 10

No children's Sunday School
One Great Hour of Sharing offering

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

Friday, April 15 ~ 7:00 p.m.

(Sanctuary)

Paul Savage preaching

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 17th

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service

8:30 a.m. Traditional

11:00 a.m. Contemporary

(no Sunday School or Adult)

C. Harry Knowles
Memorial Concert

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

FPC Moorestown Sanctuary

In Memoriam:

Requiems—Fauré and Rutter

West Jersey Chamber Chorale and

Adult Choir

[Visit our website or eblast](#)
[for details](#)



"The Most 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 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 your friends and colleagues. Kindly arrive ahead of time to check in. Walk up ticket sales: cash or check only please, \$12.

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

BONUS: Stay after the movie for a film discussion.

For information contact Jean Kunkel, Gayle Payne or the church office at 856.235.1688.

Community Good Friday
Worship

Friday, April 15 (Noon-1 pm)
Sanctuary Courtyard

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.

There is no class on Easter April 17th.

Hearing Assist Upgrade
Sanctuary Hearing Assist system
revitalization project

The Sanctuary Hearing Assist system now has new receivers which are speech and music capable, using our streaming sound, with zero delay. The following are used with these receivers. Headphones, Neck loops, and the new low profile surround earphone. The system is available during Sanctuary streaming times which include worship, concerts, funerals and weddings. A case containing these items is on a table in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance.

- Charles Plymale, coordinator

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 webpage.

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.

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.

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.](#)

Holiday Closure

The church office will be CLOSED on Easter Monday, April 18.

2022 Strawberry Festival

Friday, June 3, 2022

6:00-9:00 p.m.

OUTSIDE on church grounds

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.

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

VBS Registration OPEN

June 27- July 1 ~ 9:00 am-noon

Children entering Kindergarten through entering 6th grade (FALL 2022). When registering, enter child's *current grade for 2021-22*.

Cost: \$20 per child

\$15 for second child

DEADLINE: JUNE 15, 2022

At *Make Waves* VBS, kids will discover what they do today can change the world around them. *Make Waves* is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few activities that help faith *flow* into real life.

TEENS (Student leaders in 7th grade and older) AND ADULTS: Interested in becoming a VBS volunteer? WE NEED YOU! Please contact [Angie Slane](#) in the church office at 856.235.1688, Ext. 124.

Live Stream Operators

Help us preach the digital gospel! We are looking for individuals high school or older to learn our live stream operation. **We will train! We need you!** Harris Ransom departs for college this fall and we need to secure tech operators to continue our live stream. Contact Jan Martin



FAMILY MINISTRY

KK, CZ and Middle School Youth will NOT meet Wed. April 13, Wed. April 20

Spring 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

[VBS registration is OPEN! See our website](#)

AIDE WANTED: The Children's Ministry program seeks an energetic, Christ centered, kid loving, creative [part time aide](#) to assist with Vacation Bible School, Wednesday night programs, 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**



Sunday School Note

There is NO children's Sunday School on April 10 (Palm Sunday) or April 17 (Easter).

Children's End of Year Inflatable Parties

Wednesday, April 27
(outside on church grounds)

[Kingdom Kids:](#) 4:45-5:45 pm, \$10

[Crossing Zone:](#) 6:15-7:30 pm, \$10

Please use fpcmoorestown.org/events to register your child today! For questions contact Holly Asciutto at 856.235.1688, x116 or hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Fish banks have been distributed in Sunday School for our annual offering for "One Great Hour of Sharing," which is traditionally collected on Palm Sunday. A fish box was also included in the Lent Bags. Completed fish boxes will be collected during worship at both Palm Sunday services on **April 10th. There is no Sunday School on Palm Sunday.** The PCUSA One Great Hour of Sharing offering supports three Presbyterian disaster relief programs.

2022 Graduate?

Do you know of a 2022 graduate? Please submit names of those high school, college or post-grad graduates from our congregation to [Jan Martin](#) in the church office. We will honor our grads on Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 15 during both services.