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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

April 3-9, 2022



Way of the Week 19 (April 3-9)

19. ACCEPT AND DON'T CAST STONES. God's love opens the doors of our church to all people. Just as Jesus did, welcome people as they are. It's not up to us to judge. Love unconditionally, and as Christ has received you, receive others.

Ideas for Action: Approach someone you normally avoid at church for whatever reason. Make a point to speak to them this week.

Special Film Event:

"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 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. Walk up ticket sales: cash or check only please, \$12.

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.



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)

Easter Flower Orders

Order forms and payment for Easter flowers are due **April 3**. Orders forms are available online and in *Connections*. Submit payment and order forms in the offering box following worship or to the church office. Flowers are \$15 each and will be assorted spring varieties. Flowers may be picked up after the 11:00 a.m. service on Easter April 17th.

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 or eblast for details](#)

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.

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.

Jesus Prayer (Zoom)

The Jesus Prayer study with Pastor Stuart about the Jesus Prayer, centerpiece of our Lent study, concludes April 7. Series held online Thursdays **March 3-April 7** from 6:30-7:00 p.m.

To join us via Zoom:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81934312431?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81934312431?pwd=VVY4YnRnRm42UDFFZmQzekdxbXBmZz09)
[pwd=VVY4YnRnRm42UDFFZmQzekdxbXBmZz09](#)

Meeting ID: 819 3431 2431

Passcode: 819740



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.

All Aboard the 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.

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

We are looking for individuals high school or older who may want to learn our live stream operation. **We will train! We need you!** We need to secure video operators with the pending departure of young Harris Ransom for college this fall. Contact Jan Martin in the church office.



FAMILY MINISTRY

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

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

THANK YOU! We have met our goal of candy, plastic egg donations and help filling. Thanks to your generosity, we are all set for a fun filled event for our children and community. We will see you on April 9th with your loved ones with baskets in hand! We plan to be OUTSIDE so let's pray for good weather! **Volunteers are still needed.**

Children ages 0-10. No Charge; canned food for the food pantry as an entrance will be welcomed. If it rains, we will move inside. **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**



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.

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

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.**