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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

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First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

May 1-7, 2022



Way of the Week 23 (May 1-7)

23. **WORSHIP WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART.** Your life is meant to be an act of worship. Every breath, action, and thought flows from God and can bring him glory. Praise God everywhere and embrace the opportunities to regularly worship with your church family.

Read: Mark 12: 30; Romans 12: 1,2; Psalm 150: 6

Ideas for Action: Every morning this week, recite the Jesus Creed: *"Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* (Mark 12: 29 – 31)

Welcome CREDO Confirmation Class

On Sunday, April 24, CREDO students who wish to become members of the church presented their Statements of Faith to Session following the 11:00 a.m. service. CREDO is FPC Moorestown's confirmation class for high school students, which has met weekly during the education hour. These interactive sessions help confirmands engage their faith, wrestle with difficult questions, and reflect on what it means to be a member of the church. Students select and meet with an adult mentor of the church who is actively engaged in the ministries of the church and denomination.

During the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, May 1, we will pray for and welcome these CREDO students who have elected to join the congregation as members.

Congregational Meeting Sunday, May 1, 2022

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown, New Jersey, has called a special meeting of the congregation. This meeting will be held **Sunday, May 1, 2022** immediately following the 8:30 AM traditional worship service in the sanctuary.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect elders, deacons and trustees to a term of office beginning June 1, 2022.

The meeting can be viewed via live stream but votes can only be cast in person. No other business may be brought before the congregation other than the preceding item.

Ann McBride, Clerk of Session

5th Sunday
Sunday, May 29
9:30 a.m. combined worship
Sanctuary

Blood Drive Here May 13

First Presbyterian Church and the American Red Cross are hosting an upcoming blood drive on (lucky) Friday, May 13th. Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today to donate your gift of life. Someone will be glad you did.

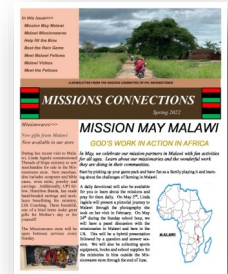
Drive Details:

- **Site:** First Presbyterian Church
- **Address:** 101 Bridgeboro Road, Moorestown, NJ, 08057
- **Room Name:** Miller Commons
- **Date:** Friday, May 13, 2022
- **Time:** 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- **Blood Program Leader Name:** Debbie Heller

To sign up contact Debbie Heller at 856-273-6838 or dheller374@comcast.net, or visit redcrossblood.org/give and enter "First Presbyterian Moorestown."

Coming: Mission May

Mission May is coming! Watch for information about Mission May Malawi. Learn about our mission partners in Malawi with fun activities for all ages. Pick up a copy of the [Spring Missions Connections newsletter](#).



Incoming Officers

Incoming elders, deacons and trustees will be installed and ordained on **Sunday, May 29** at our 9:30 a.m. Fifth Sunday worship service. Examination by Session will be at the May Session meeting on May 24. [See the current events page for a schedule for officer training and to RSVP online.](#)

May: Inquirer's Class

Individuals interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown and possibly joining the congregation are cordially invited to a May Inquirers Class sponsored by the Membership team. This three-part series is designed to learn more about our church and our faith, and is formatted to work with today's busy schedules. [Sign up online](#) or with the church office at 856.235.1688.

- ♦ **Wed. May 11:** 7:00-8:30 PM (Zoom)
- ♦ **Sat. May 14:** 9:00 AM-1:00 PM (in person)
- ♦ **Sun. May 15:** 12:15 PM with Session, received into membership (in person)
- ♦ **Sun. May 22:** Welcomed at worship (in person)

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.

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 5, 2022

“Exalt the Lord who has established us.”

- Colossians 2: 6-7

Check out our Podcasts

NEW! Stay up to date with FPC Moorestown’s sermon series by subscribing to our weekly sermon podcast now available on Apple Podcasts, Amazon Music, Google Podcasts, Spotify and Anchor. Full worship services continue to be available with video on YouTube and Facebook or by visiting www.fpcmoorestown.org.

2022 Strawberry Festival

Friday, June 3, 2022

6:00-9:00 p.m.

OUTSIDE on church grounds

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 has replaced the Friendship sign-in pads and provides accurate records for the Membership Committee, staff and member care. Just download the app on your phone. Need help? Please see the volunteer in the narthex or at the desk.

Save The Dates

Graduate Recognition

Sunday, May 15

Teacher Appreciation

Sunday, May 22

Attention 2022 Graduates

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. [See the quick form on our Friday eblast](#). We will honor our grads on Graduate Recognition **Sunday, May 15** during both services.

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.](#)

“Choir Next Door”

Come see “Choir Next Door”, a vocal ensemble led by our Music Intern, Michael Martin, Friday, May 6, at 7 PM. This event is free to the public, and all are welcome!

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, x124. **SEE PAGE 4**

**Chick Fil A Spirit Night
for Step by Step Preschool
Tuesday, May 17 (5-8 pm)
Centerton Square**

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 in the church office.

**Have you remembered the
church in your Will?**

FAMILY MINISTRY

Last day of Children's Sunday School: May 22



Vacation Bible School June 27-July 1, 2022

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

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago. (Ephesians 2:10)

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

Sunday School Update

The last day of children's Sunday School will be Sunday, May 22, 2022.

Teacher Appreciation Sunday, May 22

There are no words that can describe our love and gratitude to our teachers for your year of caring, love, and tenderness as a children's Sunday School teacher or Adult Spiritual Formation leader. Thank you for your patience, faithfulness, and boundless love of Jesus. Your imprint lives forever in the hearts and minds of all of your students. We will honor these individuals on **Sunday, May 22** and list their names in the worship guide.

For questions contact Holly Asciutto at 856.235.1688, x116 or hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org or Angie Slane at aslane@fpcmoorestown.org or x124.

Come Volunteer for VBS

ADULTS AND TEENS: Come use your special abilities to help kids discover important truths through activities that connect with the day's Bible Point and Bible Stories. Volunteer with a friend, co-worker, or family members while building your faith and relationships. You'll have the opportunity to share time smiling, laughing, and serving while spreading His message of love to His kids ages 5-12. Every volunteer will be part of an experience to change kid's lives forever, encouraging creativity and faith discovery.

2022 Graduate?

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