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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](https://www.youtube.com) or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com).

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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
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First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

May 22-28, 2022



Way of the Week 1 (May 22-28)

1. BE THIRD. God is first, others are second, and you're third. Don't just think about your own interests, be interested in others. Don't think less of yourself, just think of yourself less and others more. **Read:** 1 Peter 5: 5; Philippians 2: 4; John 13: 14, 15

Ideas for Action: Ask God, "Whom can I serve today?" Look for an opportunity to be last ... in line, the last to speak, or last to be served.

NEW VIDEO SERIES: As we enter our eighth round of the Ways, we're launching a new collection of Ways videos. Enjoy them at www.fpcmoorestown.org. This week [watch the video for Way 1 featuring Leslie Spencer](#).

COVID-19 Protocols: CDC Level 'High'

Session-approved protocols for FPC Moorestown when Burlington County is registering in the HIGH level, were implemented Sunday, May 15:

For INDOOR SUNDAY WORSHIP – Sanctuary and Miller Commons

Masks are required for all individuals, vaccinated and unvaccinated. Sanctuary and Miller Commons will be open seating – social distancing when possible. Check-in, communion, offering will be staff discretion. Choirs to be masked for singing. There is no congregational singing.

For other INDOOR MEETINGS:

Masks optional for vaccinated adults – recommended for unvaccinated adults. No food will be served indoors. Choirs to be masked for rehearsals.

Teacher Appreciation: Ice Cream "Sunday"

The last day of children's Sunday School will be **Sunday, May 22**. We will recognize our adult and children's teachers as we close out the education year. The Deacons will have ice cream, snacks, coffee, games, and mingling to thank our teachers. Meet on the Sanctuary Courtyard from **9:45-10:45 am**. **EVERYONE** aged 0 to 99+ is welcome to join in the fun. If you came to Sunday School just once, or even not at all, this is your chance to jump in!

Youth Choir Concert

Junior Choir, Choristers and Chapel Choir will present a Youth Choir Concert on **Sunday, May 22** at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. This full-length program features sacred and special music. The concert will also be available via live stream at www.fpcmoorestown.org/live-stream. Free will offering. Masks are required for the event.

Missions Collections

Please help us help others. We are collecting the following through the end of June:

- ♦ **Food:** Our food pantry items for the Blessing Box are lean. We need rice, boxed milk, and proteins
- ♦ **Cleaning supplies and paper products:** Collecting for the Moorestown Ministerium's food pantry
- ♦ **School supplies and sports equipment:** For Malawi Ministries
- ♦ **Adult and Children's books:** For Love Driven Ministry's new Community library

Mission Honduras and India

We will be going on a vision trip to Honduras Sept. 1-6 and to India February 6-18, 2023. Email Linda at missions@fpcmoorestown.org if you have an interest.

Mission May

Learn about our mission partners in Malawi with fun activities for all ages. Have you picked up your **"Beat The Rains" game**? Work together to plant maize before the rains come. The game is available with the companion devotional in Commons Lobby or the Narthex. **MAY 22nd: POSTPONED** — The hybrid panel discussion scheduled for 9:45 a.m. during the education hour has been postponed due to conflicts with the missionaries participating from Malawi. We hope to re-schedule for fall.



Scan me to register for VBS!

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 team, staff and pastoral care. Just download the app on your phone. Need help? Please see the volunteer at check-in. **Thank you** to our deacons for helping with this welcoming ministry.



**Wear red for
Pentecost June 5**

Summer hours
begin (pg. 3)

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!** This is a paid position. Harris Ransom departs for college this August and we need to secure tech operators to continue our live stream ministry for traditional and contemporary worship. Contact Jan Martin at 856.235.1688.

5th Sunday

Sunday, May 29

9:30 a.m. blended worship

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Sanctuary Courtyard

Please bring a chair. No nursery care.

2022 Strawberry Festival

Friday, June 3, 2022

6:00-9:00 p.m.

OUTSIDE on church grounds



The 63rd Strawberry Festival is here! This church-wide event, FREE this year, will feature cakes with fresh strawberries, ice cream, two bands, face painters, balloon artists, fun inflatables, food tent (CASH ONLY) and more! [See web-site/events page.](#)

LOTS of VOLUNTEERS are needed.

There are MANY opportunities -- sign-ups are in Commons Lobby or please use the Sign-up Genius.

TEENS: get service hours too

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b45aea62ca1f85-strawberry2>

Cakes, cakes and more cakes

We need over 300 cakes to serve the community. Any flavor and size cake (cupcakes too) are welcome. Please sign up so we have an idea of how many cakes we will have that day — sign ups are in Commons Lobby and by the kitchen. **PLEASE PRE-CUT YOUR CAKE PRIOR TO DROP OFF.**

Strawberry Hullers: Thursday, June 2 at 3:00 p.m. until they are all cut. Come for an hour or stay for a few. Bring your favorite small knife, a cutting tray and a colander. Pizza, salad, soda and water served at 5:00 p.m. All ages welcome! Sign up at church or online.

Honoring Kim Murphy and Jan Amos with Dedication

On **Sunday, May 22**, immediately after the 11:00 am service, we will have a brief service of dedication for the rosebud trees out by the Labyrinth, in memory of Kim Murphy and in honor of Jan Amos' fifteen-year leadership of the Stephen Ministry. Everyone is invited to attend, especially friends of Kim and of Jan and of Stephen Ministry.

Session Approves Summer Worship Hours

Beginning Sunday, June 5:

- ◆ 9:00 a.m. Traditional
- ◆ 10:30 a.m. Contemporary
- ◆ No Children's Sunday School
- ◆ Nursery care provided

Incoming Officers

Incoming officers will be installed and ordained on **Sunday, May 29** at our 9:30 a.m. Fifth Sunday worship service (outdoor). Examination by Session will be at the May Session meeting May 24 at 7:00 p.m.

ELDERS: Rebecca Castellanos, Lorenzo Eagles, Cheryl Gas-kill, Paul Grossmann, Matt Livingston, Frank Manion, Peg Madorno (2-year term)

DEACONS: Jenna Cole, Andrew Ehala, Laurie LaMonica, Rachel Long, Diane Samuel, Jonathan Schram, Tamara Trzeciak

TRUSTEES: Wendy Dougherty, John Miller, Matt Moxhay, Brian Catanel-la (2-year term)

Please submit church event dates and room requests for 2022-23 to office by June 1

Coffee Hour and Bagel Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to pick up bagels in Maple Shade early Sunday morning, and deliver to the church. Would you be willing to do this once every 6-8 weeks? Bagels are charged to FPC's account so you won't need to pay for them. Please contact [Lissa Herman](#) (856-745-7357) or [Sue Piper](#) (856-722-0581) to volunteer. Helpers are also needed to assist Chelsea Margerum staff the coffee hour on Sunday mornings.

New hearing assist units are available in the narthex

Holiday Closure

The church campus will be CLOSED Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day.

June 12, 2022

***Legacy Giving Sunday
Have you remembered the church in your will?***

Virtual Auction

Save the Date! More to come.
UrbanPromise U.K. Basket Auction
June 11-June 14

Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering

Save the Date! The women of the church are invited to the PW Spring Gathering on **Monday, June 20** at 7:00 PM. The speakers are from Providence House, a place of refuge for women in need of help. Providence House seeks to end the cycle of domestic abuse through education, empowerment and advocacy while providing a safe haven. The event will also be live streamed.

FAMILY MINISTRY

Sunday, May 22: Last day of Children's Sunday School



Vacation Bible School June 27-July 1, 2022

[Come Volunteer for VBS](#)

ADULTS AND TEENS (7th Grade and older): 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.

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:

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For Families and Youth:

Please pray for God's provision of a new youth director for our youth ministry.

[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 or more

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. Scan the QR code on page 2.

[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. ***See page 2 for information about an Ice Cream Sunday to celebrate!***

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.