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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:

**9:00 AM Traditional
10:30 AM Contemporary
9:30 AM 5th Sunday
Blended Worship**

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

*"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



First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

July 10-23, 2022

THANK YOU to all who helped with Make Waves VBS this summer by praying, planning, and participating. It takes every part of the church body to make VBS happen. What a blessing to serve at FPC Moorestown and show that "what you do today can change the world around you." **Thank you to all!**

- ♦ **Orange Class:** Jen Allen, Emma Hagan, Taylor Krott, Autumn Rogers; Andrew Boyle, Meghan Hock, Tess Murphy, Marc Trabulsi, Ava Zink
- ♦ **Red Class:** Karin Miller, Mary Christensen, Joyce Wenzke, Daisey Schaeffer; Ryan Boyle, Carson Cristella, Juliana Georgetti, Kari Rotter, Olivia Zink
- ♦ **Yellow Class:** Carol Clarke, Pam Engle; Brayden LaMonica, Sawyer McNab, Natalie Olsen, Emily Pelc, Michael Trabulsi
- ♦ **Green Class:** Alison Mackey; Andrew Krott, Will McNeil, Mae Murphy, Lola Rogers, Lila Zink
- ♦ **Blue Class:** Carol Mitman-Clark, Kacie Walton; Kira Locatell, Jonathan Nawrocki, Kaylee Shaw
- ♦ **Purple Class:** Melody Ransom, Harris Ransom; Mannis Chen; Addison LaMonica, Evan Shaw, Lydia Walker
- ♦ **Bible Class:** Jenny Legath
- ♦ **Crafts:** Marina Olsen, Lori Bell; Rebecca Avallone, Melissa Duarte, Will Legath, Amy Mehany, Allison Shaw
- ♦ **Decorations and Set Up Crew:** Vivian Allen, Holly Asciutto, Sam Caraballo, Steve Cashmer, Katie Donahue, Earl Gage, Bryan Gaskill, Steve Margerum, Jonathan Nawrocki, Angie Slane
- ♦ **Devotions:** Wes Allen, Earl Gage
- ♦ **Kitchen:** Lissa Herman, Bob Plant, Rumi Sinunu, Donna Leatherman, Karen Molloy, Joe Molloy, Debbie Heller
- ♦ **Music:** Alivia Nawrocki, Audrey Barr, Vivian Allen, Lydia Avallone
- ♦ **Missions:** Hamilton Bandu, Maggie Sikwese, Linda Jagiela, Susan Kenuk
- ♦ **Recreation:** Liz Greene, Charlie Moxhay, Jack Legath, Max Chiang, Luke Eagles, Will Gaskill
- ♦ **Registration:** Cheryl Gaskill, Joann Nawrocki, Rebecca Neindorff, Linda Schaeffer
- ♦ **Photography:** Tina Cavallaro; Avery LaMonica, Bryan Gaskill
- ♦ **VBS Director:** Holly Asciutto; **VBS Administration:** Angie Slane, Rebecca Neindorff
- ♦ **Office Volunteers:** Kacie Walton, Randi Gage

*See the collage on the back page for more fun VBS memories.
See you next year!*

5th SUNDAY
Sunday, July 31
9:30 a.m. blended worship
OUTDOOR WORSHIP
Sanctuary Courtyard
Please bring a chair. No nursery
care provided on 5th Sundays.

Prayer on the Porch

Join the Prayer Committee for a time of fellowship and prayer in the cool of the evening for "Wednesday Evening Prayer on the Porch." Starts on June 22 at 7:00 p.m., and continues on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays this summer. Remaining dates: July 13, July 27, August 10, August 24.

"...and they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day." Gen. 3

For information contact Pam Engle at pam@pamengle.com.

*We aspire to be beacons of God's
love and truth, growing together in
faith and relationship
with Jesus Christ.*

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. Download the [Church Center app](#) from your App Store (iPhone) or Google Play (Android).

July Session Meeting Tuesday, July 26

(Reports due to church office by
12 noon Friday, July 22)

Potluck BBQ gathering that evening for Boards of Elders, Deacons and Trustees. Watch your email for information!



Missions Collections

Please help us help others. We are still collecting:

- ♦ **Food:** Rice, boxed milk, and proteins for the Blessing Box
- ♦ **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 India

We will be going on a vision trip to India February 6-18, 2023. Email Linda Jagiela at missions@fpcmoorestown.org if you have an interest. The Honduras mission trip has been cancelled.

NEW: Couples Series (Hybrid)

Wes and Jennifer Allen lead an 8-week virtual study on Terrence Real's book, *Us: Getting Past You & Me to Build a More Loving Relationship*. The bestselling author and renowned marriage counselor explores how our winner take all culture infiltrates families with devastating results: repetitive fights that go nowhere, or a distant relationship where partners live 'alone together.' With deft insight, humor and charm, this groundbreaking guide will help transform your relationship into one that's based on compassion, collaboration and closeness.

[REGISTER online](#) on our event page or website. You can order a copy of the book on [Amazon](#) or any number of other online retailers.

"Called to Reconciliation" Series

NEW: Rev. Wes Allen and Dr. Leslie Spencer lead a 5-week discussion on Jonathan Augustine's new book, *Called to Reconciliation: How the Church Can Model Justice, Diversity, and Inclusion*. [Register online](#) <https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/bWnoYkxa> to select the best times that work for you to meet in person or via Zoom. Starts the week of **July 24th**.

New Sermon Series "Esther's Choice": Beginning Sunday, July 10, our 10-week summer sermon series is based on the Old Testament book of Esther. Pastors Spencer and Allen preach this 'page turner' of a story that demonstrates how God uses ordinary people to bring change in dangerous times.

Summer Giving

During summer months when you may be attending church less frequently, please remember to stay current with your pledge through electronic giving, plate offerings or by mailing your check to the office. For summer gifts of stock, please call the church office. Easiest? Scan the QR code to go right to our giving page.



Summer Worship Hours

June 5-September 4

(ends Labor Day weekend)

9:00 a.m. Traditional

10:30 a.m. Contemporary

Adult Spiritual Formation will meet from **10-11 a.m.** Nursery care is provided in Room 12. There is no children's Sunday School in the summer.

Summer "Connections"

Connections prints every two weeks in the summer months. The weekly eblast continues each Friday. Please alert the office if you are not receiving the eblast.

Prayer After Worship

Elders who are serving as the beadle for worship (walking the Bible into the sanctuary and leading worship), will remain in the David Room following worship to meet with those requesting prayer.

NEW! 4th Sunday Outdoor Contemporary Worship

Sunday, August 28

10:30 a.m.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Cemetery

Please bring a chair if you wish.

Nursery care provided.

Joys and Concerns

Email prayer requests, joys and concerns to Pastor Stuart Spencer by **Wednesday 9:00 a.m.** at sspencer@fpcmoorestown.org to be included in the live streamed Thursday Evening Prayer Service.

Have you remembered the church in your will?

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? Please contact [Lissa Herman](mailto:Lissa.Herman@fpcmoorestown.org) (856-745-7357) or [Sue Piper](mailto:Sue.Piper@fpcmoorestown.org) (856-722-0581) to volunteer. Helpers are also needed to assist Chelsea Margerum staff the coffee hour on Sunday mornings. Please contact Lissa or Sue.

Sermon 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 services continue to be available with video on YouTube and Facebook or by visiting www.fpcmoorestown.org.

Recharge, Reconnect at Fall Prayer Retreat

Registration is OPEN for the [Fall Prayer Retreat](#) at Holy Cross Monastery October 18-21. Pastor Spencer leads a study of spiritual practices from *"Where God Happens: Discovering Christ in One Another"* by [Rowan Williams](#). Online registration now open; printed forms also available. Cost: \$305 including study book; \$290 if purchasing the book on your own. **Registration and fees are due by September 11.**

Choir Rehearsals Begin in September

Opportunities are available for all ages and abilities in our music ministry under the leadership of Joel Krott and Bell Choir director Kathy Gunsallus. Come try it this year!

- **Adult Choir**
- **Bell Choir**
- **Primary Choir** (Grades K-1)
- **Junior Choir** (Grades 2-4)
- **Choristers** (Grades 5-8)
- **Chapel Choir** (Grades 9-12)

New hearing assist units are available in the narthex for worship, concerts and live streamed events

Fall Inquirers' Class

Newcomers, are you interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown and the Presbyterian faith? Save the date and see our [online event page](#) for a three-part Inquirers Class led by our pastors:

- ♦ Sept. 21: 7-8:30 pm (Zoom)
- ♦ Sept. 24: 9-1 pm (Rm 3-4)
- ♦ Sept. 25 12 noon with Session

FAMILY MINISTRY

It's a Wrap! Make Waves VBS: June 27-July 1, 2022



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

NEW: Sermon Series Memory Verse

If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this. (Esther 4:14)

For Families and Children:

Holly Asciutto

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For Families and Youth:

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



Surf's up, dude!

