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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
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The service is also posted
later in the week

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**Are you receiving our Friday
e-blast** with announcements,
Connections and upcoming
events? If not, contact the
[church office](#).

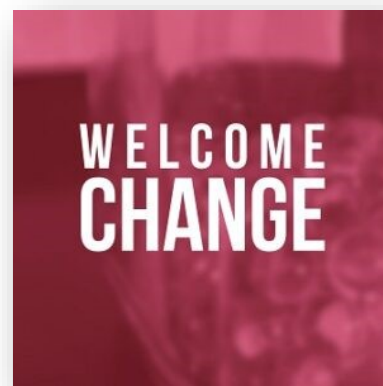


Connections

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Aug. 21-Sept. 3, 2022



Way of the Week 14 (Aug. 21-27)

14. GROW FAITH. Take advantage of every chance you have to form your faith – through small groups, classes, and personal study. Be a disciple and look to learn from those who know more of the Bible and Christian life than you do, then look for opportunities to share what you've gained with someone else.

Read: Mark 8: 34; 2 Timothy 2: 2

Ideas for Action: If you're not currently in a small group, call the church office and ask for assistance in finding one. Ask for some time with someone whose faith you respect and pick their brains on their practices of faith formation.

Way of the Week 15 (Aug. 28-Sept. 3)

15. WELCOME CHANGE. Be curious about new ideas, perspectives, and approaches. Get excited by the possibilities that change can bring. What worked in the past won't always work in the future, for God is doing new things.

Read: Mark 2: 22; Revelation 21: 6; 2 Corinthians 5: 17

Ideas for Action: This is a simple one, so try it. Sit in a different pew in the sanctuary or seat in Miller Commons next Sunday. See what happens.

**Have you missed someone at church? Tell them.
Give them a call, a visit, send a card or a text.**

Welcome Back Sunday September 11, 2022

- ◆ Worship Times return to 8:30 a.m. Traditional and 11:00 a.m. Contemporary
- ◆ Adult Spiritual Formation kickoff with Dr. Steve Trzeciak 9:45-10:45 a.m. presenting "Live to Give," our fall sermon series emphasis
- ◆ Learn about NEW companion fall small groups for the exciting Live to Give series.
- ◆ Coffee hour to meet John Roberts, new youth director (see page 4).
- ◆ No Children's/Middle School Sunday School Sept. 11.
- ◆ Crud Wars 1-3 pm (page 4)
- ◆ September 11 Remembrance Service, 4:30 p.m. (cemetery)

Missions Dine and Donate

On **Monday, Sept. 12**, dine in, order online or take out at Iron Hill Brewery (124 E. Kings Highway, Maple Shade), and 20% of the proceeds benefit Urban Promise International ministry Mercy Care in Malawi to assist in paying down their loan for their dormitory. Let's gather with friends this fall.

Missions Collections (leave outside Missionwares)

- ◆ **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

CREDO Parents Meeting

Attention Parents: CREDO Parents Information Meeting – **Sunday, Sept. 18** at 12:15 p.m. in the Hayes Room. It will be hybrid. See our online event page for Zoom link. Open to all high school students.

September 12th

Happy 134th Birthday First Presbyterian Church! In honor of the church's birthday on September 12th, members can donate to the future of our church by giving to the September 12 endowment fund. The fund is invested to earn income which



helps to support the needs of our church. First Presbyterian

Church of Moorestown was founded on September 12, 1888. In September look for special pew envelopes and mailings; place gifts in the offering or give securely online.

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. **Starts Sept. 21.**

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).

Summer Worship Hours

Ends September 4

(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.

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.



Remembrance Service

Sunday, September 11, 2022

4:30 p.m. outdoor worship

Preaching: Rev. Wes Allen



PW Fall Gathering

Plans are underway for the Fall Gathering for Presbyterian Women, scheduled for **Monday, September 19**. Look for information soon on the guest speaker and event time.

Sign Up for Fall Prayer Retreat by September 11

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.**

Come to Fire Pit Fridays

6:00-9:00 p.m.

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. Rehearsals begin the week of September 11-16 (see church calendar for dates).

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



Church
office closed
Mon. Sept. 5



Regular worship times Sept. 11

New Sermon Series

On Welcome Back Sunday, Pastors Spencer and Allen begin a sermon series called, "Live to Give." Inspired by the book, *Wonder Drug: 7 Scientifically Proven Ways That Serving Others Is the Best Medicine for Yourself* co-authored by FPCM member Dr. Steve Trzeciak, Live to Give is a biblical exploration of the super power of giving. Dr. Trzeciak will speak at a forum on Sunday, September 11 at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall.



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

Consecration Sunday

Our stewardship series begins Sunday, Sept. 28 with Stewardship Moments, and leads us into a special combined Consecration Sunday on **October 16 at 9:30 a.m.** Make plans to attend worship that day and dedicate your financial gift for 2023. Church leaders are planning, budgeting and preparing for our coming year in ministry and these Estimates of Giving are critical to the planning process. More information soon.

FAMILY MINISTRY

We hope you had an amazing summer.

Sunday School

Children's (K-6th) and Middle School (grades 7-8) Sunday School returns on **Sunday, Sept. 18** from 9:45-10:45 a.m. We have missed you!



Family Dinner is Back

Starts **Wednesday, October 12**

Youth Group Kickoff

IT'S CRUD WARS! Join us for Crud Wars **Sunday, September 11th** from 1-3 p.m. for an incredibly cruddy and messy set of games! Students grades 7th-12th are welcome. Wear clothes you don't care about, they will become trashed! High school youth group begins **Sept. 18**.

Register for Kids and Youth Groups

Register online for Middle School Youth Group and High School Youth Groups and watch for information from group leaders. We're getting ready for an incredible year.

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:

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For Families and Youth:

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

John Roberts Hired as Youth Director



Our Personnel Team recently voted to fill the youth director vacancy with the contracted services of **John Roberts**. John is the Young Life Area Director for Burlington County. Beginning Sept. 1, John will serve alongside with youth advisors to lead our weekly middle school and high school youth groups.

Young Life is John's full-time ministry and job. He's graciously committing ten hours a week to help us with our weekly youth ministry programs. Additionally, John will reach out to our young people as he attends concerts and sporting events at local schools.

You'll have the chance to meet John on **Sunday, September 11** when he will help lead worship at both services. We return to our regular worship schedule that day with 8:30 am Traditional and 11:00 am Contemporary. Please greet John at the Coffee Hour between services.

Kids and Youth Groups Return

A new year of Youth Groups and Kids Groups is coming up fast. Our groups look forward to another year of activities and growing as God's people. Here are the start dates:

- ⇒ Crud Wars (grades 7-12) on **Sunday, Sept. 11th**
- ⇒ Middle School (grades 7-8) on **Wednesday, Oct. 12th** (6:30-8:00 pm)
- ⇒ High School (grades 9-12) on **Sunday, Sept. 18th** (6:30-8:30 pm)
- ⇒ Family Dinner (all) on **Wednesday, October 12th** (6:00-7:00 pm)
- ⇒ Kingdom Kids (K-3rd) on **Wednesday, October 12th** (4:45-5:45 pm)
- ⇒ Crossing Zone (grades 4-6) on **Wednesday, October 12th** (6:30-7:30 pm)

Bible Sunday

Third graders will receive their Bibles on **Sunday, Sept. 18** (both services). Contact [Holly Asciutto](mailto:hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org) to sign up.