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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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First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

September 4-10, 2022



Way of the Week 16 (September 4-10, 2022)

16. GIVE CHEERFULLY. Rejoice, you get to give! Think of giving as a privilege rather than an obligation, a joy instead of a burden. As you consider all that's been entrusted to you – time, abilities and money – ask, "How is God calling me to share what I've been given?"

Read: 2 Corinthians 9: 7 or Luke 6: 38

Ideas for Action: Consider making a special financial gift this week to the church or one of our mission partners. What else, besides money, can you give this week? How about your time or your forgiveness?

Watch: [See the new Way 16 video from Dr. Lucy Rorke-Adams](#)

Welcome Back Sunday September 11, 2022

- ♦ Worship Times return to 8:30 a.m. Traditional and 11:00 a.m. Contemporary
- ♦ Adult Spiritual Formation forum with Dr. Steve Trzeciak at 10:00 a.m. presenting "Live to Give," our fall sermon series emphasis (see page 3)
- ♦ Sign up for new companion fall small groups for the *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 (starts Sept. 18).
- ♦ Crud Wars 1-3 pm for Grades 7-12 (page 4) — church back lawn!
- ♦ September 11 Remembrance Service, 4:30 p.m. (cemetery cross)

September 12th

Happy 134th Birthday First Presbyterian Church! In honor of the church's founding 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. Look for special pew envelopes and a mailing from Pastor Stuart; place gifts in the offering or [give securely online](#).



Mission Trip to Greece

November 4-12, 2022

Middle and high schoolers and all members. Contact Linda Jagiela at missions@fpcmoorestown.org.

NEW: Couples Series (Hybrid)

Starting Sept. 21: Wes & Jen 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.

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 event page](#) for Zoom link. Confirmation is open to all high school students.

It's Coming!

We will gather on **Sunday, October 30**, a 5th Sunday, at 9:30 a.m. for a combined worship service for Church Has Left The Building. Watch for more information from the Deacons.

Couples Night Out **Friday, October 21**

Join us for an enjoyable evening out with your spouse and other couples. After sharing a meal with one another we will enjoy a conversation with Ruth Wright, a marriage and family therapist in Moorestown. Cost per couple is \$20. [Register online](#). 6-9 p.m. For info contact Wes Allen.

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).

Worship Hours Return

Sunday, September 11

8:30 a.m. Traditional

11:00 a.m. Contemporary

Dr. Steve Trzeciak will speak at a forum on **Sunday, Sept. 11 at 10:00 am** in Fellowship Hall. Hybrid too. No children's Sunday School. Nursery care in Room 12.

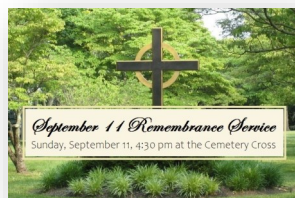


Remembrance Service

Sunday, September 11, 2022

4:30 p.m. outdoor worship

Preaching: Rev. Wes Allen



PW Fall Gathering

PW invites women of the church to its Fall Gathering on **Monday, Sept. 19 at 9:30 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall (Zoom hybrid too). There will be a brief business meeting, followed by speaker Arlita Winston. Come share coffee, tea and treats with Presbyterian Women.

Did You Know?

FPC Moorestown has defibrillators in the event of a heart emergency. They are located in the main kitchen on the wall next to the stove and in the ushers closet in the Narthex of the sanctuary. Your knowledge of where to find them could save a life.



New Sermon Series

On Welcome Back Sunday, we begin our 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 our own Dr. Steve Trzeciak, Live to Give is a biblical exploration of the superpower of giving. The series leads us into our two church-wide events of Consecration Sunday on Oct. 16 (9:30 a.m.) and Church Has Left The Building on Oct. 30 (9:30 a.m.).

Fall Small Groups Open

In conjunction with our sermon series is a small group discussion of *Wonder Drug*. [Sign up online](#), on your Church Center app (tap Groups at the bottom), or call the church office at 856.235.1688. Books are available for no charge at the table in Commons Lobby as a gift from Dr. Trzeciak.

Come to Fire Pit Fridays

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Due: Fall Prayer Retreat

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

Choir Rehearsals Begin in September

Opportunities are available for all ages and abilities in our music ministry led by 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)

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 pastoral team:

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

**Warmly greet newcomers
and Make Others at Home Here**

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 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. We can't wait to share it with you.

- Your Stewardship Team

FAMILY MINISTRY

Family Dinner is back ... starts Wednesday, October 12th

Sunday School Starts September 18th

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 and have exciting times planned. Find your classrooms below:

THANK YOU to our Teachers

- ♦ **Nursery:** Room 12 (Amy Coombe)
- ♦ **Grades K-2:** Room 13 (Jenny Legath & Karen Alecxih)
- ♦ **Grades 3-5:** Room 3-4 (Tamara Trzeciak & Lori Bell)
- ♦ **Grades 6-8:** 3rd Floor (Leslie Spencer & Philip Jagiela)

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 Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone, Middle School Youth Group and High School Youth Groups. Watch for emails from group leaders. We're getting ready for an incredible year experiencing God's love.

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

"Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back." - Luke 6: 38

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Meet John Roberts at Welcome Back Sunday



This spring our Personnel Team 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.

Please greet John on Sunday, September 11 at the Coffee Hour between services. John will also participate in worship at both services that day. We return to our regular worship schedule on September 11 with 8:30 am Traditional and 11:00 am Contemporary.

Bible Sunday

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

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