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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**  
**11:00 am Contemporary**  
**9:30 am 5th Sunday**  
**Blended Worship**

Worship streams live from  
each worship space.

Log on from any device to  
[www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org)  
or [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#).

The service is also posted  
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to our website.

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Connections and upcoming  
events? If not, contact the  
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# Connections

**FPC**  
Moorestown

**First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown**

**October 16-22, 2022**



## Way of the Week 22: Rest and Reflect

**22. REST AND REFLECT.** Make time in your week to step back from work, school, and stressful demands. Since Christ has freed us, we no longer have to be obsessively driven. Take a walk, play, nap, meet up with friends, share a meal, or just take some time in solitude. [Watch the new video from Rachel Long](#)

**Ideas for Action:** Can you make your Sunday more of a Sabbath day of rest for you and your family? Connect with God using worship music. Unplug from the devices for part or all of the day. Seek the joy of the Lord in Creation. Eat a meal together. Be silent with God and pray. Prioritize wholeness and rejuvenation in Christ.

## Consecration Sunday October 16, 2022

**9:30 a.m. worship followed by an outdoor tailgating party**

PLAN NOW TO JOIN your church family for a COMBINED **9:30 am** service followed by a church-wide tailgate! Our fall *Live to Give* sermon series leads us directly into our two major stewardship events: Consecration Sunday (October 16) and Church Has Left The Building (October 30).

- During worship we will thoughtfully dedicate our **2023 financial gifts**. Nursery care will be provided. NOTE: Sunday School will be at 9:30 a.m. during worship.
- Afterwards, gather outside for a special **tailgating cookout!** Volunteers will be grilling, and members can bring their favorite side, salad or dessert. We'll have outdoor family games too! If you want, come to worship in your favorite team jersey. **VISIT our website at** <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/consecration-sunday-2022/>
- If you're watching the live stream, come on over for the tailgate. It's going to be a beautifully crisp fall morning.

### 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

### Urban Promise Night of Promise

Make reservations to join our FPC Moorestown table(s) at the Urban Promise 'Night of Promise' fundraiser on **Thursday, Oct. 27**. Tickets are \$50 each. [Purchase online on our event page](#). Contact Linda J. at [missions@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:missions@fpcmoorestown.org).

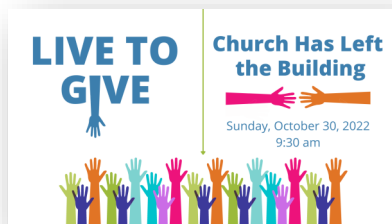
### Mission Trip to Greece

**November 4-12, 2022**

Middle and high schoolers and all members. Contact Linda Jagiela at [missions@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:missions@fpcmoorestown.org).

### Church is "Leaving The Building"

On **October 30**, a 5th Sunday, we will gather at **9:30 a.m.** for combined worship in Miller Commons for Church Has Left The Building. Visit our [event page](#) and learn about innovative projects for this church-wide, hands-on service mission. This year, CHLTB is being coordinated by our Deacons. **NEW!** This year we've expanded to TWO days to allow for greater flexibility. Look for engaging projects offered on **Saturday, Oct. 29 AND Sunday, Oct. 30**. Opportunities to serve are plentiful. [Sign up online](#) and at church for projects that fit your schedule and interests. Visit us on the website! Contact [Wes Allen](#), [Kourtney de la Cruz](#) or any Deacon.



### Give to Live Blood Drive

FPC Moorestown and the American Red Cross will host a blood drive in Miller Commons on **Tuesday, Nov. 1 (1-6 pm)** "Give to Live." Take advantage of this opportunity to donate your blood to someone in desperate need for this life-giving donation. Let this be a start to this ongoing gift of yours—straight from the heart! [See our event page to sign up online](#). Contact [Debbie Heller](#) for questions at 856.206.2897.



### NEW: Couples Night Out

**Friday, October 21, 2022 ~ 6:00-9:00 p.m.**

This fall join us for an enjoyable evening out with your spouse and other couples from FPC Moorestown and the community. After sharing a meal with one another, we will enjoy a conversation with Ruth Wright, a marriage and family therapist in Moorestown. Whether your last marital dispute was about the toilet seat being left up or how to discipline your children, you will leave with some foundational tools designed to make you and your spouse a united front.

Cost per couple is \$20. [Register online on our event page](#) or through the Church Center app.

### Hop Aboard the Meal Train

Would you like to encourage a member of our church during a challenging time by taking them a meal?

When there is a need for meals within the church, our Deacons create a Meal Train, and let people know they can sign up to bring a meal to someone, based on what works for their schedule. There are times in our lives when friends and family ask, "What can I do to help out?" The answer is usually to help them with a meal.

[See our event page](#) for four current Meal Train needs or contact [Alison Mackey](#) in the church office at 856.235.1688, x113.



### Consecration Sunday

In our stewardship worship series we have heard personal stories from three church members about exactly how your gifts make a critical impact, about ministries we are able to provide because of these resources. Please make plans to attend worship on **October 16** as we dedicate our financial estimates for 2023. A *Giving Packet* was mailed to all members. Church leaders are budgeting for our coming year and these Estimates of Giving are critical to the process. FUN STUFF: Stay for a church-wide tailgate after worship! Bring your favorite tailgate side or dessert, AND come to church in your favorite team jersey as we joyfully celebrate **Team FPC**. Visit <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/consecration-sunday-2022/>.



### Hello, My Name Is ...

Please check the boards in the Narthex and Commons Lobby for your nametag so you can wear it Sunday mornings. If you need a replacement, jot your name down on the pad provided.

### Prayer Vigil October 15

The Prayer Committee will hold a 12-Hour Prayer Vigil on **Saturday, October 15th** to provide our church family an opportunity to reflect on our stewardship emphasis for Consecration Sunday, October 16th: "Live To Give." We will also focus on prayer for "The Church Has Left the Building" Sunday, October 30th. Please [SIGN UP online](#) for a 30-minute time between 5:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. See Pam Engle for questions.

### Prayer on the Porch

**Prayer on the Porch** resumes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4th Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. We have heaters so it will be warm and cozy. Bring a blanket! NEXT: **Wed. Oct. 26.**

### Pastor and Program Staff Appreciation Sunday

Pastor Appreciation Sunday was celebrated on October 9, but cards will also remain out this week. Celebrate Rev. Stuart, Rev. Wes, and our program staff by sending them a note of appreciation sharing your gratitude and kind words of appreciation. You may bring a card to either service, or there will also be blank thank you cards available in the Commons Lobby to write a note. Kids: they'd love to receive artwork or a picture from you too!

### Meet our New Members

On **October 23**, we will welcome three individuals who joined the church from the Fall Inquirers Class, giving their Statement of Faith to Session on Sept. 25: **Cara Dempster, Evan Dempster, and Winnie Jiang**. Please greet these new members and their beautiful families.

### CREDO Class Starting

CREDO confirmation class for high school students interested in exploring what it means to be a follower of Christ and a member of FPC Moorestown and the Presbyterian Church (USA), will start **Sunday, Nov. 6**. CREDO meets on Sundays from 12:15-2:00 pm in the Hayes Room. [Sign up online.](#)

**What time do you like to pray?  
Sign up for the Prayer Vigil**



### Worship Flowers

Reservations are being taken for 2023 to provide Sunday flowers in our worship spaces. Honor special dates in your life and those you love with flowers crafted by our talented Flower Guild. Each vase is \$40 and you may reserve one or two vases. Call the church office today to reserve your meaningful dates and submit payment.



**Sunday, October 30**

### October Session Meeting

**Tuesday, October 26**

6:30 pm prayer time

7:00 pm Zoom hybrid

*Reports due Friday, October 21*

# FAMILY MINISTRY

## Welcome Back to Wednesday Fellowship Groups

### Kids and Youth Groups Return

A new year of Youth Groups and Kids Groups is upon us and our groups look forward to another year of activities and growing as God's people. Groups started October 12th.

- Kingdom Kids (K-3rd), 4:45-5:45 pm
- Family Dinner (all), 6-7 pm (pay online too!)
- Crossing Zone (grades 4-6), 6:30-7:30 pm
- Middle School Youth (grades 7-8), 6:30-8:00 pm

### High School Winter Retreat

IT'S A WEEKEND full of adventure, fun, and classic Young Life energy for grades 9-12 at Lake Champion in NY with area Young Life teens.

- WHEN: **December 2-4, 2022**
- WHERE: Lake Champion Young Life Camp (NY)
- WHAT: Zip line, ropes course, rock wall, club, giant swing, awesome food, gym, game room, new friends, and more!!!
- REGISTRATION: \$195 per person. Complete sign up form: <https://forms.gle/hucaRhKkDgexKaA38>

**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

***"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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### 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 going to have an incredible year. Come be a part of it.

### For Wee Little Ones

Nursery care is available in Room 12 throughout the morning on Sundays. Amy Coombe is our adult caregiver.

### Family Dinner

Family Dinner started **Wednesday, October 12** as well. Dinner is each Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. in Miller Commons. Donation \$5.00 per person please. Families may pay at the door or conveniently pre-pay for \$125 per family. [Sign up online](#) on the event page or mail a check to the office.

We also need volunteers to help set up and clean up. Contact Holly at 856.235.1688, Ext. 116 or [Holly Asciutto](#).

### Sunday School

Sunday School meets each Sunday from **9:45-10:45 a.m.** We look forward to seeing you! This year we have new classes for middle school and high school which is exciting.

Also new this year is that Sunday School will meet at 9:30 a.m. during worship on a combined service or 5th Sunday.

- ♦ **Nursery:** Room 12 (Amy Coombe)
- ♦ **Grades K-2:** Room 13 (Jenny Legath & Karen Alecxih)
- ♦ **Grades 3-5: Room 10/11** (Tamara Trzeciak & Lori Bell)
- ♦ **Grades 6-8:** 3rd Floor (Leslie Spencer & Philip Jagiela)
- ♦ **High School:** Hayes Rm (Sami Fauvel/Denise Conner)

