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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)  
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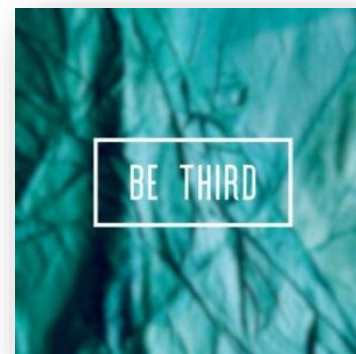
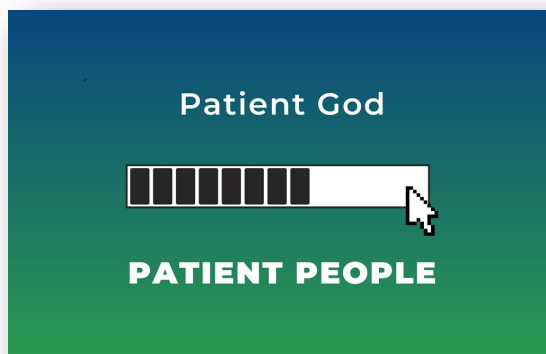


# Connections

**FPC**   
Moorestown

**First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown**

**November 13-20, 2022**



## Way of the Week I: Be Third

**BE THIRD.** God is first, others are second, and you're third. Don't just think about your own interests, but be interested in others. Don't think less of yourself, just think of yourself less and others more.

### **Ideas for Action (see if you can give this a try by Tuesday at noon)**

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.



## **Thanksgiving Postcards**

On **Sunday, Nov. 20** we will have Thanksgiving postcards available in both services to send to those for whom you are thankful. Please mail them yourself or give to the church office **addressed** with the mailing address to be mailed November 21.

## **Session Meeting for November Moved**

The November Session meeting has been moved to **Tuesday, Nov. 29** from Nov. 22 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Information and reports for Session packets will be due by **Wednesday, Nov. 23** (church office is closed Friday, Nov. 25.)

## **Holiday Closures**

The church office and preschool will be closed November 24th and 25th for the Thanksgiving holiday. Wednesday fellowship groups will be OFF for Nov. 23. God's blessings to you and your household.

### Operation Christmas Child

Please return filled shoeboxes no later than **Monday, Nov. 14** to the Commons Lobby. Thank you!

### Adult Spiritual Formation

**November 13 & 20**, Lissa Herman leads a 3-week class, *The Narnian: Joy, Pain, and The Gospel in 'Fairy Stories.'* This will lead into our Advent Study on "The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe, which begins **Nov. 27**, and our family Advent event "Narnia Night" on **Friday, Dec. 2** on "The Lion, The Witch & the Wardrobe" (page 4).

### Consecration Sunday

THANK YOU to everyone who has submitted their 2023 Estimate of Giving card. Budget discussions are underway to address a projected Budget shortfall. We've received 174 Pledges compared to last year's 194. If you have not submitted your Estimate of Giving, kindly do so online, by mail, drop off at church, call in, or place in the offering plate.

### Advent Guide

Look soon for a special *Advent Activity Guide* with programming information for the season's events and special dates. There is something meaningful for all ages:

Emerson Toy Drive -- Steve and Mary Emerson will be continuing a tradition started 30 years ago by Skip and Annette Emerson, which is the annual Christmas Toy Drive for underprivileged children. FPC Moorestown's generosity over the years has been truly wonderful. Please look for a box or table in the Commons Lobby in which to place your **unwrapped** toys.

Deacons Drive—see this page for ways to give with the online drive for Christian Caring Center.

**Advent Devotional** — As we prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ, we will be reading "*Prophets & Promises.*" Copies are \$4.00 and available in the church office. Devotionals begin Nov. 27.



### Budget Update

Watch a presentation from president of the Board of Trustees Jeff Legath, during worship on November 6, 2022 with a budget update for the church.



**Thanksgiving November 24**

### 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.

### Online Holiday Gift Drive Nov. 4-28

Like last year, the Deacons have organized an online gift drive for Christian Caring Center to provide much needed items to local families this holiday. Please visit [yougivegoods.com/fpcm2022](https://yougivegoods.com/fpcm2022) to go to our personalized event page from **Nov. 4-28** where you can "shop" 24/7. Simply select the items you would like to donate from the choices given (hats, gloves, scarves, books, games, blankets and PJ pants) and pay online. All items will ship directly to the Christian Caring Center. The organization plans to use the items as part of their Christmas basket distribution to families in December.

**Please complete online gift purchases by Monday, Nov. 28.** Any questions, please contact Deacon Caroline Joyce at [dmcljoyce@comcast.net](mailto:dmcljoyce@comcast.net).

### Advent Candle Lighters

Would your family like to light one of the Advent wreaths during Advent? The Worship Committee is looking for individuals for both 8:30 am traditional and 11:00 am contemporary services for the weeks of Advent Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18, as well as four Christmas Eve services and Christmas Day worship. Contact Worship Chair Paul Booker at [pbooker31@gmail.com](mailto:pbooker31@gmail.com) or 856.816.5121.

### First Sunday in Advent

**November 27, 2022**

### Narnia Adult Series Begins

### Advent Season

During Advent, we will connect our education series, family events and Advent devotionals (for both children and for adults), to the C.S. Lewis book "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe." See our website and [event page](#), and page 4 in *Connections* for a family event that is open to friends, neighbors and the community.

### Holiday Poinsettia Sales

**November 13, 20, 27**

**Plants are \$15 each**



### Financial Statements

If you need a copy of your current financial statement to see where you are with your 2022 pledge, contact Norm Vandergrift at [nvandergrift@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:nvandergrift@fpcmoorestown.org). Final statements for 2022 will be sent in January. Thank you for completing 2022 pledges before December 31.

### Longest Night

On **Sunday, Dec. 4** we will present our Longest Night worship service. Please share this event with those you know who might need a quiet place in the rush of December, or with those who have experienced a loss. *If you know someone you would like us to invite to this service, please provide their name and address to Alison Mackey in the church office so we may send them an invitation letter.* Contact Alison at [amackey@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:amackey@fpcmoorestown.org) or (856) 235-1688, Ext. 113.



### Alternative Gift Market November 30-December 24 Watch for Catalog

### Help Us Show God's Love With Flowers

The Deacons are in need of both flower arrangers and delivery volunteers for the third Sunday of the month. You can volunteer for any month from September through next August, and the time commitment is minimal. **Please consider helping with this wonderful ministry for our congregation!** For details or to sign up, please contact [Deacon Vicki Terry](#) (856-577-9248) or Alison in the church office.



### CREDO Class

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), started **Sunday, Nov. 6**. CREDO meets on Sundays from 12:15-2:00 pm in the Hayes Room. [Sign up online.](#)

### 2023 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. Contact Rumi Sinunu at [rts319@gmail.com](mailto:rts319@gmail.com) or 856.266.4047 to reserve your dates and submit payment.

### Christmas Events

**Dec. 18:** Jesus Birthday Party during Sunday School, 9:45 am (Rm 3-4)

**Dec. 23:** Christmas Eve Eve Worship (3:00 pm, 7:00 pm—outside)

**Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve Worship (4:00 pm Family, 6:00 pm Family, 8:30 pm Communion, 11:00 pm Lessons and Carols)

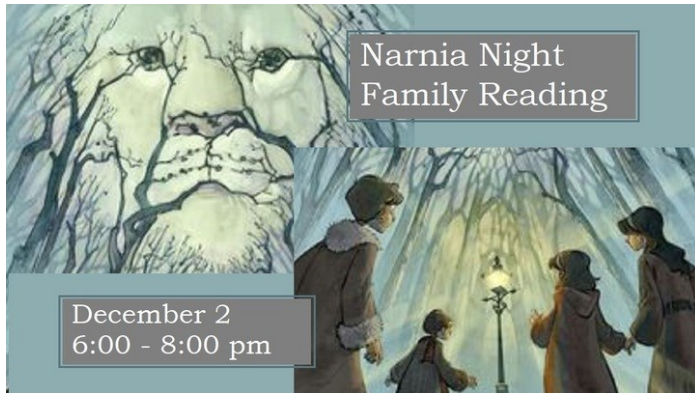
**Dec. 25:** Christmas Day Worship (9:30 am)

### Prayer on the Porch

**Prayer on the Porch** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. We have heaters so it will be warm and cozy. Bring a blanket! **NEXT: Wed. Nov. 23.**

# FAMILY MINISTRY

## November 23: Wednesday groups OFF for Thanksgiving



### High School Winter Retreat

- 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 ... !
- REGISTRATION: \$195 per person. Complete sign up form: <https://forms.gle/hucaRhKkDqexKaA38>

### Happy Thanksgiving Youth Style

Watch for information about a high school youth Thanksgiving Potluck event on **Sunday, Nov. 20** (5-7 pm).

**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

**But you, Timothy, certainly know what I teach, and how I live, and what my purpose in life is. You know my faith, my patience, my love, and my endurance. (2 Timothy 3: 10)**

For Families and Children:

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Middle School and High School:

**John Roberts interim director**

724-967-1646 cell

[jroberts@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:jroberts@fpcmoorestown.org)

### Special Family Event: Narnia Night

On **Friday, December 2**, there will be an interactive Narnia Night at the church from 6:00-8:00 pm. Walk through the Wardrobe and visit our own Narnia. It would help if, as a family, you read the book ahead of time. [On our event page](#), see links to different book formats for different ages. We will have lots of surprises in store. to all!

### Happy Thanksgiving

Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone and Middle School Youth Group will be OFF on Nov. 23 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

### Advent Wreaths Available

A limited number of Advent wreath kits will be available in the Commons Lobby to pick up with the gingerbread kits.

### Advent Devotional

**Families:** This Advent, take advantage of a four-week family Advent devotional guide (one per week), based on the Narnia Book *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*.

### Virtual Gingerbread House Challenge

Our Gingerbread Challenge will be virtual again this year. Come to the church Nov. 16-27 and pick up a kit for families to decorate together. **Challenge is Nov. 23-Dec. 2 at midnight.** Kits are train-themed and traditional houses. It is a basic kit; you will need to personalize it. Make it colorful, interesting, unique! HAVE FUN! You do not have to use the kits from the church. When you have completed your challenge, please take pictures, and either post them on the FPC Family Ministries Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/455452324633585> (ask Holly to join). Or send photos to Holly Asciutto. Judging will begin on Dec. 3 and end on Dec. 9. Oh, and there will be prizes!! Contact Holly at 609-273-7465 cell/text or [hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org).

**Family Dinner** is Wednesdays from 6-7 pm; \$5 each or conveniently pre-pay \$125 per family. [Sign up online](#) or mail a check to the office. *We also need volunteers each week to help set up and clean up.* Contact [Angie Slane](#) at 856.235.1688, x124. **MENU by Georgetti's Catering for Nov. 16:** Chicken cacciatore; Chicken fingers (GF); Mashed potatoes (GF); Green beans; Salads; Rolls & Butter; Water, tea, lemonade. GF = gluten free