Work of God's People (See Connections, eblast, website and app for details)

Our <u>Alternative Gift Market</u> will be available in person after services on **Dec. 18** as well as virtually through the church's website <u>fpcmoorestown.org</u>. Alternative Gifts allow donations to worthy causes in the name of the gift recipient. The Alternative Gift Market Catalog is available online and on the Church Center events page.

<u>Advent Small Groups</u> -- Two groups are meeting to discuss the <u>Advent in Narnia Devotional</u>: Sundays at 9:45 am (ends Dec. 18) at 9:45 am for Adult Spiritual Formation led by Wes Allen, and Wednesdays (ends Dec. 21) from 7:00-8:30 pm in Room 3-4, led by Jim Cole & Gayle Payne.

<u>Mitten Tree</u> – Visit the Mitten Tree in the Commons Lobby presented by the Knitting Network and decorated with handmade mittens, hats and scarves. You are welcome to add your handmade objects to the tree, or to purchase others for your own use. All items will be donated to Urban Promise and local charities. If you knit or crochet, join the Knitting Network on the first Saturday of each month at 10 am.

Emerson Toy Drive -- Steve and Mary Emerson continue a tradition started 30 years ago by Skip and Annette Emerson, which is the annual Christmas Toy Drive for underprivileged children. Look for a box in the Commons Lobby for your **unwrapped** toys.

<u>Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Schedule</u>: Come worship the Lord this Christmas Season! Our holiday worship includes: **December 23** Christmas Eve *Eve* 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm Outdoor Worship; **December 24**: Christmas Eve Worship at 4:00 pm Family Service, 6:00 pm Lessons & Carols, 8:30 pm Communion Service and 10:45 pm Chapel Choir Concert/11:00 pm Lessons & Carols.

On Christmas Day and New Year's Day, there will be ONE combined **9:30 am** worship service. There will be no Education Hour or nursery care.

<u>Help Needed:</u> NEW: First Presbyterian Church is hosting a <u>brunch</u> on Christmas Day following our 9:30 am blended worship. All are welcome to share in fellowship and celebrate the miracle of Jesus' birth. Please contact Jan Martin in the church office or SIGN UP on the sheets in the narthex/Commons if you can set up or clean up that day, or provide a breakfast casserole or baked goods.

<u>Year End Giving</u> -- Please remember the church in your year end giving. Options for donations are listed on our <u>website</u> and event page. *PLEASE NOTE*: Online donations must be received by midnight December 31, 2022 and checks postmarked by December 31, 2022. Checks may be received in the offering plate up to January 1, 2023 with a date of December 31 on the check. The trustees thank you for completing your 2022 pledge by Dec. 31.

Kids: Looking for artists for the front of our 4 pm Christmas Eve worship guide. See event page or contact Holly!

<u>Holiday Hours</u> -- The church campus will be CLOSED Monday, Dec. 26, Tuesday, Dec. 27 and Friday, Dec. 30 for the Christmas holiday. The church office will be OPEN December 28, 29 and January 2, 2023. Warmest wishes for a blessed and peaceful Christmas from the staff at First Presbyterian Church.

Save the Date: Presbyterian Women invite all women of the church to the PW Winter Gathering on Monday, January 23. Guest speaker will be Sister Meaghan Patterson from Dawn's Place, a PW mission organization. Since 2009, Dawn's Place has been a pioneer in offering a safe and caring residential setting for survivors of commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) or sex trafficking.



Come worship the Lord this Christmas Season! Our holiday worship includes:

Friday, December 23 (Outdoor Courtyard)

• Christmas Eve Eve 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve (Sanctuary)

- 4:00 pm Family Service
- 6:00 pm Lessons & Carols
- 8:30 pm Communion Service
- 10:45 pm Chapel Choir Concert/11:00 pm Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day (Sanctuary)

9:30 am Combined Worship, Brunch after worship

Sunday, January 1, 2023 ~ New Year's Day (Sanctuary)

9:30 am Combined Worship



