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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 or [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#).

The service is also posted later in the week to our website.

"Connections" is published weekly for Sunday worship and every two weeks in the summer. Please submit information by noon Tuesdays to:
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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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January 15-21, 2023



Way of the Week #10: Join Hands

10. JOIN HANDS. Work as a team. Collaborate with each other, our professional staff, our lay leaders, and our congregants to find the best solutions. Collaboration lightens the load, generates better ideas than individuals working alone, and unleashes the gifts God has given us all.

Ideas for Action (try to do this by 12 noon Tuesday): Is there some task you're doing at church that you could invite someone to share with you? Think of someone from our church who can help you sort out a challenge or problem you're facing.

Fifth Sunday January 29

We will worship as one church family for our Fifth Sunday on **January 29, 2023**. Worship blends both contemporary and traditional elements, and will be held in the Sanctuary at **9:30 am**. Guest Preacher: Dr. Bruce Main. There will be no adult spiritual formation. Children's Sunday School will be held during worship, and nursery care is provided.

Blanket Sunday Offering

January 29 is Blanket Sunday, an offering sponsored by our Deacons. Your contributions to Church World Service enables CWS to help families around the world recover from disasters and displacement, while helping to rebuild viable, sustainable lives and communities. Look for Blanket Sunday envelopes in the pews and at both services. You may also give online at www.fpcmoorestown.org/giving - just choose the Blanket Sunday option in the drop down list.

Calling all Chili Fans!

Join the Deacons for a festive and fun **5th Sunday Chili Cookoff** immediately following the **9:30 am** combined service on January 29. [Sign up online](#) or at the church to enter a chili or to bake cornbread! Let's see if one of our Youth Group kids can cook up the best chili this year ... CHALLENGE ON!!!

PW Winter Gathering **Monday, January 23, 2023** **9:30 am**

Presbyterian Women invite women of the church to a Winter Gathering **Monday, January 23, 2023 at 9:30 am** in Fellowship Hall. Guest speaker is Sister Meaghan Patterson, executive director from Dawn's Place, one of the missions PW supports. 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. Dawn's Place offers an opportunity for women to pursue healing and a purpose in life.

There is no cost. **Please RSVP online** on our [Church Center event page](#).



Kids and Youth Groups

Following winter break, our fellowship groups will return on the following dates:

- ⇒ **Middle School:** Wed. Jan. 18
- ⇒ **Kingdom Kids:** Wed. Feb. 1
- ⇒ **Crossing Zone:** Wed. Feb. 1
- ⇒ **Family Dinner:** Wed. Feb. 1 (\$5.00 per person please)



Sunday Hospitality

Sunday morning volunteers are needed to help out with hospitality with Chelsea Margerum to prepare coffee, set out bagels and snacks, and clean up. Please consider serving on this team. Contact [Jan Martin](#) if interested.

Chick Fil A Night for Step by Step

Take a night off from cooking and swing through the **Delran** Chick-Fil A to support our Step by Step Christian Preschool. **Be sure to download and bring the flyer (copies at church)**. Bring your friends and colleagues ... our wonderful school receives a percentage of every order. Dine in, drive through or carry out!

- **Tuesday, January 17**
- 5:00-8:00 pm
- Delran Chick Fil A, 1301 Fairview Blvd. (in the Lowe's Shopping Center)



Please wear your nametag and warmly welcome visitors

Annual Meeting / 2022 Reports

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held **Sunday, February 5, 2023** in Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 am contemporary service. The meeting will also be [available via Zoom](#). Ministry reports summarizing 2021-2022 are due to Jan Martin. Copies of the **2022 Annual Report** will be available **January 29, 2022** at church and online through our eblast, website and online Events page.



Blood Drive Friday, February 3rd

Thanks to all who supported our fall blood drive for the American Red Cross. It was our best ever, collecting 44 life-saving units of blood! This February to celebrate Heart Health Month, the American Red Cross will again be holding a blood drive in Miller Commons. We hope to see you there!

- **Date:** Friday, February 3
- **Time:** 1:00 - 6:00 pm
- **Location:** Miller Commons



Please make your appointment online at RedCrossBlood.org and enter First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown. For questions or to sign up, please contact Deborah Heller at (856) 273-6838 or dheller374@comcast.net.

Leadership Retreat

Church elders, deacons and trustees will gather for a Leadership Retreat on **Saturday, January 28** from 8:30 am-11:00 am in Fellowship Hall. [Please RSVP online](#) on the Church Center event page by **January 25th**, and complete the brief education survey.

Final 2022 giving statements will be mailed in late January

Preschool Open House

COMING: Step by Step Christian Preschool is holding an Open House at the preschool on **Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023** from 6:00-7:30 pm (adults only please). Come in and see the school and sign up for fall classes. **Early registration for church members and current enrollees is Jan. 3-14, 2023.** Open registration for all others begins on Jan. 17. Applications soon available online. Classes begin in September 2023 and are available for 2 ½ year olds (must be 2 by April 1), 3-year olds (must be 3 by Sept 30) and Pre-K students (must be 4 by Sept. 30).

Per Capita

In February, look for mailed information regarding our annual Per Capita giving. As Presbyterians, we are a *connectional church*. This assessment is a "per member" contribution of \$38.75 per member that each church pays annually to the larger church to support the General Assembly, Synod and West Jersey Presbytery.

Young Person's Concert

Sunday, January 22

West Jersey Chamber Music Society presents an "Early Music America Concert" crafted to enhance the appreciation of classical music among young musicians. Hear selections for harpsichord, violin, flute, piano, organ, and voice, as gifted young artists from the area present music of J. S. Bach, Francois Couperin, Georg Kauffman, Johann Krebs, Mozart, Henry Purcell and Friedrich Zakau. Admission is FREE.; 7:30 pm. [Download our flyer ...](#)



Yes, I'm Here or Watching

THANK YOU for registering your attendance each Sunday you're here. Our simple automated check-in replaces the Friendship sign-in pads and provides accurate records for the Membership Committee, staff and member care. Download the Church Center app on your phone to easily check in. If you need help, please see the volunteer. **REMINDER:** When watching the live stream at home or attending in person, **check in** on your smart phone to note participation.

We are looking for ushers for the contemporary service.

Contact [Steve Conlain](#).

Church Directory

The Church Directory has been updated for 2023. Hard copies are available in the church office.



Church CLOSED Monday, January 16th

Christmas Photos

The church office would welcome any and all photos people may have taken from our Christmas worship services. Please email any photos to Jan at jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org or Barbara at bduffy@fpcmoorestown.org.

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, reserve one or two vases. Please contact Rumi Sinunu at rts319@gmail.com or 856.266.4047 to reserve your dates.

2023 Offering Envelopes

2023 offering envelopes were mailed in December. If you DO want envelopes for 2023, contact Angie Slane at aslane@fpcmoorestown.org or call at 856.235.1688, Ext. 124. *Please note that envelope numbers have been consolidated and may have changed this year.*

Have you remembered the church in your will?



Sunday School on 5th Sunday will be 9:30 am during worship



Middle School Youth Group

Resumes from Winter Break on **Wednesday, Jan. 18**

6:30-8:00 pm (pizza time!)

Grades 7, 8

For questions reach out to [John Roberts](#) at 724.967.1646



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: contact John Roberts, interim director

Sermon Series Memory Verse
Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and we will share a meal together as friends.
(Rev 3: 20)

For Families and Children:
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Middle School and High School:
John Roberts interim director
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Winter Break Schedule

Wednesday night groups and Family Dinner are on hiatus for our Winter Break. Our activities will return on:

- ♦ **Wed. Jan. 18:** Middle School Youth Group (gr. 7,8, 6:30-8:00 pm)
- ♦ **Wed. Feb. 1:** Kingdom Kids (K-3rd, 4:45-5:45 pm)
- ♦ **Wed. Feb. 1:** Family Dinner (All, 6:00-7:00 pm)
- ♦ **Wed. Feb. 1:** Crossing Zone (gr. 4-6, 6:30-7:30 pm)



Moorestown Ministerium
Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and Worship Service

Featuring the Urban Promise International Choir

Guest Speaker is Moorestown High School Vice Principal Don Williams

4PM Mission experience in the Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY JANUARY 15 AT 3:00 P.M.

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