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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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First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

January 22-28, 2023



Way of the Week #11: Make Others at Home Here

11. MAKE OTHERS AT HOME HERE. Warmly welcome newcomers and visitors. Offer your name with a smile. Reach out and greet the person you don't know after worship, during Coffee Hour, in Youth Group or Sunday School. Show a genuine interest in others.

Ideas for Action (try to complete by 12 noon Tuesday): Look for someone you don't know very well. Invite that person for coffee, a walk or a meal and get to know them. Keep your eyes peeled for the guest or visitor at our church and offer your name and a smile of welcome. Pave the way for new friendships wherever you are.

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 at **9:30 am**. Guest Preacher Dr. Bruce Main will introduce our Lenten Book Study. 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 easily give online at www.fpcmoorestown.org/giving.

Calling all Chili Fans!

Join the Deacons for a festive and fun **5th Sunday Chili Cookoff** following the blended 5th Sunday service. [Sign up online](#) or at the church to enter your best chili or to bake cornbread! The challenge is ON!!

It's a Card Shower for Gary & Nancy Bender

Please bring a Get Well or Thinking of You card with you to church that day sending your support, encouragement and love. We will have a table in the Commons Lobby and a basket to drop off cards, plus blank cards available. [See our event page](#).

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 and sex trafficking. Dawn's Place offers an opportunity for women to pursue healing and a purpose in life. Come learn more.

There is no cost. **Please RSVP online** on our [Church Center event page](#). *Event will be in person and via Zoom.*

Are you receiving the church's Friday eblast? Contact [Jan Martin](#) to be sure you're on our list



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)

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.

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 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.



Annual Meeting / 2022 Report

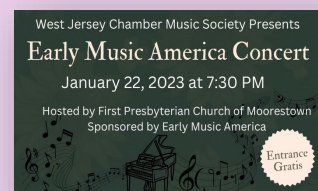
The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held **Sunday, February 5, 2023** in Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 am contemporary service. The meeting will also be [available via Zoom](#). Copies of the *2022 Annual Report* will be available **January 29, 2022** at church and online through our eblast,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



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 ...](#)



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

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 team, 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](#).

Per Capita

In February, look for mailed information regarding our annual Per Capita giving. As Presbyterians, we are a *connectional church*. This annual assessment is a contribution of \$38.75 per member that each church pays to the larger church to support the General Assembly, Synod and our Presbytery. Our Presbytery has not raised its per capita amount in over 10 years. Thank you for your help in offsetting these costs for the church.

Church Directory

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

Christmas Photos

The church office would welcome any photos people may have taken from our Christmas worship. 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 have been mailed. 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?

How Can You Serve Your Church This Year?

The Nominations Committee is currently seeking individuals to staff the three Boards of the church: Elders, Deacons and Trustees. Please pray about where God may be calling you. You may nominate yourself or someone else you feel would be a good fit for these positions. [Fill out an online nominations form](#)

Please wear your nametag and warmly welcome visitors: "Make Others at Home Here"

Winter Inquirers Class

Are you interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown and possibly joining the congregation? The Membership Committee invites you to attend its Winter Inquirers Class in February. This series is for those interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown and the Presbyterian Church as a whole. The three-part series begins **Feb. 15** and is comprised of a Wednesday evening Zoom, a Saturday in-person class and a Sunday meeting with Session to be received into membership. This format is designed to work with today's busy schedules. We're looking forward to learning more about you! [See our website and events page for schedules and to register.](#)



**Ash Wednesday
February 22, 2023**



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



Middle School Youth Group
Wednesday, January 25
6:30-8:00 pm (pizza time!)
Grades 7, 8

For questions reach out to interim director John Roberts at 724.967.1646 or johnipsg@gmail.com or Liz Greene at 856.220-0750 or leapinlizzy7@gmail.com.



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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Winter Break Schedule

Wednesday night groups and Family Dinner are returning on Wednesday, February 1. We have missed you.

- ⇒ **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)

The Season of Lent

WATCH FOR INFORMATION soon on Lent-in-a-Box family devotionals, One Great Hour of Sharing fish banks, and Ash Wednesday worship opportunities.

REMINDER: There will be no Kingdom Kids or Crossing Zone on Ash Wednesday **February 22** so that children may worship with their parents (worship is at 7:00 pm).



Easter Egg Hunt Donations

We are looking for donations of candy and small toys for our 2023 Easter egg hunt! The Easter egg hunt is on Saturday, April 1 from 10:30-11:30 am.

Donate candies that are fun size and individually wrapped, small toys, stickers or tattoos that will fit in a standard size plastic egg. **Please do not prefill eggs as the items are sorted by age.** Drop off candy and toys at the church office. Please contact [Holly Ascitutto](mailto:hascitutto@fpcmoorestown.org) or [Angie Slane](mailto:angie@fpcmoorestown.org) with any questions (856.235.1688).