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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.

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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

Jan. 29-Feb. 4, 2023



Way of the Week #12: Own Our Church

12. OWN OUR CHURCH. The work of the church isn't defined by pastors and staff alone; it comes from each member actively participating in the life of Jesus Christ. Claim ownership of FPC Moorestown's mission, programs, and property. Each is an expression of how God is working among us! Support others. Be informed. Volunteer for a new role. Live like you're the church – because you are!

Ideas for Action (try to complete by 12 noon Tuesday): Spend a few minutes on our [website](#) to learn about some aspect of our ministry or mission that's news or unknown to you. Fuel your curiosity and consider getting involved in an area of ministry that brings you joy!

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](#).



Adult Spiritual Formation 9:45-10:45 am Sundays

Beginning in February, we will offer two intriguing options:

- ♦ How We Love - This 9-week couples' study (Feb. 5-Apr. 2) is designed to strengthen your marriage. "How We Love" explores the five broken Love Styles preventing intimacy and effective communication in relationships. Each couple will receive a copy of the book and the workbook. Books are \$16, and the workbooks are \$12.
- ♦ The Book of Acts - Acts chronicles some of the most important events in Christian

history: the sending of the Holy Spirit, the birth of the early Church, and the scattering of Jesus' disciples across the world. This 12-week study (Feb. 5-Apr. 30) will help you understand these historic events and provide the tools and resources for daily application in the 21st century. The class will be team taught by Lorenzo Eagles, Lissa Herman, and Rev. Wes Allen. SIGN UP ONLINE or through the Church Center app *Signups tab*.

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the church's Friday eblast?
Contact Jan Martin
to be sure you're on our list**

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.



Ash Wednesday Worship **February 22, 2023**

We begin the Journey of Lent on Ash Wednesday February 22nd. New this year is a 12 noon Ash Wednesday worship, for those who prefer not to come out in the evening. The evening worship will be at 7:00 pm. Both services will feature prayer, the Lord's Supper, the imposition of ashes and a meaningful message by Rev. Wes Allen.



2022 Statements Emailed

Final statements for the calendar year 2022 have been **sent via electronic mail** to member households. Households without an email listed have been mailed their statements. This one-click statement download link expires at **February 8, 2023** at 10:00am EST. After that, you'll need to log into your donor account where you can access your statements, manage recurring donations, and set your donor preferences. If you need help with your statement, please contact [Norm Vandergrift](#) in the church office at 856.235.1688, Ext. 112.

Final 2022 giving statements have been emailed

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.

Have you remembered the church in your will?

Christmas Photos

The church office would welcome any photos people may have taken from our Christmas worship. Please email any photos to Jan Martin or Barbara in the church office.

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. See drop down for [electronic giving](#).

Church Directory

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

2023 Worship Flowers

Reservations are being taken for 2023 to provide flowers for worship. Honor special dates in your life and those you love with flowers crafted by our Flower Guild. Each vase is \$40, reserve 1 or 2 vases. Please contact Rumi Sinunu at rts319@gmail.com or 856.266.4047 to reserve your dates.

Online Giving Increases

We have several donors that have increased their pledge for 2023 (thank you!) but are still registering at the 2022 level. Indicating the amount on the pledge card alone does not initiate the change. There are two ways that this can be done: (1) Simply edit your profile in the Church Center mobile app with your 2023 amount, or (2) send an email to Norman Vandergrift with your permission and he can change it for you.

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
Beginning the Lenten Journey***

FAMILY MINISTRY

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

Family Dinner Menu
Wednesday, February 1
6:00-7:00 pm, \$5 per person please

Chicken fingers
Macaroni and cheese
Italian mashed potatoes
Sausage, onions and peppers
Salads
Rolls and butter
Beverages

Middle School Youth Group
Wednesday evenings
6:30-8:00 pm
Grades 7, 8

For questions reach out to
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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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Middle School and High School:
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Wednesday Night Kids Groups

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

- ⇒ Kingdom Kids (K-3rd, 4:45-5:45 pm)
- ⇒ Family Dinner (All, 6:00-7:00 pm)
- ⇒ Crossing Zone (grades 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 Satur-
day, 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 sort-
ed by age.** Drop off candy and toys at the church office.
Please contact [Holly Asciutto](mailto:Holly.Asciutto) or [Angie Slane](mailto:Angie.Slane) with any ques-
tions (856.235.1688).