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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)  
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

**FPC**  
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**First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown**

**January 8-14, 2023**



## Way of the Week #9: Pray First and Pray Again

**9. PRAY FIRST AND PRAY AGAIN.** Ask *first* for God's guidance and blessing in everything you do. Through prayer, ask for wisdom and for God's will to be done. Pray for others as well, that God's love and blessing would be revealed to them in good times and in bad.

**Ideas for Action:** On your next walk, run, or in your quiet time, intentionally pray for neighbors, other churches, schools, EMTs, police and fire personnel, and local officials. If you're stalled in your prayer life, reach out to one of the pastors or a member of the Prayer Team for a suggestion.

## PW Winter Gathering

**Monday, January 23, 2023 — 9:30 am**



Presbyterian Women invite women of the church to its 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. 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. Their vision is to provide a new beginning for survivors through their residential program. Dawn's Place offers an opportunity for women to pursue healing and a purpose in life.

There is no cost. Please RSVP online at <https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1553769>.

## Epiphany Sunday January 8, 2023

TODAY during the 8:30 am traditional worship enjoy an Epiphany Concert featuring the Choristers (grades 5-8), Chapel Choir (grades 9-12), Junior Choir (grades 2-4), and Adult Choir.



**Please wear your nametag and warmly welcome visitors**

### 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](mailto:jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org) if interested.

## Fifth Sunday January 29

We will worship together as a 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**. On 5th Sundays, there is no adult spiritual formation. Children's Sunday School will be held during worship, and nursery care is provided.



### 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

## Friday Nighters

December 22, 2023

*It is with a heavy heart that I report the dissolution of the Friday Nighters organization. The effect of the COVID pandemic, our inability to meet, has been for the board to determine that we are no longer a viable group. The board also felt that our treasury should go to the church, to help with the budget shortfall. I have enclosed a check for \$1,031.45 for that purpose. This brings to an end a organization that has entertained and enriched the lives of our members.*

Sincerely,  
Jane Murphy, Treasurer



## Annual Meeting / 2022 Reports

The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held **Sunday, February 5, 2023** in Fellowship Hall. Ministry leaders are asked to please provide a report summarizing events of 2021-2022 to Jan Martin by **Friday, January 13**. Please email reports to [jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org).

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](https://www.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](mailto:dheller374@comcast.net).

### Leadership Retreat

Church leaders from Session, the Board of Deacons and Board of Trustees will gather for a Church Leadership Retreat on **Saturday, January 28** from 8:30 am - 11 am in Fellowship Hall.

Watch your email for information from Wes Allen, and **RSVP online** on the Church Center event page by **January 25th**.

**We are looking for men and women to help as ushers for the contemporary service.**  
Contact [Steve Connlain](#).

### 2023 Offering Envelopes

2023 offering envelopes were mailed at the end of December. If you DO want envelopes for 2023, contact Angie Slane at [aslane@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto: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.*

**Contact the church office if you need a copy of your 2022 giving statement.**



### 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](mailto:rts319@gmail.com) or 856.266.4047 to reserve your dates.

### 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).

### 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.

### 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](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org/giving) - just choose the Blanket Sunday option in the drop down list.



### 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](mailto:jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org) or Barbara at [bduffy@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:bduffy@fpcmoorestown.org).

**Have you remembered the church in your will?**



**Church CLOSED Monday, January 16th**



# FAMILY MINISTRY

**Sunday School resumes Sunday, January 8th**



## Middle School Youth Group

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

**6:30-8:00 pm**

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:

**Holly Asciutto**

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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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