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**Worship. Connect.  
Serve. Devote.**

JOIN US on Sunday morning at church or via live stream as we worship the Lord with gladness:

**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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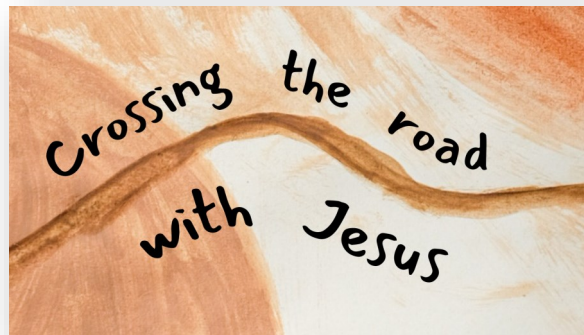


# Connections

**FPC**  
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First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

March 19-25, 2023



## Way of the Week #19: Accept and Don't Cast Stones

**19. ACCEPT AND DON'T CAST STONES.** God's love opens the doors of our church to all people. Just as Jesus did, welcome people as they are. It's not up to us to judge. Love unconditionally, and as Christ has received you, receive others.

**Ideas for Action:** Approach someone you normally avoid at church for whatever reason. Make a point to speak to them this week.

[2023 Lent Resource Guide](#)

## Wednesday Worship During Lent

Our Pastors will lead an in-person evening worship at **6:30 pm** on the Wednesdays during Lent, marked by heartfelt personal testimony. Remaining dates: **March 15, 22, 29**. Theme: "Light in the Darkness"

## Praying the Bible with Stuart Spencer

Thursdays in Lent, Stuart Spencer leads a Zoom *Lectio Divina* from 6:30-7:00 pm — remaining Thursdays: **March 23, 30**. No sign-up needed. Learn more at <https://pray-as-you-go.org> and watch for the Zoom link. Praying the Bible or *Lectio Divina* is an ancient form of contemplative prayer. *Lectio Divina* (sacred reading) is a way to pray by using the words of the Bible. [Zoom link found on event page or in Lent Resource Guide](#)

## Easter Flower Deliverers Needed

The Deacons are seeking volunteers from our congregation to help with Easter Flower deliveries on Easter Sunday, April 9th. This is a wonderful way to show our love to some of our less mobile members and brighten their Easter Day. If you can help with deliveries, please contact Deacon Vicki Terry ([vickiterry633@gmail.com](mailto:vickiterry633@gmail.com)), Deacon Rachel Long ([rchumney@gmail.com](mailto:rchumney@gmail.com)) or Jan Martin in the church office (856) 235-1611.

### Lent Book Study

During Lent, we are reading Dr. Bruce Main's book, "Why Jesus Crossed the Road." Most Groups began the week of Ash Wednesday. Books are available for purchase at the church (\$11) or [online](#). [Sign up online](#) or right from your Church Center app.



***Easter Orders Due March 19***

### Lent Resource Guide

For a complete listing of Lent and Easter devotionals, activities, worship and giving opportunities, pick up a copy of our "Lent Resource Guide" at church or [download a copy](#) from the website or e-blast.

*Palm Sunday is Sunday, April 2*

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

Sunday mornings we offer two adult studies. SIGN UP from the Church Center app on your phone, or our online Events Pages:

- ◆ [How We Love](#) - This 9-week couples' study is designed to strengthen your marriage and explore the five broken Love Styles preventing intimacy and effective communication. **Hayes Room. Ends April 2.**
- ◆ [The Book of Acts](#) - Acts chronicles some of the most important events in Christian history. This study will explore these historic events and provide tools and resources for daily application in the 21st century. Class is team-taught by Lorenzo Eagles, Lissa Herman, and Wes Allen. **Fellowship Hall A, ends May 21 (now extended); No class April 9.**



Come out for a meaningful and fun day working with others at UrbanPromise!

- WHO: 7th-12th Graders (friends welcome!)
- WHAT: Youth Mission Day at UrbanPromise
- WHEN: **Saturday, March 25**
- TIME: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- COST: \$16 [online](#)
- LOCATION: 3370 Rudderow Street, Pennsauken

Cost covers lunch and supplies for the work project. [Register online on our events page](#) or through the Church Center app. Let John Roberts [johnjpsg@gmail.com](mailto:johnjpsg@gmail.com) know you are participating to arrange carpools to Urban Promise.



One Great Hour of Sharing — April 2 Palm Sunday

### Easter Flower Orders Due March 19

Congregation members may honor loved ones by purchasing Easter flowers (\$15) to be placed in our worship spaces on Easter, April 9. [Order forms](#) are available in today's Worship Guide and also online. Please mail your payment or drop in the offering plate. **Orders are DUE by Sunday, March 19.**

### Deacon Flower Deliverers

On the third Sunday of the month, our Deacons deliver flowers from worship to two individuals needing a lift from their church. *Deliverers are needed.* Would you like to help? Upcoming dates are **March 19, April 16** and **May 21**. Contact Deacon JoAnn Reynik at [sewcrafty225@yahoo.com](mailto:sewcrafty225@yahoo.com) or 856.495.1337.

## Per Capita

Yes, you can still submit your annual [Per Capita giving](#) if you have not done so. Members paying this share of \$38.75 per member helps defray significant costs for our church. 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 Presbytery. Giving online? See dropdown for Per Capita.

## How Can You Serve Your Church This Year?

The Nominations Committee is currently seeking men and women of all ages 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](#) or contact Gil Warren, chair.

## **Couples Retreat**

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

### Couples Retreat in Cape May

**May 19-21, 2023**

Register on our event page or through the Church Center app



## **Spring Break**

There will be no Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone, Middle School Youth Group or Family Dinner on Wednesday, **April 5** and **April 12**.

## **Palm Sunday Concert**

**Sunday, April 2**

*Haydn's "Theresa" Mass*

West Jersey Chamber Symphony  
Chorale and Adult Choir

TICKETS \$28, Seniors \$20,  
18 and under free

Purchase online at [www.wjcms.org](http://www.wjcms.org)  
or at the door. INFO: Joann Nawrocki 609-417-2873.

## Holy Week Schedule

**April 6: Maundy Thursday**  
**Dramatic Readings**

7:30 pm, Miller Commons

**April 7: Good Friday Interfaith**

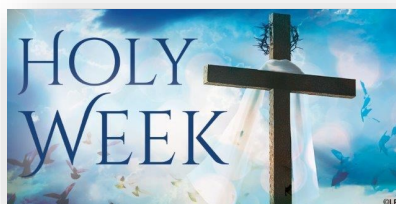
12 Noon, FPC Courtyard  
Community worship service

**April 7: Good Friday Tenebrae**

7:30 pm, Sanctuary

**April 9: Easter Sunday**

- 6:30 am Sunrise Service
- 8:30 am Traditional Worship
- 11 am Contemporary Worship
- So families may be together, there is no Children's Sunday School, Adult Spiritual Formation, or Nursery Care on Easter



## **Sunday Hospitality**

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

## Spring Prayer Retreat

**May 2-5, 2023**

Join a group of friends from a number of churches at Holy Cross Monastery, an Episcopalian Benedictine monastery, for the Spring Prayer Retreat. Pastor Stuart leads this study of prayer and meditative practices using our study book, *"God of All Things."* See our brochure, [Events Page](#), or website to register. **Deadline: April 2.**

## **Sunday Check Ins**

Please take a few seconds to *register your attendance* each Sunday you're here and/or are watching on your device. Our simple automated check-in replaces the Friendship sign-in pads and provides accurate records for the Membership Committee, staff and pastors, and can be easily done from your phone. [Download the Church Center app](#) to easily check in. If you need help, please see the volunteer.

## We're Thinking Camp!

Sign ups are OPEN for Camp Johnsonburg Summer Camp **July 16-21**, grades 2nd-12th. Check out this incredible "Sacred Place, Open Space." See our [event page](#).



I AM WITH  
YOU *always*  
*Matthew 28:20*





# FAMILY MINISTRY

## Return One Great Hour of Sharing fish banks Palm Sunday (April 2)

### Family Dinner Wednesday, March 22 6:00-7:00 pm ~ \$5.00 per person

Join us for Family Dinner this week—the menu is yummy! Only \$5 per person and \$20 for a family of four or more. Open to the whole congregation. Hope to see you there!

- Chicken Marsala
- Hot Dogs and Tater Tots
- Meatballs and Penne
- Salads
- Rolls & Butter, Beverages
- Ice Cream Cups for dessert

### Middle School Youth Group (grades 7, 8) Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS: Come out for a super fun outing to Funplex on **Wednesday, March 22!** We'll have a blast with indoor rides and games! [RSVP online](#), cost is \$16 (\$15 in person) plus any snacks or drinks you'd like. We will meet at Funplex at 6:00 pm. Funplex is located at 3320 -24 NJ-38 in Mount Laurel. See our event page or contact [John Roberts](#) or [Liz Greene](#).



- 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**

Later, as Jesus left the town, he saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at his tax collection booth. Come, be my disciple!" Jesus said to him. So Levi got up, left everything and followed him.  
- Luke 5: 27, 28

- For Families and Children:  
**Holly Ascitutto**  
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[hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org)
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**John Roberts-interim director**  
724-967-1646 cell  
[jroberts@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:jroberts@fpcmoorestown.org)

### Family Lent in a Box

A few boxes remain so please come pick one up. This box includes tangible activities, supplies, devotionals, scriptures, and hands-on prayer exercises each week for families to journey through Lent. *ONE per family please.*

### Easter Egg Hunt; Donations by March 24

YES, we can still use donations of candy and small toys for our 2023 Easter egg hunt! DONATE candies that are fun size, nut-free 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](#) or [Angie Slane](#) with any questions (856.235.1688). **Drop off by Friday, March 24.**



### Children's Easter Celebration April 1

**The Children's Easter Celebration** will be **Saturday, April 1** from 10:30-11:00 am, and will be outside so dress appropriately. Celebrate the joy of Easter with an Egg hunt for children ages 0-10! There is no charge; canned food for the food pantry as an entrance will be welcomed. If it rains, we will move indoors. Don't forget your basket!

### Spring Break Wednesday, April 5 & 12

No Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone, Family Dinner or Middle School Youth Group

### One Great Hour of Sharing

As is our tradition, children have received a Lenten **Fish Box** for "One Great Hour of Sharing" as a means of charitable giving during Lent. Completed fish boxes will be collected during both Palm Sunday services on **April 2nd**. There is NO Sunday School on April 9, Easter.

