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

*Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing - Psalm 100:2*

**9:00 am Traditional**  
**11:00 am Contemporary**  
**9:30 am 5th Sunday**  
**Blended Worship**

**10:15-11:15 am**  
**Education Hour**

Worship streams live from each worship space. Log on from any device to [www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org) or [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#).

Services are also posted later in the week to our website.

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# Connections

**FPC**  
Moorestown

**First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown**

**Oct. 29-Nov. 4, 2023**

## Way of the Week I:

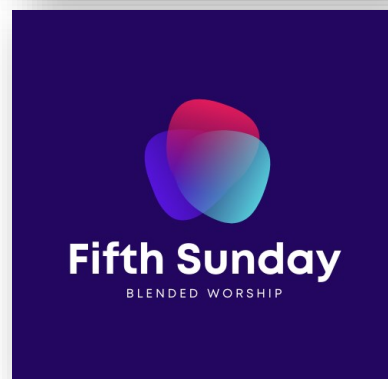
### Be Third

(October 29-November 4, 2023)

1. **BE THIRD.** God is first, others are second, and you're third. Don't just think about your own interests, be interested in others. Don't think less of yourself, just think of yourself less and others more.

**Ideas for Action:** Ask God, "Whom can I serve today?" Look for an opportunity to be last ... in line, the last to speak, or last to be served.

**November**  
**5th Daylight**  
**Saving Time**  
**ends**



## Church Has Left The Building / 5th Sunday

This year's Church Has Left The Building will be Saturday, October 28 and Sunday, October 29. Please plan to be involved in some capacity. This year we will be tending to a few items at "our house" at FPC Moorestown and Carol's House. On Sunday, we will begin with a combined 5th Sunday worship at **9:30 a.m.** before heading out to serve. We welcome Luke Maxted as our guest preacher.

[SIGN UP ONLINE](#) in our event page, through the Church Center app, or contact Wes Allen at [wallen@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:wallen@fpcmoorestown.org) or 856-235-1688, x101. Or just show up! We look forward to another special weekend of ministry.

**TIP:** If you aren't available to help that day, contributions are needed and welcomed. [See our donate page](#) to give online to CHLTB or purchase \$5 Care Packages.

*"But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15, NKJV)*



### Adult Spiritual Formation

There is no Adult Spiritual Formation class (Sermon on the Mount) on **Sunday, Oct. 29** due to Church Has Left the Building. Series ends Nov. 19. On **Nov. 26** we will feature a special forum summarizing the recent Grow The Kingdom strategy meetings. Beginning **Dec. 3**, Lissa Herman leads a 3-week Advent study. Watch for details and sign up information. Adult Spiritual Formation meets 10:15-11:15 am.

***Missing someone from church? Give them a call.***

### Evening Prayer Service

We continue to see the Lord together on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm with our pre-recorded Evening Prayer service, about 15 minutes in length. Do you have a prayer request, a joy or a concern to share? Email or text [Stuart Spencer](#) or the church staff by 9:00 am Wednesday; and the pastoral staff will share it.

### PW Holiday Bazaar

#### Saturday, November 11

- NEW! Presbyterian Women are holding a Holiday Bazaar on **Saturday, November 11** from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Please gather items, sign up to help, and pray for the success of our endeavor.
- Proceeds support local ministries serving women and children in acute need.
- SIGN UP to help in the Commons Lobby (see table)
- Boxes for donations are available in the Commons Lobby

### DBS Refresher

A refresher class is planned **Nov. 18** for all who have done the Discovery Bible Study (DBS) leadership training in the past few years as well as anyone who is interested in learning more about this program to make disciples and help others learn more about God. Sign up online. Light breakfast. Contact Pam Engle or Joyce Peacock.

### Garden Celebration

We will gather around our church fire pit on **Friday, Nov. 3rd at 7:00 p.m.** and celebrate our first year of the Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden. What a year it was! All are invited! Bring a lawn chair and own ingredients for s'mores. Some marshmallows and bottled water will be provided by the committee to share.

### Preschool Book Fair

Step by Step Christian Preschool is having a Book Fair the week of Nov. 13. The Fair will be open **Wednesday, Nov. 15** so church members and kids can also shop. Books make great Christmas gifts.

### Accounting Note

Please note the church office prepares and issues checks on Thursday each week. Please submit any receipts and paperwork to Norman Vandergrift by end of the day Wednesday for check requests.

### Consecration Sunday Update

**THANK YOU** to everyone who came to Consecration Sunday and the Celebration Brunch on October 15. What a great day! Members prayerfully dedicated their weekly, monthly or annual financial commitments for 2024. We're off to a good start. We've received 145 pledges as of Oct. 27 en route to our goal of having each member respond. Last year we received 196 pledges.

If you were not able to be here, we missed you. To assist with 2024 budget work underway, we ask that all estimates be returned **by November 1**. Kindly submit your 2024 Estimate of Giving [securely online](#), mail, drop off at church, call in, or place in the offering plate. -- Stewardship Committee

### American Red Cross Blood Drive Wednesday, November 1

It is time to give thanks for giving your life sustaining blood! This is now more important than ever as donations have dropped and the need is great. We hope to see you there!

- **Date:** Wednesday, November 1
- **Time:** 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
- **Location:** Miller Commons
- **Sign up:** at the Lobby Desk, or online at [Red-CrossBlood.org](#) and enter First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown.
- Contact Deborah Heller at (856) 273-6838 or [dheller374@comcast.net](mailto:dheller374@comcast.net).

***Save a Life and Donate***

## Building Security Enhanced

New entrance keypads and intercoms have been installed on the doors in the Commons Lobby. These will become active **Monday, Oct. 30**. This will alleviate the need for keys to the Church thereby increasing security and convenience (if you have a key, it will still work). **Members of the congregation have been emailed a four-digit PIN and instructions.** Each group using the facility has also been issued a four-digit PIN. Periodically these codes will be changed and everyone will be notified. Any questions or if you did not receive the email, please reach out to the church office.

## Donate \$5.00 Care Packages for CHLTB Project (online and VENMO too!)

## Volunteer for Operation Christmas Child Drop Off

Our church is excited to be a drop off site for shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child this year! We need lots of volunteers to be greeters, runners and Prayer Warriors for the drop offs **Nov. 13-20**, which will be in the Commons Lobby. Be sure and pick up your own box to fill for a boy or girl and make their holidays a little brighter. *Sign up on the Church Center event page. Earn service hours!*

## Poinsettia Sales November 5, 12, 19

Watch for order forms online and in *Connections*. Poinsettias are \$15.00. Poinsettias will be displayed in both worship spaces on Manger Sunday **Dec. 17** and available to take home that day.

## Young Musicians Concert November 5th (7:00 pm)

COMING: Our 59th Series of *Special Events* presents local young, gifted musicians performing songs and instrumental works all to the glory of God in the [Young Musicians Concert](#). The Choristers and Chapel Choirs will also be featured. A free will offering will be received. 7:00 pm Sanctuary

## Pastor Study Leave

Pastor Spencer will be away on study leave from Oct. 30-Nov. 6. For pastoral care please contact Rev. Wes Allen (Ext. 101) or the church office at 856.235.1688.

## Deacon Sunday

**Nov. 19** is Deacon Sunday and the Deacons ask that you prayerfully consider gifts to their Deacons Fund. The Board of Deacons reaches out to our congregation and community with local benevolence. Give securely online at [www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org) or designate "Deacons Fund" on the memo line of checks. Look for blue envelopes in offering boxes and in pews.

## Sunday Check Ins

Please check in and register your attendance each time you attend in person and/or watch on your device. This simple check-in replaces the Friendship sign-in pads and records important data for the staff and Membership Team. [Download the Church Center app](#) to check in. If you need help, please see the volunteer.

**November Session packet information due Wednesday, Nov. 22 due to Thanksgiving**

## Kitchen Committee

We are forming a Kitchen Committee to ensure that the church's kitchen is kept neat and organized and foods left in the kitchen are either used or disposed of properly. We will meet once a month for an hour or two and give the kitchen and supplies a quick overhaul. Would you like to help? Please contact Linda Jagiela at [missions@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:missions@fpcmoorestown.org).

**Watch for information for the Deacons online gift drive to support local families in need**

## We Give Thanks

Included in worship bulletins in mid-November will be our traditional Thanksgiving postcards. Fill in the name and address of someone you are grateful for and wish to tell, and mail from your home, or place addressed postcards in the offering plate for the church to mail.

## Looking for Advent Candle Lighters

Would your family like to light one of the Advent wreaths during Advent? The Worship Committee is looking for individuals for both 9:00 a.m. traditional and 11:00 a.m. contemporary services for the four weeks of Advent **December 3, 10, 17 and 24**, as well as four Christmas Eve services. Contact Paul Booker at [pbooker31@gmail.com](mailto:pbooker31@gmail.com) or (856) 816-5121.



Veterans Day  
November 11, 2023



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## Combined Worship Oct. 29 Church Has Left The Building (no Sunday School)

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### Looking for Acolytes

The Worship Committee is resuming this ministry. [Please sign your child up online](#) to serve as an acolyte. Give it a try! Questions? Contact [Holly Asciutto](#).

### Sunday School

Children's Sunday School (K-6th) is from **10:15-11:15 am**. [NEW: SIGN UP ONLINE](#) for Sunday School. Middle School class (grades 7-8) meets on the 3rd Floor. High School class meets with the Adult Spiritual Formation class.

### Youth News

FPC Moorestown is looking for support as we reinvigorate our youth ministry. Visit our [event page in Church Center](#) and see our brief form to sign up.

⇒ **HEY HIGH SCHOOLERS! IT'S RETREAT TIME!**  
A meaningful and FUN winter weekend awaits ...

**December 1-3, 2023**

[High School Retreat with Young Life](#)

Lake Champion Young Life Camp (NY)

REGISTER on our [event page on Church Center](#)

**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:** Grades 9-12,  
Sundays 6:30-8:30 pm

## Sermon Series Memory Verse

"Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself." (Ephesians 2: 20)

For Families and Children:  
**Holly Asciutto**  
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[hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org)

Middle School and High School:  
**Dave Fauvell**  
609-980-7885 call/text  
[dfauvell52@gmail.com](mailto:dfauvell52@gmail.com)

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### Kids and Youth Group Schedule

Our Youth Groups and Kids Groups are underway and we are having fun together as we grow as God's people. All groups are open to the local community. Bring a friend.

- ⇒ **Kingdom Kids (K-3rd)** Wednesdays 4:45-5:45 pm  
(Leader: Holly Asciutto)
- ⇒ **Family Dinner** (church-wide) Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 pm, Miller Commons, \$7.00 per person or \$150 for season ([sign up online](#), Leader: Holly Asciutto)
- ⇒ **Crossing Zone** (grades 4-6) Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 pm  
(Leader: Holly Asciutto)
- ⇒ **Middle School Youth Group** (grades 7-8) Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm (Leader: Dave Fauvell)
- ⇒ **High School Youth Group dinners** (grades 9-12) Sundays 6:30-8:30 pm, various sites (Leader: Dave Fauvell)

### Register for Fellowship Groups

**Parents:** Please remember to [sign up online](#) so we have accurate contact information for your children and our groups. Watch for news for all K-12 groups from team leaders, via emails, our Friday eblast and *Connections*.

### Family Dinner

Don't feel like cooking? Family Dinner is held Wednesdays from 6-7 pm in Miller Commons and everyone is invited. Cost is \$7.00 per person, please pay at the door. Families can pre-pay for \$150 per family online or mail a check. We also need volunteers to help set up and clean up. Contact Cheryl Gaskill at [mybaseballboys@yahoo.com](mailto:mybaseballboys@yahoo.com). Menus are posted to Facebook weekly.

### Advent Activities

The First Sunday in Advent is **Sunday, Dec. 3**. Watch this page, the Friday eblast, FPC Family Facebook page and website for information about a special family Advent event **Dec. 2** as well as Advent-in-a-Bag devotionals.