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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 or [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#).

Services are 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

October 8-14, 2023

Way of the Week 23: **Worship With Your Whole**

Heart

(Oct. 8-14, 2023)

23. WORSHIP WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART.

Your life is meant to be an act of worship. Every breath, action, and thought flows from God and can bring him glory. Praise God everywhere and embrace the opportunities to regularly worship with your church family.

Ideas for Action: Every morning this week, recite the Jesus Creed: *"Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12: 29-31)*



Consecration Sunday is October 15

- ⇒ Our stewardship series culminates with a special combined worship on Sunday on **October 15 at 9:30 a.m.** Make plans to attend worship and dedicate your financial gift for 2024 (*information has been mailed, please review carefully*). This year's theme is "Our House, God's House" and celebrates the 100th anniversary of our church's home in the Collins mansion (1923). Church leaders are planning, budgeting and preparing for our coming year in ministry and your 2024 Estimates of Giving are critical to this process.
- ⇒ Afterwards we will enjoy a covered dish **Celebration Brunch** as we continue the celebration! Play kickball for Team Stuart or Team Wes, or challenge each other in cornhole. Kids will have a fun craft too. Please see your mailing, our event page or website, or [Brunch RSVP card](#) for your requested dish to share. Yum!
- ⇒ **REMEMBER TO BRING your 2024 Estimate of Giving card with you to dedicate in worship.** If you won't be able to attend, we'll miss you! [You may submit your 2024 Estimate of Giving online](#) ahead of time, mail or leave in the church office.

Fall Inquirers Class

Are you interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown and possibly joining the congregation? The Inquirers Class is for those interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown, and the Presbyterian Church as a whole. [Read more and sign up on our event page and website.](#) The three-part series will be held Wednesday, Oct. 18, Saturday, Oct. 21, and Sunday, Oct. 22, and new members will be welcomed Nov. 5.

Family Dinner Returns

Family Dinner will begin **Wednesday, Oct. 4** from 6-7 p.m. in Miller Commons. Cost is \$7.00 each, please pay at the door or pre-pay ahead for \$150 per family. [Sign up online](#) on the event page for payment or mail a check to the office. We also need volunteers to help set up and clean up. Contact Cheryl Gaskill at mybaseball-boys@yahoo.com. Menus will be posted to Facebook weekly.

Thursday Evening Prayer Service Returns Oct. 12

We're continuing 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.

Sermon on the Mount

Lissa Herman and Lorenzo Eagles lead this Fall study Sunday morning in Fellowship Hall for adults and high school students grades 9-12 (10:15-11:15 am). [Please register to attend via Church Center](#) or on the church website. There are no books required and you're guaranteed to learn a lot. Class is **Sept. 17-Nov. 19** (no class Oct. 15 Consecration Sunday or Oct. 29 Church Has Left The Building).

Missing someone from church? Give them a call.

PW Holiday Bazaar

- NEW! Presbyterian Women are holding a Holiday Bazaar on **Saturday, November 11** from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Please start gathering items, sign up to help, and pray for the success of our endeavor.
- Proceeds support local ministries serving women and children in acute need.
- Look for sign up sheets in the Commons Lobby
- Boxes for donations will be in the Commons Lobby beginning **Sunday, Oct. 15**
- We need Christmas fabric for making holiday ornaments. Material is needed by **Sunday, Oct. 22**. Please contact Edith McFalls at 856-905-8749 or Fran Green at 856-905-3075.

PW Holiday Bazaar
Saturday, Nov. 11
10 am—3 pm



Preschool Book Fair

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

Stephen Ministry Training Class Begins

Have you ever considered becoming a Stephen minister? A new training class started **Monday, Oct. 9**. Please reach out to Doris Kahley at 609-261-8474 or Pastor Wes Allen at 856-235-1688, x101 if you're interested. This is an important way to minister to others in our congregation. Class meets for 20 weeks. Sign up online at <https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1873498>.

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 RedCrossBlood.org and enter First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown.
- Contact Deborah Heller at (856) 273-6838 or dheller374@comcast.net.

Save a Life and Donate

Prayer Vigil

The Prayer Committee will be sponsoring a 12-hour prayer vigil (30-minute time slots) on **Saturday, October 14th**, to pray for our Consecration Sunday emphasis and for Church Has Left the Building. [See our event page](#) and watch for sign ups soon. The vigil will begin at 5:00 am and end at 5:00 pm. There will also be two opportunities on Saturday and Sunday to pray for the Church Has Left The Building events Oct. 28-29.



Church Has Left The Building

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 splitting up for various projects. 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 or 856-235-1688, x101. We're looking 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](#) or give online to CHLTB.

Wednesday Family Dinner
6:00 pm, Miller Commons
\$7.00 per person

Staff Appreciation Oct. 8

Pastor Appreciation Sunday is celebrated annually on the second Sunday in October. On **October 8, 2023**, help us celebrate the ministry of Rev. Stuart Spencer, Rev. Wes Allen, and our program staff, by sending them a note of appreciation sharing your gratitude for their ministry and sharing kind words of support and recognition. You may bring a card with you to either service, or there will be blank thank you cards available in the Commons Lobby to write a note. Kids: they'd love to receive artwork or a picture from you too! On October 8th, baskets will be located in the Commons Lobby and in the Narthex to receive cards and notes for our clergy and program staff. [See event page for a complete staff listing.](#)



December Mission Trip

A work team is needed to do quality assurance on the shoeboxes collected for Operation Christmas Child on December 4-7 in Baltimore. If you are interested in joining the team, contact Linda Jagiela at missions@fpcmoorestown.org.

Sign up for 2024 Worship Flowers Donations



Garden Celebration at the Fire Pit; S'mores

Gather around the church fire pit on **Friday, October 20th at 7:00 p.m.** and celebrate our first year of the Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden. What a year it was. We learned together, developed plans, recruited a team, secured start-up funding, built the garden, fed the hungry and connected with the community and area churches. This event is open to anyone who would like to attend. People are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs and ingredients for s'mores. Some marshmallows and water bottles will be provided by the committee to share.

Sunday Check Ins

Please take a few seconds to check in and register your attendance each time you attend in person and/or watch on your device. This simple automated check-in replaces the Friendship sign-in pads and records important data used by the Membership Team, staff and pastors, and is quickly done from your phone. [Download the Church Center app](#) to check in. If you need help, please see the volunteer.

Trunk or Treat

Join our team at Bridge of Peace Community Church in Camden to celebrate with the kids and provide a safe Halloween experience. We will set up a table or two and hand out treats to the children on **Thursday, October 26th** from 6-7:15 pm. Contact Linda Jagiela at missions@fpcmoorestown.org for information. [Candy donations](#) are needed to hand out to the children. Over 300 ghosts and goblins have participated in this event in the past.



FAMILY MINISTRY

Sunday School 10:15-11:15 am ... Acolytes ... See you at Family Dinner

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. A big THANK YOU to our 2023-2024 Sunday School teachers.

Youth News

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

HEY HIGH SCHOOLERS!

A meaningful and FUN winter weekend awaits you ...

[High School Retreat with Young Life](#)

Lake Champion Young Life Camp (NY)

December 1-3, 2023

[Visit our event page on Church Center](#) today

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:
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Middle School and High School:
Dave Fauvell
609-980-7885 call/text
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Kids and Youth Group Schedule

A new year of Youth Groups and Kids Groups is underway. We are enjoying fun activities and growing as God's people. All groups are open to the local community.

- ⇒ **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 (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, our Friday eblast and *Connections*.

Combined Worship Sundays

There will be no Sunday School or Adult Spiritual Formation on 5th Sunday/combined worship Sundays:

- ◆ October 15 (Consecration Sunday)
- ◆ October 29 (Church Has Left the Building)

Worship on combined Sundays will be at **9:30 a.m.** and families will be able to worship together on these days.

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.