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**I Will Pray, Invite,  
Serve, Give.**

*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](https://www.youtube.com) or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com).

Services are 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 Moorestown

**First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown**

**March 31 - April 6, 2024**

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

### Heart

(March 31-April 6, 2024)

**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)

*The church campus is CLOSED Monday, April 1. Happy Easter!*



## **Good Friday Tenebrae Worship, Easter Sunday Schedule**

- ◆ **Friday, March 29:** [Good Friday Tenebrae Worship](#); 7:30 pm, Sanctuary, which moves us from light into dark on the day of the crucifixion. Tenebrae comes from the Latin meaning "darkness" and uses diminishing light by extinguishing candles to symbolize the events from Palm Sunday to Jesus' burial. The service concludes in darkness and silence. Rev. Spencer leads.
- ◆ **Sunday, March 31: Easter and Love Feast:** 6:30 am Sunrise (Cemetery Cross); 9:00 am Traditional (Sanctuary), 11:00 am Contemporary Worship (Commons).
- ◆ There is no children's Sunday School, Adult Spiritual Formation or nursery care on Easter so that families may worship together.

### Easter Gift

He lives! Easter offerings may be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the church or given securely online at [fpcmoorestown.org/giving](http://fpcmoorestown.org/giving). Thank you for your generosity. QR code?????????



SCAN ME to link to our giving page, offering or give an Easter offering

### Help Deliver Flowers

That personal touch. The Deacons are seeking deliverers to help deliver **Easter flowers** to our less mobile members. Can you provide an hour or so to support this ministry? Great. Please contact [Bobbi Voglesong](mailto:Bobbi.Voglesong@fpcmoorestown.org) (856-206-7190) or [Gail Sorin](mailto:Gail.Sorin@fpcmoorestown.org) (609) 760-7471.

### Couples Retreat

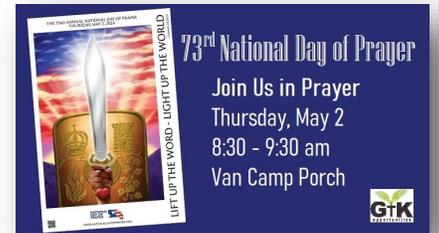
April 26-28 in Cape May  
\$450 per couple  
Speaker: Dr. Paul Booker  
Registration due April 19

### NEW Centering Prayer Group Begins April 17

NEW: Centering Prayer Group, Wednesdays beginning, April 17: Pastor Stuart Spencer leads a weekly time of Centering Prayer. This hour-long session includes a time for Centering Prayer followed by a Lectio Divina Bible Study and time to pray for one another. The Centering Prayer Group meets from 6:30-7:30 pm on Wednesdays in Pastor Spencer's Study. *GTK Opportunity: I Will Pray*

### 73rd Annual National Day of Prayer is May 2

The Prayer Committee will be presenting a Prayer Breakfast in recognition of the National Day of Prayer Thursday, **May 2**. We invite you to join us so we may pray together! The theme this year is "Lift Up the Word—Light Up the World." [See our Church Center event page](#) or our website's [Prayer Page](#). *GTK Opportunity: I Will Pray*



### Camp J-Burg

The summer camp countdown has begun! When planning your family's summer, be sure to check out Camp Johnsonburg, a Christian and PCUSA camp and retreat center. Pick up literature at church. Registration opens soon!

### American Red Cross Blood Drive May 20



### March 31, 2024

### I Will Give ... Needed Food Donations

Since Easter Sunday is a "Fifth Sunday," the Deacons are asking for members to bring in a non-perishable food donation. The donations will go to our Blessings Box and/or St. Matthew Food Pantry for the Moorestown Ministerium. Please leave on the table in Miller Commons Lobby.

### Easter Sunday Worship

- ◆ 6:30 am Sunrise Service (Cemetery Cross)
- ◆ 9:00 am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- ◆ 11:00 am Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons)



### Coffee Hospitality Seeks Helpers, Bagel Pick-Up on Sunday Morning

Volunteers are now needed to support our coffee hospitality on Sunday mornings and set up and clean up the coffee hour, as Chelsea Margerum has moved to the nursery. Our property staff is able to help but is often elsewhere in the building.

If you enjoy the bagels and coffee, please contact Carol Wiggans at (267) 496-0450 or [icwiggans@gmail.com](mailto:icwiggans@gmail.com) to offer to periodically assist with this ministry. Our goal is to compile several teams so the obligation is just about a week a month. Thank you Carol for stepping in to support this hospitality ministry. *Grow the Kingdom opportunity: I Will Serve*



### Note from Nominations

Your Nominating Committee is hard at work finding nominees for Elders, Deacons and Trustees to serve our church. Yes, you can still nominate someone else or yourself for board positions. Please do. What are your special gifts? Help us Grow God's Kingdom through leadership. [Sign up online](#) or contact chair Gil Warren.

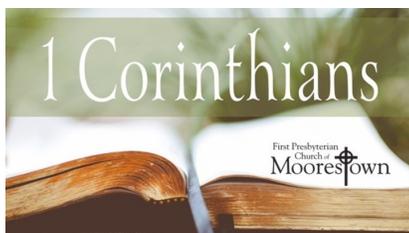


### College Care Packages are being assembled!

On **Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 am, we will be assembling care packages to send to our college students! Help us send some cheer to our young people as they study for finals and write research papers! Sign up to participate in assembly at Church Center. Donations to defray the cost of the care package items and shipping are welcome! Give electronically via our Venmo account @fpcmoorestown or via check with "College Care Packages" in the memo line. [Sign up online.](#)

### 2024 Graduates

Do you know of a 2024 graduate? Please fill out a [brief form](#) to submit names of those high school, college or post-grad graduates to [Jan Martin](#) in the church office.



**Adult Spiritual Formation**  
**Sundays 10:15-11:15 am**  
**Fellowship Hall**

### One Great Hour of Sharing

Thank you for your generosity to One Great Hour of Sharing. We contributed **\$2,519** to PCUSA. One Great Hour of Sharing supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all working in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. to provide safety, sustenance, and hope.

### Youth Choir Retreat April 19-21

### Spring Prayer Retreat May 21-24

Join friends from several churches for a spring retreat at Holy Cross Monastery. Step away from the demands of life and enjoy this place of rest and welcome. Pastor Stuart leads a study of prayer and meditative practices using our study book, *Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools: An Invitation to the Wonder and Mystery of Prayer*. [Sign up online](#) (registration is OPEN) or pick up a brochure in the church office.

**Sunday Morning Check Ins**  
**Please check in to register your attendance each time you attend in person or watch on your device.** This records critical data for the staff & Membership Team. [Download the Church Center app](#) to check in quickly on your cell. Share Friendship Pads in the pews and Miller Commons to greet those who are seated near you. Remember to **date** the page. New to our live stream? Please sign in on the **Get Connected** form on the live stream page on the website.

### April 15 Dine and Donate

Save the date for a Dine and Donate on **Monday, April 15** at Iron Hill Brewery to support mission events. Iron Hill is located at 124 E. Kings Highway in Maple Shade. Dine in, take out or order to go. Visit [ironhillbrewery.com](http://ironhillbrewery.com).

### Commissioning Stephen Ministers April 14

### The Engagement Project

The Engagement Project is a 10-week video teaching program which will meet on Wednesday or Sunday. No book required and there's no homework; videos are led by Dr. Del Tackett. God has entrusted the primary work of the Kingdom to the common, everyday Christian. He just may have placed an individual near you so you can cultivate a relationship with them and invite them to Jesus. Sign up online for this adventure! Friends from other churches welcome.

- ◆ [The Engagement Project-Wednesday](#) will meet Wed. evenings **April 10-June 12** in Room 3-4. Join us for Family Dinner from 6-7 pm (\$7.00 per person) in Miller Commons too (Family Dinner concludes **May 1**.) **Facilitators:** Jim Cole and Gayle Payne
- ◆ [The Engagement Project-Sunday](#) will meet 10:15-11:45 am after Traditional Worship, from **April 14-June 16** in Room 2. Class size is limited to 12; preregistration required (no fee). **Facilitators:** Paul Grossmann, Jean Kunkel, Sue Piper.

[Chick Fil A for Step by Step](#)  
[Tuesday, April 16](#)



## No Children's Sunday School or Nursery Care on Easter

### Grab your Basket: Egg Hunt Update

OUR EGG HUNT was rained out on March 23. But not to worry! We will incorporate the egg hunt into our end of year party for Kingdom Kids on **Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>** (Pre-K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade; 4:45-5:45 pm) and on **Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>** for Crossing Zone (grades 4-6; 6:30-7:30 pm) which all children are invited to attend. This will allow us to continue to celebrate the joy of Easter and remember all that Jesus has done for us as we enter our summer break. We are grateful for all in our church family who donated candy and toys for our eggs and for Girl Scout Troop 30575 that filled the eggs.

### Come hang out with Youth Group (Find us on Instagram)

**Middle School Youth Group** (grades 7-8)  
**Wednesdays** from 6:30-8:00 pm  
Meet at the church — 3rd Floor Youth Room

**High School Youth Group** (grades 9-12)  
**Sundays** from 6:30-8:30 pm  
Meet at the church — 3rd Floor Youth Room

**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

**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."  
(Revelation 3: 20)**

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### Easter Break Holiday Schedule (March 26-April 7)

- ◆ **Sunday, March 31 (Easter):** No High School Youth Grp.
- ◆ **Tuesday, April 2:** No Chapel Choir or Junior Choir
- ◆ **Wednesday, April 3:** No Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone, Family Dinner, Primary Choir, Choristers, or Middle School Youth Group
- ◆ **Sunday, April 7:** Yes High School Youth Group

### End of Year Parties

We will close out the year in style for grades K-6th with our End of the Year parties. Watch for information to register online or right through the Church Center app (Sign Ups):



CROSSING ZONE (grades 4-6)  
**Wednesday, April 17**  
**6:30-7:30 pm**

Easter Egg Hunt (all children invited to attend)

KINGDOM KIDS (Pre-K-3rd)  
**Ends Wednesday, April 24**  
**4:45-5:45 pm**

CROSSING ZONE (grades 4-6)  
**Ends Wednesday, May 1**  
**6:30-7:30 pm offsite (times may vary)**  
Last Family Dinner is May 1



Save The Date  
June 24-28  
Entering kindergarten  
through entering 6th  
grade