

# Guide to the Journey of Lent

*But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened. - Luke 24:12*

Holy Week/Easter Edition (March 30-April 20, 2025)

## Preparing for the Resurrection of the Lord

LENT is the 40-day period leading up to Easter, (excluding Sundays) that starts on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter.

The 40 days of Lent involve fasting, prayer, discipline and almsgiving as a way to connect deeper with God.

### March 30—Fourth Sunday in Lent

*Church Has Left The Building*

9:30 a.m. Combined Worship

Miller Commons; Fifth Sunday

### April 6 —Fifth Sunday in Lent (Communion)

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

### April 13—Palm Sunday

*One Great Hour of Sharing Offering*

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

### April 20—Easter

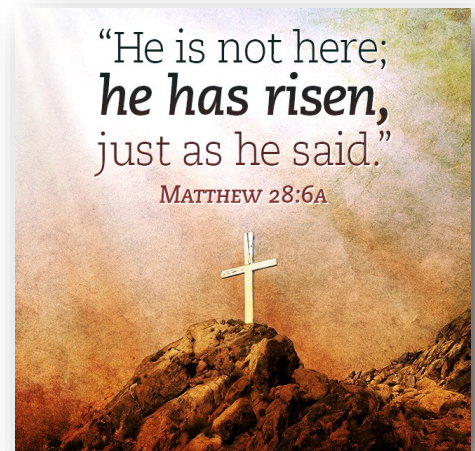
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

On Easter there will be no Adult Spiritual Formation, Children's Sunday School or Nursery Care so that families may worship together.

**First Presbyterian Church**  
P.O. Box 868 ~ 101 Bridgeboro Road  
Moorestown, NJ 08057  
[Fpcmoorestown.org](http://Fpcmoorestown.org)



**Maundy Thursday Worship  
“Walk with Peter to the Cross”  
Thursday, April 17 ~ 7:00 p.m.**

Our Maundy Thursday worship begins with a celebration of the Lord's Supper in Miller Commons. Pastor Stuart Spencer preaches. After communion, the people will walk with the disciple Peter from the Lord's Table to different outdoor stations that represent where Jesus was denied, accused, judged and finally crucified.

Those who attend will walk with Peter from one station to another, ending at the cross in the cemetery. In the event of rain, the whole service will be held in Miller Commons.

Maundy Thursday, also known as Holy Thursday, commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles. On this day, Christians remember the Last Supper and how Jesus washed the Disciples' feet. During the meal Jesus took bread and wine and shared them with his disciples.



### The Meaning of Lent

The season of Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, penitence and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. It is a period of 40 days — like the flood of Genesis, Moses' sojourn at Mount Sinai, Elijah's journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah's call to Ninevah to repent and Jesus' time of testing in the wilderness. The Sundays in Lent are not counted in this reckoning of the time between Ash Wednesday and Easter, as every Lord's Day is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” - Luke 23:42**

**Good Friday Tenebrae Worship  
From Light to Darkness  
Friday, April 18 ~ 7:30 p.m.**

At 7:30 p.m. in our sanctuary, we will present our Good Friday Tenebrae Service 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. Allen leads.

The Service of Tenebrae, meaning “darkness” or “shadows”, has been practiced by the Church since medieval times. Once a service for the monastic community, Tenebrae later became an important part of the worship services during Holy Week. We join Christians down through the ages and throughout the world in using the liturgy of Tenebrae. Tenebrae is a prolonged meditation on Christ's suffering. Readings trace the story of Christ's passion, music portrays His paths, and the power of silence and darkness suggest the drama of this momentous day. We remember that God revealed His great love for us most fully in the cross of Jesus Christ. See our [website](#) and [Lent Activity Guide](#) (see page 4) for information.



**SUNDAY, MARCH 30**

- ◆ **9:30 AM** Combined Worship, Miller Commons
- ◆ **10 am-12 Noon:** Church Has Left the Building hands-on service projects for every age. Sign up online or just stop by.
- ◆ **12 Noon:** [Deacons Chili Cookoff Fundraiser](#) (\$5 for 10 tickets, Cash Please)

## Palm Sunday Offering “One Great Hour of Sharing”

One Great Hour of Sharing’s fish-shaped coin banks have been distributed in children’s Sunday School during Lent and will be collected during both services on Palm Sunday April 13. Typically received during Lent each year, each One Great Hour of Sharing offering supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. Pew envelopes and online giving for One Great Hour of Sharing will also be available.



## Youth Choir Concert Sunday, April 13 (7:00 p.m.)

Come support our young choir members on Palm Sunday as Junior Choir, Choristers, and Chapel Choir perform sacred selections from this year. They will be accompanied by the West Jersey Chamber Symphony. Free will offering. The Concert will also air via live stream.



## Easter Offering

Easter is an opportunity to share our church’s ministry through the lens of the cross and resurrection. Jesus gave everything for us, including his very life. Your Easter donations, given above your regular tithes and offering, support our programming and connection to the greater community. Donate easily from the Church Center app, online at [www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org), mail in your check or leave in the offering box at either worship service. Special Easter offering envelopes will be available in the Sanctuary pews, in Miller Commons and also in boxed envelope sets.

Offerings will not be collected at Maundy Thursday or Good Friday Tenebrae services.

## Easter Break Schedule

### Wednesday, April 16

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

### Thursday, April 17 (Maundy Thursday)

No Thursday Prayer Service (online)

### Sunday, April 20 (Easter)

No High School Youth Group

### Wednesday, April 23

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

### Sunday, April 27

High School Youth Group





The last supper - Luke 22:7-38

### Online Prayer Service

There will be no virtual Thursday prayer service on Maundy Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Holiday Office Hours

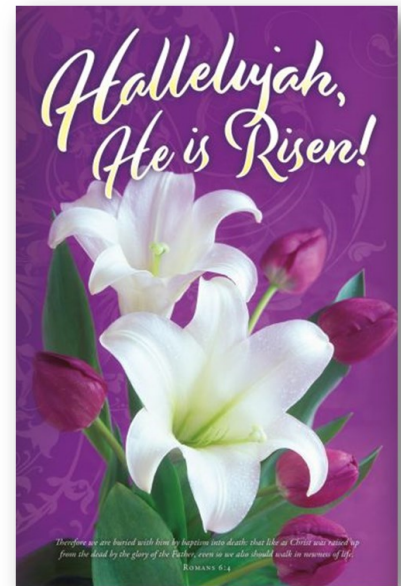
On Good Friday April 18, the church office will close at 1:00 pm. That evening's Good Friday worship is at 7:30 p.m.

The office is closed for Easter Monday April 21.



The Deacons are looking for a few more drivers to help deliver flowers to some of our less mobile members. Can you help? Contact deacons Gail Sorin, Bobbi Voglesong or the church office.

Flowers that have been ordered will be available to pick up on Easter Sunday April 20 and will be available in the Sanctuary and Miller Commons.



### Lent Sermon Series "Walking the Way of Jesus"

During Lent, Pastors Allen and Spencer preach an eight-Sunday sermon series, "Walking the Way of Jesus." Following Jesus is more than going to church or believing the right things; it is practicing a way of life.

The meaning of "follow Jesus" is rooted in 1st century practices of rabbis and apprentices, practices that inform our understanding of how to follow Jesus today. Using Luke's Gospel as our guide, FPC Moorestown begins walking the way of Jesus. In Luke's Gospel, discipleship is the practice of following Jesus as a teacher and master, and helping others do the same. The sermon series combines with our 8-week study of Lent "Practicing the Way."



### Lent, Holy Week and Easter At-a-Glance

Looking for our handy At-A-Glance page for our Lenten season activities? Scan this code using your phone's built-in code reader ("Camera" on iOS, "Google Assistant" on Android) to be brought straight to this URL.

