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**Grow The Kingdom:
I Will Pray, Invite,
Serve, Give.**

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

**9:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship**

**11:00 a.m.
Contemporary Worship**

**10:15-11:00 a.m.
Education Classes**

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nections, and upcoming events? If
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Connections **FPC** Moorestown

First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

July 27-Aug. 9, 2025

Way of the Week 17: **Show Who You Really Are** (July 27-August 2, 2025)

17. SHOW WHO YOU REALLY ARE. Our church is for "real" people. Bring your true self, including your joys, your sorrows, your fears, your strengths, and your weaknesses. God loves you as you are. Don't hide your struggles, failures or problems.

Ideas for Action: This week, sit down with or talk to another member by phone and share one area of struggle, failure or a fear you have.

Way of the Week 18: **Ask For Help** (August 3-9, 2025)

18. ASK FOR HELP. Part of being a real and authentic member of the church is to acknowledge your weaknesses and be willing to ask for God's help and the support of others. None of us can go it alone. Vulnerability is a sign of strength and a gift to others.

Ideas for Action: First think about what you need help with right now. Then, share that need with someone else from our congregation this week.

Joel Krott Retirement Celebration

Sunday, July 27

9:30 a.m. Combined Worship; Reception in Miller Commons

On Sunday, July 27 we will honor Joel Krott, Music Director at FPC Moorestown for an amazing 53+ years, as he moves into retirement and concludes his ministry at FPC Moorestown. We will gather for one Worship Service at **9:30 a.m.** in the Sanctuary to celebrate Joel as a church family, followed by a reception in Miller Commons.

Thank You, Mr. Krott



"The best way to honor me at my retirement will be to continue singing all through the choir years, keeping the music ministry vital, edifying the Church, and honoring God."

- Joel Krott

Music Ministry Discernment and Search Team

We invite the congregation to join in a journey to seek God's direction in a discernment process for our music ministry. The team will be chaired by Dr. Amit Joshi, a member of our current Music Committee, and the process will unfold in four thoughtful and inclusive phases:

1. Listening & Learning
2. Visioning
3. Designing
4. Decision & Implementation

Participate in an upcoming focus group or individual interview. Read more on our [Church Center event page](#).



Meet Mark Budka, Director of Outreach

On Sunday, August 3 from 10:15–11:00 AM, we will host a “Meet & Greet” event in Fellowship Hall to welcome our new Director of Outreach Rev. Mark Budka. Please stop by!

Rev. Budka begins his work on August 1, 2025 and brings a deep well of pastoral, organizational, and spiritual leadership to this role. He holds a Master of Divinity from Western Seminary and is ordained through the Baptist Resource Network of Pennsylvania and South Jersey. His diverse ministry background includes serving as a missionary in Kenya and Mozambique, as Pastor of Rancocas Valley Baptist Church, and as Chaplain at Wesley Enhanced Living, among other impactful roles. We are excited for the creativity, energy, and thoughtful leadership he will bring as we grow our outreach and mission efforts in fresh and faithful ways.

Women's Morning Prayer Event

Saturday, August 23 ~ 8:00 am

Ladies, experience the joy and wonder of special time alone with God as we gratefully seek His intent for our lives. Bring your Bible, journal and a snack if you'd like. Coffee, hot tea, and water will be provided. If praying is a new or unfamiliar spiritual practice, not a problem. Just do what makes you comfortable. Join other women on their prayer journey. Women of high school age or older and friends are welcome including previous attendees as well as first time participants. [Sign up online](#) so we can plan. Event will start in the Lounge then women will find quiet spaces throughout the building to pray. Questions? Call or text Pam Engle at 609-332-7513.

NEW:
Coming
Sept. 13th



Beach for a Day

The Mission Committee is assembling volunteers to help support the Children's Fresh Air Home on **Tuesday, August 12**. We will be helping with a BBQ for youngsters from UrbanPromise. Our responsibilities will be meeting the children, helping with the BBQ, going to the beach (optional), or playing miniature golf. This group will be older children (teenagers). Please see our [Church Center event page](#) to SIGN UP and for full details of the day. Youth are welcome. **As the home is under renovation, we are hosting the day's events at the Historic Hereford Lighthouse, located at 111 N. Central Ave. in North Wildwood.** Questions? Contact: Jean Kunkel at jeankunkel215@gmail.com.

"I was hungry and you gave me food"

If you are interested in joining a team from FPC Moorestown to serve dinner at the Cathedral Kitchen for our friends who are food insecure, we'd love to have you! As a church we would commit to bringing five people to serve dinner from 2:30-5:30 pm one weekday evening a month. Given the complexities of people's schedules, a roster of 15-20 volunteers would insure we would be able to send a team of five each month.

Please contact Karin Miller at (856) 298-3522 or karinbmiller49@gmail.com for further information.

To learn more, check out Cathedral Kitchen's website at cathedralkitchen.org.

Undies Sunday August 17

Presbyterian Women invite you to participate in Undies Sunday on **August 17!** We're collecting new socks, underwear, and pajamas for Camden children ages 6–16 — specifically those with an incarcerated parent. As you shop for Back-to-School supplies, please consider picking up an extra package to help a child in need. Look for the donation box in the Commons Lobby. Let's come together to make a difference — one pair at a time!

Prayer on the Porch

Join us on the second and fourth Thursdays at 7:00 pm. We gather on the Van Camp Porch (or the Lounge in case of inclement or too-hot weather). Remaining dates:

- Thursday, August 14
- Thursday, August 28

Sabbatical Presentation

On **Sunday, August 31**, Stuart Spencer will present a review of his 16-week sabbatical to the congregation. That week is a combined worship Sunday due to the Labor Day weekend, so the presentation will follow the **9:30 a.m.** Worship.

Youth Committee

The Discipling Children and Youth Committee is seeking church members of all ages who are willing to share the love of Christ with our young people. Please contact [Cheryl Gaskill](#), chair of the committee, to discuss the opportunities to use your gifts in this life-changing ministry.

Drop In and Discuss Series

Sundays 10:10-11:00 am-ish
Lounge (summer location)

News from the Garden

Our 2025 growing season is underway and we have an opportunity for you to help with the garden! **We welcome harvesters!** Just show up in the evening (Sundays, Wednesdays and/or Fridays) from 7-8 pm-ish to pick the produce and store it in the church kitchen. We will harvest through the summer and fall. The produce grows through October and is so appreciated by our local food pantries. Thank you—we are grateful for your help! [See our event page.](#)

Join our Audio-Visual Team

Are you passionate about audio-visual technology? We are looking for high school students and adults to join our live stream team! We are seeking paid tech operators to assist with Sunday morning live stream and special events. We provide full training. Live stream operators also support weddings, funerals, and concerts, helping those unable to attend experience these meaningful events remotely. You'll gain hands-on experience with vMix software, multi-camera operation, and audio management. Tech operators serve in a rotation, typically every few weeks. If you're interested in this exciting opportunity, contact the church office or **Steve Draszcz** at steve@gotsteve.com.



Participate in a Fall Retreat

- ♦ **Fall Prayer Retreat** (Oct. 14 - 17; Holy Cross Monastery (NY)

Join friends from a number of churches at Holy Cross Monastery for time away from the rush and crushing pace of life. This three-night, four-day retreat offers you the time to step back from the regular demands of our lives. Study Book: *World Turned Upside Down: The Psalms and the Spirituality of Pain – Finding a Way Through*. **Register by Sept. 21**, see [Church Center event page](#) or brochure. Led by Stuart Spencer.

- ♦ **Couples Retreat** (Oct. 17-19; Cape May, New Jersey

Join other couples for FPC Moorestown's Couples Retreat in Cape May, NJ this fall. We will be staying once again at The Dormer House, a quaint Victorian bed and breakfast. Cost of \$450 per couple includes: breakfast, two nights, group sessions with Dr. Paul Booker, and dinner on Saturday. If interested, you can arrive Thursday night to spend the full day on Friday in Cape May (on your own). If you already have accommodations in the area, you can register for just the sessions and Saturday dinner for \$175 per couple. **Secure your spot with a \$100 deposit. Must be paid in full by October 6.** See [Church Center event page](#). Led by Wes Allen.

Sunday Morning Check Ins

Each time you attend in person or watch on your device, **please check in** to register your attendance using the Church Center app or pew pads.

FAMILY MINISTRY



Super fun summer children's and youth activities



Summer Youth Group Activities

Rising middle schoolers (grade 7-8) through high school (grades 9-12) are invited to come chill this summer on select Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Meet up with your friends and make new acquaintances. We can't wait to see you! Call/text Cheryl Gaskill at (856) 904-3056.

- ♦ **Wednesday, July 30:** Pool Party @ Delgados
- ♦ **Wednesday, August 13:** Lawn Games @ Church
- ♦ **Wednesday, August 20:** Movie Night @ Church

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

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.
- Matthew 5:16

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THANK YOU to everyone who helped with our 2025 Vacation Bible School: *True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World*. It truly takes a village. What a fabulous week!



Save The Date!

Bike Rally Night

Friday, September 26

6:30-8:00 p.m. (Church Parking Lot)

Watch for more information soon