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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**

Worship streams live from
each worship space. Log
on from any device to
www.fpcmoorestown.org
or [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#).
Services are also posted to
our website.

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e-blast with announcements, Con-
nections, and upcoming events? If
not, contact the [church office](#).



Connections **FPC** Moorestown

First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

September 14-20, 2025

Way of the Week 24: **Tell Your Story**

(September 14-20, 2025)

24. TELL YOUR STORY. God has done
and is doing something unique in your
life. Has God answered a prayer, provid-
ed help, or blessed you? Share it. Ask
God for opportunities to share your faith
in Christ by words and deeds.

Ideas for Action: At the start of each
morning this week, think about one thing
you're grateful to God for from the previ-
ous 24 hours. Got it? Now share it with
someone else in the course of today.



Happy 137th Birthday

**First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown
Founded September 12, 1888**

In honor of the church's 137th birthday on September 12, 2025, members are invit-
ed to donate to the future of our church by giving "a birthday gift" to the September
12 endowment fund.

The September 12th Fund serves as a long-term endowment for our church and
honors our founding date. Financial contributions to the fund are held and invested
for the care and protection of our church. *A designated portion of the earnings is
distributed each year for current church needs.*

It is these invested gifts, given cheerfully by many members and friends in the past,
that have grown to create financial stability for FPC Moorestown, even in uncertain
times. It is OUR gifts that will provide that same stability for future generations.

Grace Boutique Collections

For the month of September, we are collecting select items to restock the shelves of the Grace Boutique. Please donate one or more if you can. Leave in the baskets outside the Grace Boutique. Traffic is increasing for this ministry which is changing lives. Grace Boutique items needed for September:

- baby diapers size 4 or 5
- full size toothpaste
- deodorant
- cleaning liquid
- feminine hygiene products

SUBMIT a written reflection for the Way that means most to you (see our event page)

Check out two special Fall retreat opportunities

See our website or Church Center event pages to register

- ♦ **Fall Prayer Retreat** (Oct. 14 - 17; Holy Cross Monastery (NY). **Registration Due: Sept. 21**
- ♦ **Couples Retreat** (Oct. 17-19; Cape May, New Jersey. **Registration due: October 6**

New: 2 to 1 Couples Class Begins September 14

The *2 to 1 Couples Class* is designed for young couples trying to navigate the challenges of marriage and parenthood through the lens of our Christian faith. Stop on in for fellowship and study as we learn to grow closer to God, our spouses, our children, and each other! Class will meet Sunday mornings (10:00-11:15 a.m.) and be led by Lorenzo and Kelly Eagles.

Saturday Breakfast Sept. 13

The Prayer and Discipleship Committee invites YOU to a delicious breakfast on **Saturday, Sept. 13th** at 9:00 AM. We will welcome Pastor Stuart as our kickoff speaker following a delicious hot breakfast. He will be speaking about the importance of prayer in his life and his ministry. These monthly breakfasts on the second Saturday of the month will include guest speakers and teachers. PLEASE mark your calendars and plan to attend. Breakfasts will be in Room 3-4; watch for signup sheets. Free will offering is gratefully accepted. Contact: Pam Engle at 609.332.7513.

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.



Sign up for
Children's Sunday School 2025-26

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 so families can experience these meaningful events remotely. Gain hands-on experience with vMix software, multi-camera operation, and audio management. Tech operators rotate every few weeks. Contact **Steve Drzaszcz** at steve@gotsteve.com.

Choir Rehearsals Begin

Rehearsals have begun for children's choirs, bell choir and adult choir and opportunities abound. Contact interim music director Kathy Gunsallus at kathy519@comcast.net or the church office for information.

- **Primary Choir (K-1st Grade):** Kathy Gunsallus
- **Junior Choir (2nd-4th):** Nicole Snodgrass
- **Choristers (5th-8th):** Linda Lockart
- **Chapel Choir (9th-12th):** Nicole Snodgrass
- **Adult Choir:** Linda Lockart
- **Bell Choir:** Kathy Gunsallus
- **Contemporary Praise Band:** Wes Allen



Family Dinner Begins Sept. 17

PW Fall Gathering Monday, September 15th

All women of the Church are encouraged to invited to kick off the new year for Presbyterian Women. Enjoy delicious desserts and hear about what's planned for the upcoming year. Event is free. Meets in Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m.

- ♦ Thank Offering; Begin Horizons Bible Study *"Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ"*
- ♦ **Register today online** or through the Church Center app

Inquirers' Class to Meet

Are you interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown and possibly joining the congregation? The Membership Committee invites you to attend its Inquirers' Class, starting **Sept. 17**. This class is for those interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown and the Presbyterian Church as a whole. The four-part series is designed with busy schedules in mind. We'd love to meet you!

Wed. Sept. 17: Welcome and Introductions

- 5:45-6:45 pm Family Dinner as our guest (Miller Commons)
- 6:30-7:30 pm meeting with Membership Committee & Pastors (Hayes Room)

Sat. Sept. 20 (What's it Mean to be a Presbyterian?)

9:00 am-12 noon (Room 8)

Sun. Sept. 21 (Grow The Kingdom, Church life), 10:15-11:00 AM & 12 noon-1:00 PM (Room 8)

Sun. Sept. 28 (Statement of Faith to Session), 10:15-11:00 AM & 12 noon-1:00 PM (Room 8); meet with Session and Elders, received into membership (Room 8)

To REGISTER contact Wes Allen at wallen@fpcmoorestown.org or the church office at 856-235-1688.

Stocking the Blessing Box

Drop any donations for the [Blessing Box](#) on the shelves in the Commons Lobby. The box is being used by visitors in need every week by those facing food insecurity.

New Jonah class begins September 14

Adult Spiritual Formation will begin the year with a six-week study of the book of [Jonah, God's Reluctant Prophet](#), beginning **Sept. 14** and continuing through Sunday, Oct. 26 (with a break for Consecration Sunday October 12). This study will be led by Lissa Herman and Steve Shaffer. [Register for all classes online.](#)

Save The Date

Consecration Sunday

- ♦ Sunday, October 12 ~ 9:30 a.m.
- ♦ Combined Worship (sanctuary)
- ♦ Celebration Brunch covered dish brunch in Fellowship Hall.
- ♦ Watch your mail for a 2026 Estimate of Giving card and 2026 Capital Fund pledge card



Thank You to our Sunday School Teachers

Pre-K-Kindergarten (Room 13) Mrs. Jenny Legath & Mrs. Karen Alecxih; **1st-2nd grades (Room 10)** Mrs. Melody Ransom; **3rd-4th grades (Room 7);** Miss Donna Doulong & Mrs. Lori Bell; **5th-6th grades (Hayes Room)** Mr. Paul Gordon, Mrs. Kourtney de la Cruz & Mr. Philip Jagiela; **Middle School/High School Class (Room TBD)** Rotating teacher team.

Sunday School is from 10:15-11:00 a.m. [Please sign up online on the event page.](#)

We're looking for a new Youth Director!



Are you interested in serving on the Youth Director Search Team? Contact Pastor Allen to have your name included.

Howard University Gospel Choir Concert

Friday, October 3 (7:00 p.m.)

Non-perishable food being collected for the Moorestown Ministerium Food Pantry

Back by popular demand, the Howard University Gospel Choir returns for a choral performance on October 3. The entire community is invited to attend. Founded as the first collegiate gospel choir in the world, the Howard Gospel Choir (HGC) has earned a distinguished international reputation and is over 70 voices strong. Helpers needed to provide dinner for the choir following the concert; contact Jan Martin (856) 235-1688. **Free Will Offering will be received (no tickets required).**

Community Bike Rally

Join us on **Friday, Sept. 26**, from 6-7 p.m. for an exciting bike rally at FPC Moorestown's big parking lot! This family-friendly event welcomes everyone, so bring your parents, siblings, and friends along with your bike, helmet, water bottle and energy. Please bring a shelf-stable, non-perishable food item to stock our Blessing Box. **Registration is required; please sign up online.**



FAMILY MINISTRY



Openings for acolytes to bring the Light of Christ into worship



Register for 2025-26 K-12 Fellowship Groups

- Kingdom Kids (K-3rd)
- Crossing Zone (4th-6th)
- Middle School Youth Group (7th-8th)
- High School Youth Group (9th-12th)

Groups begin Wednesday, Sept. 17

Family Dinner begins Wednesday, Sept. 17

Sign up online and through the Church Center app

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 that wonderful day when the Lord gives his people rest
from sorrow and fear, from slavery and chains.*

- Isaiah 14:3, NLT

For Families and Children:

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Middle School and High School:

Cheryl Gaskill

856-904-3056 call/text

mybaseballboys@yahoo.com



Let's get slimed!

Crud Wars is Sunday, Sept. 14

This fun event is our traditional kick off for students in middle school (grades 7, 8) and high school youth groups (grades 9-12). Come for an incredibly cruddy and messy set of games on **Sunday, Sept. 14**. We will meet in the field next to the main parking lot. Remember your towel!

Questions? Contact Youth Committee chair Evan Dempster at evan.dempster@gmail.com or 215.264.3448. Sign up online on our [Church Center event page](#).



Sign up for Children's Sunday School

Classes begin Sunday, Sept. 14

Bible Sunday is September 21st (please register by September 11th)

On **Sunday, Sept. 21st**, children entering third grade will be receiving their Bibles during worship as a gift from their church. Bible Sunday is a special day in the life of our young people. Bibles will be presented at both services. If you would like your third grader to receive a Bible, please sign up online or right through the Church Center app (Signups), or email Holly at hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org or Jean Marie at jmhanna@fpcmoorestown.org. Please indicate:

- Child's name as you would like it to appear
- Which worship service the child/children will attend

Communion Workshop

Sunday, September 28

10:15-11:00 a.m. ~ Room 6

World/First Communion Sunday, October 5