

First Presbyterian Church
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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**

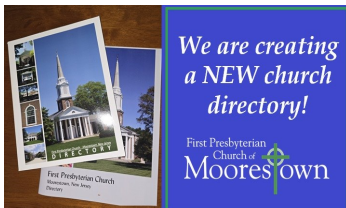
**10:15-11:00 a.m.
Education Classes**

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



Connections **FPC** Moorestown

First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

September 21-27, 2025

Way of the Week 25:

Rejoice Always

(September 21-27, 2025)

25. REJOICE ALWAYS. The Kingdom of God is a party! Let healthy laughter fill our meetings, our meals, and even our worship. Allow the joy of our faith be clearly evident in our speech and on our faces.

Ideas for Action: Throw a party for the coming weekend and invite a couple of individuals or families from the church over to celebrate. Don't forget the cake! What's the occasion? The joy of knowing and serving Jesus and belonging to our church family are reasons enough.



New Church Directory Being Compiled

An updated Picture Directory is coming! We are making plans for a new church pictorial directory, produced in-house for convenience and simplicity. There will be three (3) opportunities for individuals and families to gather at the church for a portrait with Victoria Duffy, a professional photographer. Victoria will be here on the following days in order to capture the largest number of church families possible:

- ◆ **Sunday, October 12 (Consecration Sunday)** — 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Tuesday, October 14** — 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Wednesday, October 15** — 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

PLEASE SIGN UP on the [Sign Up Genius link](#) OR with the church office at (856) 235-1688. Individuals may receive the raw digital file of their photo which they may download to their personal device in order to place their own orders for any prints desired. NO PHOTOS WILL BE PRINTED BY THE CHURCH.

We need YOU! [Schedule a portrait session October 12, 14 or 15](#)

Happy Birthday, Church

In honor of the church's 137th birthday on **September 12**, members are invited 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. Our gifts will provide 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

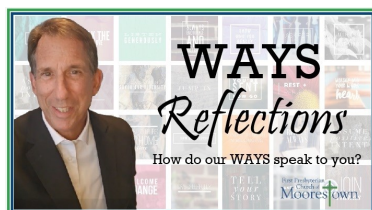
PW Holiday Bazaar

Sat. November 15th

Watch for information for donating gently loved holiday décor, household items and more for this fundraiser for Presbyterian Women.

Written Reflections: Which Way Speaks to You?

For the next round of our Ways culture statements, the pastors invite anyone from the congregation to submit what they are thankful for a particular Way. How has the Way impacted your life? Which Way are you most grateful for? Why? Just write a few sentences to be shared by pastors in worship and printed in the worship guides. That's it. Kids and youth are absolutely encouraged to take part. [Please sign up online](#) for the personal reflection you wish to provide or contact Jan Martin at jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org or 856.235.1688, x133.



Saturday Breakfasts

The Prayer and Discipleship Committee invites you to a special event on the second Saturday of the month for a delicious breakfast with interesting guest speakers and teachers. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Breakfasts will be in Room 3-4 at 9:00 AM. Free will offering gratefully accepted to support this ministry. Contact: Pam Engle at 609.332.7513. **Next Breakfast: Sat. October 11th.**

Fall Prayer Retreat is FULL

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.

Choir Rehearsals Underway

Rehearsals are underway for children's choirs, bell choir, adult choir and praise band. Contact the church office for information on **Primary Choir** (K-1st Grade); **Junior Choir** (2nd-4th); **Choristers** (5th-8th); **Chapel Choir** (9th-12th); **Adult Choir**: Linda Lockart; **Bell Choir**: Kathy Gunsallus; **Contemporary Praise Band**: Wes Allen.



\$8.00 per person
Venmo available

With Thanks

In our sorrow, we have been uplifted and sustained by God's grace and the overwhelming love shown by our family and friends. The unwavering support from our church has also been an incredible blessing. Your kindness and prayers, along with the care of our church family, have filled our hearts with immense gratitude. Thank you for holding us up during this heavy time.

Yours in Christ.
Brian Alt



See [event page](#) for an update to the Music Ministry Discernment & Search Team

Jonah class began 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.](#)

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.

Fall Inquirers' Class

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 four-part Inquirers' Class, starting **Oct. 8**. This class is for those interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown and the Presbyterian Church as a whole, and is designed with busy schedules in mind. See event page and website for details. To [REGISTER](#) contact Wes Allen at wallen@fpcmoorestown.org, the Membership Committee or the church office at 856-235-1688.



Step up to the Plate: Consecration Sunday 2025

Please plan now to join with your church family October 12th for a combined **9:30 a.m.** service in the sanctuary.



- ◆ **Sunday, October 12th**
- ◆ Combined Worship (sanctuary)
- ◆ [WATCH YOUR MAIL](#) for a 2026 *Estimate of Giving card* AND *2026 Capital Fund pledge card*. Bring to worship with you to dedicate to the Lord.
- ◆ We need everyone in the game, step up to the plate ...

We will enjoy a covered dish brunch after the service as we connect and laugh with one another. Come out and play kickball for Team Stuart or Team Wes, or help youngsters with a fun craft. Be sure and wear your favorite baseball attire! And the best part? THE FOOD! Please bring the following dish to share:

- Last Name A-L: Main Dish
- Last Name M-Q: Side Dish or Salad
- Last Name R-T: Breads or Rolls
- Last Name U-Z: Dessert



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.

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).** Our Contemporary Praise Band will open the evening.

PRESCHOOL



Dine and Donate for our Preschool

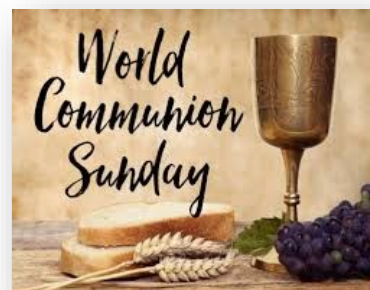
Thursday, Sept. 25

5:00-8:00 pm dine in only

P.J. Whelihan's Maple Shade

396 S. Lenola Road

Mention Step by Step Christian Preschool or show flyer to your server



Sunday, October 5

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 began Wednesday, Sept. 17
Family Dinner began Wednesday, Sept. 17

Sign up on the Church Center event page, website,
and right 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

"Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth."

- 1 Timothy 6:6

For Families and Children:

Holly Asciutto
856-235-1688, x116

hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org

Middle School and High School:

Cheryl Gaskill
856-904-3056 call/text
mybaseballboys@yahoo.com



Communion Workshop

Sunday, September 28

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

World/First Communion Sunday, October 5
(please register by Sept. 26)



Bible Sunday is September 21st

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.



The Community Bike Rally scheduled for Friday, September 26 has been rescheduled until the spring.

Sign up for Children's Sunday School

Be a part of the K-12 Sunday School community.
New class for middle school and high schoolers too!



Contact [Wes Allen](#) if you'd like to be on the
Youth Director Search Team