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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](#).

**Step up to the
plate**

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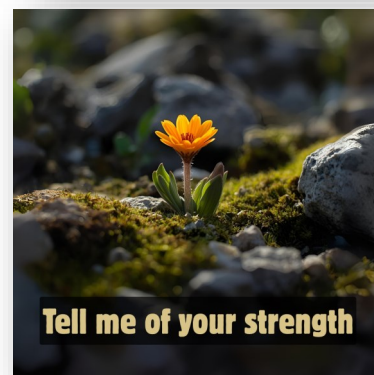
November 2-8, 2025

Way of the Week 6: **Forgive ... Again** (November 2-8, 2025)

6. FORGIVE ... AGAIN. Just as God for-
gives us, heal relationships by extending
forgiveness with grace and generosity.
Forgive everyone everything. Start by
praying for those you resent or hate. Ask
for every blessing you would want for
the one you're struggling to forgive.

Ideas for Action: Work on "dropping"
the anger you have. Don't let it come
between you and someone else. Stop
bringing up the hurt in public or with
friends. Stop nursing the memory of how
you've been wronged.

Ways Reflection: Evan Dempster



Operation Christmas Child Boxes Available Oct. 26

Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to
children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes.
Starting **Sunday, October 26**, shoe boxes will be available in the Commons Lobby. You
are invited to:

- Take a box
- Choose a child (age & Male or Female)
- Fill the shoe box with school supplies, personal care items or toys.
- Pray for the child who will receive your box — that they may be uplifted by the
love and hope of Jesus Christ.

Be sure to read the instructions included in each box! Return your box by **Sunday, No-
vember 16**. Kindly include a check for \$10 for shipping (you may also pay for shipping
online, see instructions). Let's make a lasting impact, one box at a time. For ques-
tions or information, please contact Mark Budka at missions@fpcmoorestown.org.

Staying Connected

Have you noticed someone who has not been at church or its activities recently? The Membership Committee encourages you to reach out with a call or text and let them know they've been missed.

Music Focus Groups

Shape the future of our music ministry by participating in a music survey. See our Church Center event page to complete a brief [Congregational Survey](#) and suggestions for the future. We need your input!

Family Service Project
Nov. 12 during Family Dinner
(see page 4)

Membership Directory

If you didn't have an opportunity to attend the photo shoots for the church directory, you can submit a digital photo to Barbara Duffy at bduffy@fpcmoorestown.org or schedule a makeup to be taken by the staff. Contact 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.

2026 Pulpit Flowers

Reservations are being taken now for 2026 Sunday flower donations. Two pedestal vases are available each Sunday. What better way to commemorate loved ones or special dates in your life. **Effective November 1, each vase is \$50 due to increased flower costs.** Contact Jan Martin to order.



Benefit Concert for Opioid Crisis Action Network

On **Sunday, Nov. 2** at 1:00 p.m. in Miller Commons, OCAN-RF will hold a fundraising concert, featuring recording artist George Kilby Jr. Proceeds support the Opioid Crisis Action Network Recovery Fund. There will be no tickets sold for the concert — a free will offering will be requested. Donations can also be made on the website: <https://www.opioidcrisisactionnetwork.com/donate>. That morning, George Kilby will share his musical gifts in both worship services.

Grace Boutique

For the month of November, The Grace Boutique is collecting select items to restock its shelves. If you can, please donate any of these items (place them in baskets by Grace Boutique door):

- feminine hygiene (light or heavy pads only)
- laundry detergent liq. (30 oz.)
- paper towel rolls
- socks for men or women

Fall Adult Education

- ♦ Three-week series of "People Telling Stories" **Nov. 2, 9, 16**
- ♦ **Nov. 23** church-wide breakfast hosted by adult education classes, bring whatever you can. Fellowship Hall
- ♦ Five-week Advent series "Journey to Jerusalem" runs **Nov. 30-Dec. 28.**

Check Preparation Dates

Effective Oct. 15, the financial office will prepare church checks on **Wednesdays** (previously Thursday) unless previous arrangements have been made.

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.



American Red Cross Blood Drive
Monday, November 24
11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Miller Commons

High School Dress Swap

It's back! Dress Swap for Dance Assembly: **Wed. Nov. 12** (5-8 pm) in Commons Lobby and **Saturday, Nov. 15** from 10 am – 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Donate gently used dresses for high school students to swap and share. Contact [Jen Allen](#) at (609) 922-1277.

Thanksgiving Praise and Pie **Sunday, November 23 (3:00 PM)**

Join the FPC Moorestown Church Family for a 3:00 p.m. service of thanksgiving, praise and prayer to our faithful, loving God. We'll gather in our sanctuary for an afternoon worship featuring singing, sharing of Wow Moments, and prayer. Following our praise, we'll have a pie smorgasbord! Bring your favorite Thanksgiving pie — pumpkin, apple, mincemeat, cranberry etc. It's an afternoon of singing and sharing, and a wonderful way to enter Thanksgiving week. Plan to bring family and friends!

NEW: "Hot Topics"**Wednesday Series**

6:30–8:00 p.m. | Room 8

You are invited to a 9-week Wednesday evening series engaging some of today's most pressing and polarizing issues — abortion, gender & sexuality, immigration, and gun violence. Each topic will receive two weeks of focus, allowing us to explore both varied perspectives. Class is led by Wes Allen. Our aim is not to force agreement but to practice civil dialogue, faithful biblical engagement, and Reformed theological reflection. Short readings will be distributed ahead of time each week to prepare for thoughtful conversation. Meets **Oct. 15-Dec. 17** (off Thanksgiving week). [Register online.](#)

**Change Clocks Sunday, Nov. 2****Join the Tech Team**

Join our live stream tech team—paid positions available. We are looking for high school students and adults to join our live stream tech team. No experience? No problem. We provide full training. Contact Steve Draszcz at steve@gotsteve.com or the church office at 856-235-1688.

**Remember to complete your
2025 Financial Pledge
by year end. Thank you!**

**PW Holiday Bazaar
Saturday, November 15th**

Donate your gently loved holiday décor, household goods, jewelry, accessories, kitchen items, gift items, sports gear and more for this Presbyterian Women fundraiser. Clean out those cupboards and drawers. Proceeds will support local ministries serving women and children in acute need. Drop off items in red boxes in Commons Lobby.

**Women's Morning
Prayer Event
Saturday, November 22
(See event page)****Prayer Breakfast
Saturday, November 8th**

The Prayer and Discipleship Committee invites you to its November Prayer Breakfast. We are so thankful to have Dr. Curtis Miyamoto, long-time member, as our speaker. Dr. Miyamoto is the Associate Clinical Director, Fox Chase Cancer Center at Temple University Hospital and has been the Chairperson of Radiation Oncology, Temple University, School of Medicine for over 14 years. He will speak about the role of prayer in medicine and evidence-based techniques for prayer. Please join us and invite friends! Breakfasts are held on the second Saturday of the month.

2026 Estimates of Giving
If you haven't yet submitted your 2026 financial estimates, please complete your 2026 cards [online](#), mail to the office or drop in the offering. Please note we must receive your Estimates of Giving before our 2026 Budget is finalized in the next week to allow us to include what you plan to give in the funding

[available to allocate to our programs for 2026 \(including our Missions, Deacons, Youth and Music programs\).](#)

It's a Boy

Several individuals have asked how they can help support [Steve and Chelsea Margerum](#) as they, along with big brother Steven, 11, plan to welcome their new son in early January. Church members who would like to share a love gift or drop off a baby shower gift to the church office for the Margerums, are most certainly encouraged to do so! Steve and Chelsea would be very touched. They are registered at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). Gifts may be dropped off until **December 14th** in Room 2 or the church office. Please make sure "Margerum Shower" is on the item. A reminder that financial gifts are to be made out directly to Steve and Chelsea Margerum, NOT the church. Thank you for supporting Steve, Chelsea and Steven as they grow their family.

November Food Drive

From November 1-30, we will be hosting a [food drive](#) for the Moorestown Ministerium. Please bring nonperishable foods that include proteins. The Moorestown Ministerium Food Pantry is in dire need of food for distribution to hungry families in our area. The Ministerium supports 40-50 identified families in need in the Moorestown, Mt. Laurel, Maple Shade, Delran, Medford areas with 1st and 3rd Monday distribution of one (1) grocery bag of proteins and one (1) grocery bag of pastas/grains to each family. [See event page for requested items.](#)

FAMILY MINISTRY

Children's and Adult Sunday School: 10:15-11:00 a.m.

Youth Snacks Needed — Can You Help?

The Youth Ministry leadership team is seeking donations of individually packaged NUT FREE snacks. Cookies, chips, rice crispy treats, Tastykake type items, etc. as well as drinks (juice boxes, flavored sparkling water (cans), 8-ounce water bottles). **No "small piece snacks" (popcorn, goldfish, fruit snacks) or soda please.**

Donations may be left outside the door to the Youth Office (across from the Lounge).

Save the Date: Advent Family Fun



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

We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. (Romans 3: 22, NLT)

For Families and Children:
Holly Asciutto
856-235-1688, x116
hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org

Middle School and High School:
Evan Dempster
215-264-3448 call/text
mybaseballboys@yahoo.com



- ⇒ **Date: Wednesday, November 12**
- ⇒ **Time: 5:45 to 7:00 pm (during Family Dinner)**
- ⇒ **Location: Fellowship Hall**

Please register by Monday, November 10th so we know we can count on you and determine amount of supplies needed for this project.

NEW: Family Service Project 'Tis the Season of Helping Others

JOIN US as we spend time together to practice kindness and giving by assembling sandwiches (nut-free) for donation to Cathedral Kitchen. Working together on this project brings families closer together and reminds us how even the smallest acts of kindness can deeply touch the lives of others during this heartfelt time of year.

For information on Cathedral Kitchen visit:
<https://cathedralkitchen.org/>

Donations accepted to help cover cost of supplies

For questions contact Holly Asciutto at hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org or Jean Marie Hanna at jmhanna@fpcmoorestown.org.

