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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**

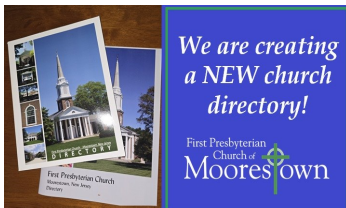
**10:15-11:00 a.m.  
Education Classes**

Worship streams live from  
each worship space. Log  
on from any device to  
[www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://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

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**First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown**

**October 12-18, 2025**

## Way of the Week 3: Listen Generously (October 12-18, 2025)

**3. LISTEN GENEROUSLY.** Be quick to listen and do so with your undivided attention. Minimize the distractions and let go of the need to agree or disagree. Suspend your judgment and be curious to know more rather than jumping to conclusions. Above all, listen to understand.

**Ideas for Action:** Put aside phones and laptops. Turn off the TV or computer and face someone you love. Focus on what the other is saying; not on what you want to say. Be careful that you're not interrupting because you're not listening to them.

**Ways Reflection:** Ginny Powell



## **New Slots Added: Membership Directory**

**NEW:** Additional hours have been added for our photo sessions for the upcoming pictorial membership directory. 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 over several days in order to capture the largest number of church families possible:

- ♦ **Sunday, October 12 (Consecration Sunday)** — 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Tuesday, October 14** — 9:30 a.m. - 12:50 p.m.
- ♦ **Wednesday, October 15** — 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

PLEASE SIGN UP on the [Sign Up Genius link](#) OR in the Commons Lobby (laptop) OR with the church office at (856) 235-1688. You may also call Lissa Herman at (856) 745-7357 call/text or [dickandlissa73@gmail.com](mailto:dickandlissa73@gmail.com) and she'll be happy to help.

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.**



### Step up to the Plate: Consecration Sunday 2025

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



- ◆ **Sunday, October 12, 2025**
- ◆ Combined Worship
- ◆ [SEE 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 ...
- ◆ **12-Hour Prayer Vigil Sat. October 11** to pray us into Consecration Sunday — [see online sign up](#) on our event page/website
- ◆ Wear your favorite baseball team attire!
- ◆ Submit your Estimates ahead of time if you won't be with us

We will enjoy a Celebration Luncheon after the service as we connect with one another. Play kickball for Team Stuart or Team Wes (weather permitting), or help youngsters with a fun craft. 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

### **We want to hear from you.** **Music Focus Groups** **Meet in October**

Shape the future of our music ministry by participating in a [Music Focus Group](#). Share your voice, insights, and experiences in a small group setting. The Discernment Team is hosting these gatherings to hear from you as we listen for the Spirit's leading. We invite the whole congregation to this journey of seeking God's direction together. Groups will meet in Room 2. No sign up needed, just stop by.

### **Choose from the following remaining Music Focus Groups:**

- Sunday, Oct. 19 at 10:15 a.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 19 at 12:15 p.m.
- Wed. Oct. 22 at 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 26 at 10:15 a.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 26 at 12:15 p.m.

**See our Church Center event page to complete a [Congregational Survey](#) and suggestions for the future. We need your input!**

### **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.

### **Missions "Connections"**

Pick up an issue of the October "Missions Connections" newsletter with information about missions and upcoming events. The issue was inserted into the Sunday, October 3 *Connections*.



### **Grace Boutique October**

Throughout October, the Mission Committee is 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. Items needed for October:

- baby diapers size 4 or 5
- Baby wipes (packs)
- Feminine hygiene (light or heavy pads)
- Men's deodorant
- Paper towel rolls
- Men's athletic socks

### **Fall Adult Study**

On Wednesday nights this fall, we will read, discuss and study 12-15 scriptures of the 16 Chapters that make up the **Didache**. These are scriptures that Jesus spoke and used before the Bible to instruct the apostles. [Sign up online](#). Enjoy Family Dinner first at 5:45 p.m. too (\$8.00 per person). Jim Cole leads.

### **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.

### **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: "Hot Topics" Series** **Starts October 15th**

6:30–8:00 p.m. | Location: Room 8

This fall we invite you to join us for 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 us for thoughtful conversation. Meets **Oct. 15-Dec. 17** (off Thanksgiving week). [Register online.](#)

## **Prayer Breakfast** **Saturday, November 8th**

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.



## **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 Drzaszcz at [steve@gotsteve.com](mailto:steve@gotsteve.com) or the church office at 856-235-1688.

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

Watch for donation boxes **October 12** for gently loved holiday décor, household goods, jewelry, accessories, kitchen items, gift items, sports equipment 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.



## **Pastor and Program Staff** **Appreciation October 26**

Help celebrate the work of Rev. Stuart Spencer, Rev. Wes Allen, and our program staff, by sending them a note of appreciation sharing your gratitude for their ministry and sharing kind words of support and recognition.

## **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 Miller 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, November 16** Kindly include a check for \$10 for shipping (you may also pay for shipping online).

Let's make a lasting impact, one box at a time. For questions or information, please contact Mark Budka at [missions@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:missions@fpcmoorestown.org).





# FAMILY MINISTRY



## Openings for acolytes to bring the Light of Christ into worship



### Register for 2025-26 Fellowship Groups Kindergarten - 12th Grade

- Kingdom Kids (K-3rd, Wednesday 4:45-5:45 PM)
- Crossing Zone (4th-6th, Wednesday 6:30-7:30 PM)
- Middle School Youth Group (7-8th, Wed. 6:30-8 PM)
- High School Youth Grp. (9-12th, Sunday 6:30-8:30 PM)
- Family Dinner (Wednesdays 5:45-6:45 PM)

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

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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**  
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Middle School and High School:  
**Cheryl Gaskill**  
856-904-3056 call/text  
[mybaseballboys@yahoo.com](mailto:mybaseballboys@yahoo.com)

## We're looking for a new Youth Director!



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



## Music Ministry Discernment & Search Team



### Take part in a Music Focus Group

Choir members and parents are encouraged to help shape the future of our music ministry by participating in a Focus Group. Share your voice, insights, and experiences in a small group setting. The Discernment Team will host these gatherings to hear from our congregation as we listen for the Spirit's leading. This is the discernment phase where we are trying to understand the wishes/needs of our congregation, with an eye on the future. We invite the whole congregation to join in a journey to seek God's direction together. See page 2. [Fill out the online survey too](#)