

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

October 5-11, 2025

Way of the Week 2: Speak the Truth with Love (October 5-11, 2025)

2. SPEAK THE TRUTH WITH LOVE. Speak honestly and directly in a way that clearly reflects love and support for one another. Be courageous enough to say what needs to be said, even when it's difficult. Address issues directly with those who are involved or affected; speak to, not about, others.

Ideas for Action: Is there a difficult conversation you've been delaying? Is there someone you've been talking about instead of being direct? Pray for courage and grace to have the conversation, in person, if possible.

Ways Reflection: Paul Gordon



Church Membership Directory Being Compiled

An updated Picture Directory is coming! We are making plans to produce a new church pictorial directory, published 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 in the Commons Lobby (laptop) 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](#)

Parking Lot Improvements

Beginning Monday, Oct. 6, areas of our parking lot will be resurfaced including the service road connecting the cemetery, garage, and kitchen area out to the staff parking lot. The project will include installing permanent speed bumps as well. Some operations may be affected including funerals, playground activities, trash pick up, etc. We hope to finish the project in a 3-4 day window.

October Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, October 11th

Rev. Mark Budka, guest speaker

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.

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

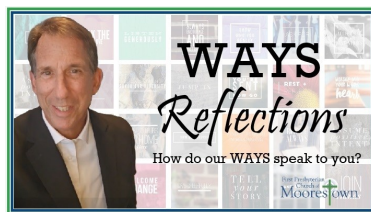
On Wednesday nights this fall, we will read, discuss and study 12-15 scriptures of the 16 Chapters that make up the *Didache*. These are scriptures that Jesus spoke and used before the Bible to instruct the apostles. [Sign up online](#). Enjoy Family Dinner first at 5:45 p.m. too (\$8.00 per person).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

Staying Connected

Have you noticed someone who has not been at church recently? Reach out with a call or text and let them know they've been missed.



Written Reflections:

Which Way Speaks to You?

For the current round of our Ways culture statements, the pastors invite anyone from the congregation to submit why they are thankful for a particular Way. How has the Way impacted your life? Which Way are you most grateful for? 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.



\$8.00 per person
Venmo available too!

Missions "Connections"

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

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.

Pastor & Staff Appreciation

Sunday, October 26th
Bring cards to worship or
write ones out at church

PW Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 15th


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



Step up to the plate

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 12, 2025**
- ◆ Combined Worship (sanctuary)
- ◆ [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 and laugh with one another. Come out and play kickball for Team Stuart or Team Wes, 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

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.](#)

Jonah Sunday Class

Adult Spiritual Formation begins 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

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. 

Howard University Gospel Choir Concert

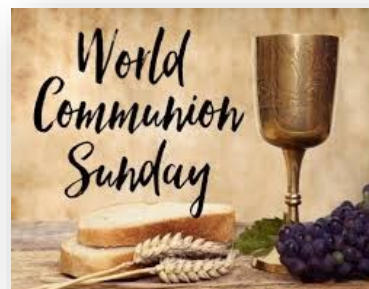
Friday, October 3 (7:00 p.m.)

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. **Free Will Offering will be received (no tickets required).** Our talented Contemporary Praise Band will open the evening.

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.



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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Crossing Zone: Grades 4-6
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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

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

Bible Presented to Third Graders

On **Sunday, Sept. 21st**, children entering third grade received their Bibles during worship as a gift from their church. Bible Sunday is a special day in the life of our young people. Recipients included Liev Celhar, Helena Drzaszcz, Miles Dugan, Theo Greenhow, Esme Hancox, Zain Krishnan, Steele Nutter, and Lincoln Wood. Congratulations!



Crud Wars Fun! Youth Group Kickoff ~ Grades 7-12

Sign up for Children's Sunday School

Be a part of the K-12 Sunday School community.
New youth class this year too!

