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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
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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 16-22, 2025

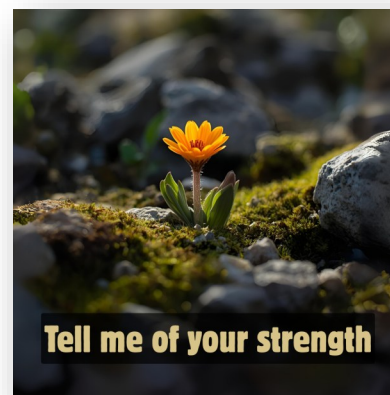
Way of the Week 8: Jump In

(November 16-22, 2025)

8. JUMP IN. Life is full of unexpected problems and needs, large and small. Pay attention to moments when God calls you to action, no matter how ordinary or extraordinary the situation may be. See "disruptions" as invitations to share Christ's love. Write a note. Visit the sick or the grieving. Share a meal.

Ideas for Action: Practice one of the actions listed in this week's description: Write a note, call or visit someone who lives alone, and/or share a meal.

Ways Reflection: Lori Bell



Thanksgiving Postcards

TODAY: Included in worship bulletins (**Sunday, Nov. 16**) will be our traditional Thanksgiving postcards. Fill in the name and address of someone you are grateful for and wish to tell, and mail from your home, or place addressed postcards in the offering plate for the church to mail. Postcards given to the church office will be mailed **Monday, Nov. 17** so they arrive in time for Thanksgiving.

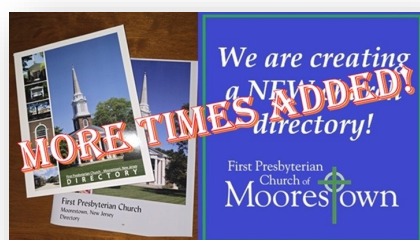
Thanksgiving Praise and Pie **Sunday, November 23 (3:00 PM)**

Join the FPC Moorestown Church Family for a 3:00 p.m. service of thanksgiving, praise and prayer to our faithful, loving God. Gather for an afternoon worship featuring singing, Wow Moments, and prayer. Afterwards, we'll enjoy a slice of pie! 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. Bring family and friends!



Church Directory **Make-Up Photo Date**

If you missed the directory photo sessions, there's an additional makeup date! Victoria Duffy will return on **Sunday, Nov. 23** to do photography of the Contemporary service and to take more single/family portraits. **Portrait hours will be 10-11 am and 12:30-3:00 pm.** Please SIGN UP online on the Event Page or call the church office.



Fall Adult Education

- ♦ Sunday AM series "People Telling Stories" **Nov. 16**
- ♦ **Sunday, 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.**
- ♦ Wednesday evening Advent Study "Heaven and Earth" led by Jim Cole, **Dec. 3, 10, 17;** 6:30 PM in Room 3-4

Return Operation Christmas Child Boxes Nov. 16

Operation Christmas Child delivers the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world. Return your gift-filled shoebox by **Sunday, Nov. 16.** Kindly include a check for \$10 for shipping. Help us make a lasting impact, one box at a time. Questions? Contact Mark Budka at (856) 235-1688, Ext. 104; missions@fpcmoorestown.org.

Advent Candle Lighters

During Sundays in Advent, members of our church family will light our Advent wreath. The Worship Team is looking for individuals for both 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services for Advent **Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14 and 21**, as well as four Christmas Eve services on **Wednesday, Dec. 24** at 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm. Contact Worship Chair Kevin Fauvell at kevindfauvell@gmail.com or (609) 220-0177 to take part in this Advent worship experience.

Longest Night Worship and Communion **Sunday, December 7 (4 PM)**

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 or [Rumi Sinunu](mailto:Rumi.Sinunu) to order.

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.

Your support is lifegiving:

Fall Blood Drive

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

Sunday, Nov. 23 adult class offers breakfast during Sunday School; bring a dish

New Tickets Available!

Limited tickets are available for the November 22 trip to Radio City Music Hall to see the Chapel Choir perform with the Christmas Spectacular. Contact Jean Marie Hanna at jmhanna@fpcmoorestown.org.

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

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.

Thanks for wearing your nametag and greeting visitors

Deacons Turkey Drive

DID YOU KNOW ... Our Deacons purchased 56 turkeys from Wegmans to donate to [Your Food Shelf](#) in Camden, and Wegmans donated 20 additional turkeys.

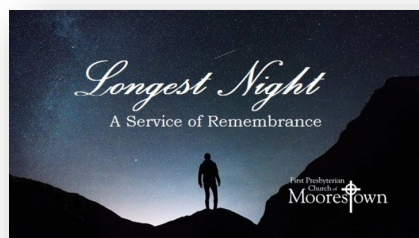
2026 Estimates of Giving

If you haven't yet submitted your 2026 financial estimates, complete your 2026 cards [online](#), mail to the office or drop in the offering. Budget meetings are underway and this data is critical.

Coming: Advent Devotionals

Longest Night Worship

The Longest Night service provides peace to those dealing with grief, illness, anxiety, or depression this holiday season who may not feel the joy or celebration seen in others. This event will be held on **Sunday, December 7 at 4:00 p.m.** Associate Pastor Wes Allen leads. The Longest Night includes the Lord's Supper, special music, and a time for prayer. All ages and faiths are welcome. If you know someone you would like us to invite to this service, please provide their name and address to Alison Mackey in the church office, so we may send them an invitation. Contact Alison (856) 235-1688, Ext. 113 or amackey@fpcmoorestown.org.

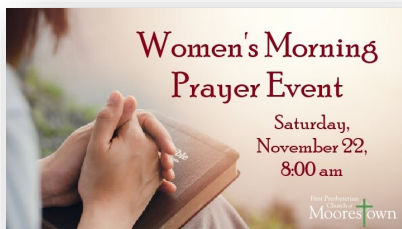


NEW: "Hot Topics"

Wednesday Series

6:30–8:00 p.m. | Room 8

This 9-week Wednesday series discusses some of today's most pressing and polarizing issues — abortion, gender & sexuality, immigration, and gun violence. 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 are distributed ahead of time each week to prepare for thoughtful conversation. Meets **Oct. 15-Dec. 17** (off Thanksgiving week). [Register online.](#)



[\(See event page\)](#)

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.

COMING SOON

Alternative Gift Catalog

Start Changing the World by Changing How You Gift

Join the Tech Team

DID YOU KNOW ... we live stream our two worship services into homes every week? We have a critical need for audio and live stream operators and encourage high school students and adults to join our live stream tech team. We provide full training and support for this paid position. Contact Steve Draszcz at steve@gotsteve.com or the church office at 856-235-1688. We want to continue providing this ministry.

Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, December 13

The Prayer and Discipleship Committee invites you to its December Prayer Breakfast. Please join us and invite friends!

It's a Boy

You're invited to 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.

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

November Food Drive

From November 1-30, we are 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. [See event page for requested items.](#)



First Sunday in Advent

Sunday, November 30

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).

Family Fun: Advent Gingerbread Event

[See our Church Center event page](#)



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

Gingerbread Bash Family Fun

Family, friends, grandparents and children of all ages are invited to a sweet celebration! The holidays are upon us, and it's the perfect time to celebrate the birth of Jesus and enjoy meaningful time together. Join us for a fun, hands-on holiday event to build something sweet and festive!



We'll provide all the supplies—just bring your creativity and holiday spirit. **Children, bring your grown-ups!** This is not a drop-off event—grown-ups are needed to help build and create!

- **Date:** Friday, December 12 (6:00-8:00 PM)
- **Location:** Fellowship Hall

Please register so we have enough supplies for everyone.

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



Christmas Parties Schedule

Wednesday, December 10

Kingdom Kids Christmas Party (4:45 PM)

Crossing Zone Christmas Party (6:30 PM)

Sunday, December 14

Sunday School Christmas Parties (10:15 AM)

High School Christmas Party (6:30 PM)

Wednesday, December 17

Middle School Christmas Party (6:30 PM)