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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](https://www.youtube.com) or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com).
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

January 25-31, 2026

All events and activities for Sunday, January 25 are **CANCELLED** due to the impending snow emergency. Tune in to the live stream at 9:00 a.m. for a specially recorded combined worship service. Log on to fpcmoorestown.org/live-stream or find us on our YouTube channel.

Way of the Week 18: **Ask For Help** (January 25-31, 2026)

18. ASK FOR HELP. Part of being a real and authentic member of the church is to acknowledge your weaknesses and be willing to ask for God's help and the support of others. None of us can go it alone. Vulnerability is a sign of strength and a gift to others.

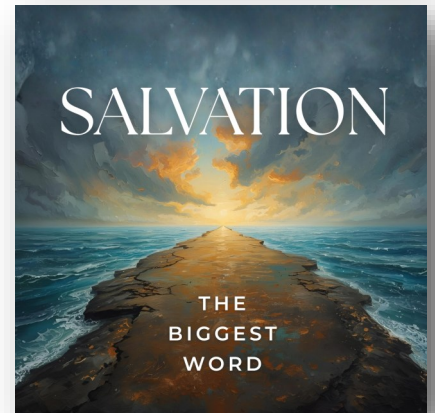
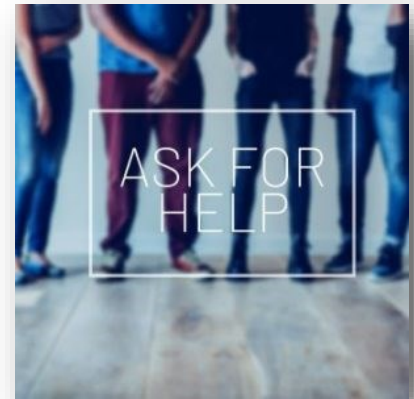
Ideas for Action: First think about what you need help with right now. Then, share that need with someone else from our congregation this week.

Ways Reflection: Joshua Leonard

Congregational Meeting Set for February 1

We will gather as a church family for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, to be held on **Sunday, February 1, 2026** immediately following the 11:00 am Contemporary Service. The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to hear committee reports, receive the 2026 Church Budget, and approve the 2026 Pastors' Terms of Call. No other business may be brought before the congregation. The Annual Meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall. The meeting will also be available via Zoom. No votes will be registered via Zoom.

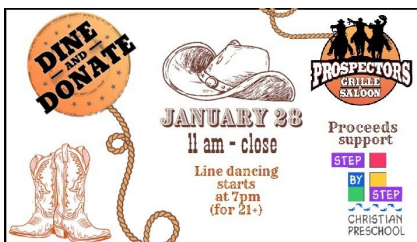
Copies of the *2025 Annual Report* will be available Sunday, January 25 to allow members to review before the Meeting. Copies will be available online, on our website, at the church office, and in limited hard copies at the church.



Winter Adult Education

- ◆ NEW: Six-week Sunday morning series on the Book of Psalms; meets from **January 4-February 8** and led by a team of teachers.
- ◆ Sunday morning Lenten Study will begin **Feb. 15**, the week of Ash Wednesday (Feb. 18)

Informational Meeting:
February 1, 2026 (5:30 pm)
July Youth Mission Trip
(moved from 1/25 due to
snow emergency)



Preschool Dine & Donate
January 28th (11 am-close)
Prospectors Grille & Saloon
Line Dancing at 7:00 pm!

Church Directory

Members of the church staff are currently developing a current Church Directory. It is anticipated to be available in January/February. Please let Jan Martin know any changes to your contact information (removed land line, moved, new email, new phones, adult children relocated). Edit information easily on the Church Center app: (1) go to the "initials" on the upper right taskbar, (2) My Profile and Settings; (3) My Profile and Household.

2026 Pulpit Flowers

Reservations are being taken for 2026 Sunday flower donations. Two pedestal vases are available each Sunday. Commemorate loved ones or special dates in your life. Each vase is \$50. Contact Jan Martin in the church office to order.

Discipleship Training

Saturday, January 24, 2026

8:30 a.m.—Noon

This workshop is led by two disciple makers, Dan Towner and Ed Murray. Dan and Ed will be using an app called Waha. It's free and downloadable to your phone. There's no cost. Contact Stuart Spencer.

Grace Boutique

For the month of February the Grace Boutique needs the following items to restock its shelves. If you can, please donate any of these items (place them in baskets by the Grace Boutique door):

- ◆ Baby Diapers (size 4 or 5 only)
- ◆ Deodorant (men)
- ◆ Dishwashing Liquid 30 oz.
- ◆ Laundry Detergent 42 oz.
- ◆ Toothbrush (adult)

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.



Thank You For MLK Event!

Thank you to all who participated in Martin Luther King Jr.'s Afternoon of Service on Monday, January 19. Guided by Scripture, *"Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead"* (James 2:17), our time of service supported the Christian Caring Center's mission to serve those in need. Families and friends worked together to prepare hygiene kits, make sandwiches, create placemats, and write positive notes as visible expressions of faith in action. This meaningful community event brought together 61 volunteers of all ages, strengthening fellowship and living out our call to serve one another in love. Truly, it was an afternoon of service.



Stephen Ministers Can Help

A Stephen Minister provides a 'safe place' to talk, when your world has crashed, when your head is spinning with the demands of life or you struggle to evaluate options before you. Our Stephen Ministers are passionate about caring for, listening to, and praying for you. If you, or someone you know, is experiencing a difficult time such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation, contact Pastor Wes Allen, or Stephen Leaders Doris Kahley at 609.220.8163 or Peg Pierce at 609.330.0623.

[Help out with a Meal Train](#)

The Deacons have set up Meal Trains to support **Joe and Arlita Winston** and **Steve & Chelsea Margerum** to help their busy households. In challenging times, friends often ask, "What can I do to help out?" The answer is usually to help with a meal. MealTrain.com is a free meal calendar tool that makes planning meal deliveries easy. Log on to the [Church Center event page](#) to sign up to provide a meal for the Winstons or Margerums. To be included on the [notification list](#) of other Meal Trains needed, contact Alison Mackey or Deacon Bobbi Voglesong.

[2025 Giving Statements](#)

Need to access your 2025 giving record? Giving history, pledge and statements may be viewed 24/7 from "Give" on the Church Center app. Statements are also available by contacting the church office. Copies of 2025 year-end statements will be e-mailed to members in January for tax purposes.

[Annual Meeting Potluck](#)

Thank you to our Deacons, who again will coordinate a potluck for the Annual Meeting on Sunday, Feb. 1 If you would, kindly bring:

- ⇒ **Last Name A-F:** Side Dish or Salad
- ⇒ **Last Name G:** Rolls or Bread
- ⇒ **Last Name H-M:** Desserts
- ⇒ **Last Name N-T:** Main Dish or Entrée
- ⇒ **Last Name U-Z:** 8 oz. pony bottles of water

[Second Saturday Prayer Breakfast](#)

February 14 at 9:00-10:30 AM

Happy Valentine's Day

[Lenten Study](#)

NEW: Lenten Church-Wide Study, Sermon Series and Mini Retreat: *The J-Curve* by Paul Miller.

Inconveniences, disappointments, and trials often leave us confused, cynical, even bitter. The apostle Paul traces a pattern of dying and rising with Jesus which, like the letter "J", goes down into death and then up into resurrection. Continually reenacting Jesus' life—the J-Curve®—drains the energy from our cynicism as it resets our expectations for the normal Christian life. The J-Curve is so encouraging, so liberating, that once you see it, you can't unsee it! You'll find yourself joyfully dying and rising with Jesus in everyday life. Learn more! Contact [Wes Allen](#) for small group sign up opportunities. Mini Retreat will be **March 13-14** at our church.

[Preschool Registration](#)

Registration opens in January for Step by Step Preschool, a ministry of FPC Moorestown. We currently have space in all classes for the 2026-27 school year. Early registration for church members and current enrollees is January 5-15, 2026. Open registration for all others begins on January 20. Open House will be **Wed. January 21, 2026** from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

[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.

[Join the Tech Team](#)

DID YOU KNOW ... we live stream both 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 Drzaszcz at steve@gotsteve.com or the church office at 856-235-1688. We want to continue providing this ministry.

[What will you give up or take on for Lent?](#)

[Per Capita](#)

February is Per Capita season. The Stewardship Committee reminds each member on the rolls to please cover his or her annual share of \$40.00. Watch your mail for information. As Presbyterians, we are a *connectional church*. Literally meaning "per member," this contribution above one's pledge supports the General Assembly, Synod and Presbytery. Our church is obligated to pay this. If you do not wish the church to pay your Per Capita from its operating budget, you must submit an [opt-out request](#) every year (can do online). *Note: Not responding is NOT the same as opting out.*

[Ash Wednesday](#) [February 18, 2026](#) [Season of Lent begins](#)



Invite a friend to church

FAMILY MINISTRY

Happy New Year!

We're Back Wednesday, January 28

- ◆ Family Dinner (5:45 pm)
- ◆ Kingdom Kids (K-3rd, 4:45 pm)
- ◆ Crossing Zone (grades 4-6, 6:30 pm)



Middle School and High School Youth Groups

- ⇒ The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday **February 18**. Middle School Youth Group will meet and attend the service together.
- ⇒ High School Youth Group (grades 9-12) meets Sundays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Bring a friend to youth group!

For information contact Youth coordinator
Evan Dempster at 215.264.3448.

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

“The Lord is my strength and my song; He has given me victory.” (Exodus 15: 2)

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Middle School and High School:
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215-264-3448 call/text
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Returns Wednesday, January 28
\$8.00 per person, catered meal

Ash Wednesday ~ Lent Begins

The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday **February 18, 2026**. There will be no Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone or Family Dinner that evening. Primary Choir and Choristers will meet as scheduled. Middle School Youth Group will meet and attend the service together. The first Sunday in Lent is **February 22**.



MLK Service Day Fun!

**Monday,
January
19th**

