

First Presbyterian Church
101 Bridgeboro Road
MAIL: P. O. Box 868
Moorestown, NJ 08057
fpcmoorestown.org
856.235.1688

**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.

"Connections" is published weekly for Sunday worship and every two weeks in the summer. Please submit information by noon Tuesdays to:

Editor Jan Martin
jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org
856-235-1688, Ext. 133

Are you receiving our Friday e-blast with announcements, Connections, and upcoming events? If not, contact the [church office](#).



Connections

FPC
Moorestown

First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

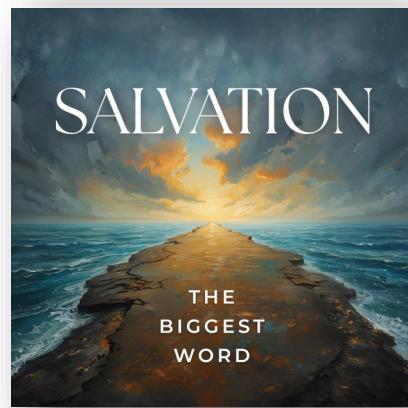
January 4-10, 2026

Way of the Week 15:
Welcome Change
(January 4-10, 2026)

15. WELCOME CHANGE. Be curious about new ideas, perspectives, and approaches. Get excited by the possibilities that change can bring. What worked in the past won't always work in the future, for God is doing new things.

Ideas for Action: This is a simple one to try. Sit in a different pew in the sanctuary or seat in Miller Commons next Sunday. See what happens.

Ways Reflection: Steve Shaffer



"MLK Afternoon of Service" Provides Service Opportunities for All Ages

NEW: [MLK Afternoon of Service](#) -- Monday, January 19, 2026 from 1:00-3:00 PM at FPC Moorestown. Choose from different activity stations for friends and family to support the [Christian Caring Center](#) in Pemberton, New Jersey: (1) decorate placemats, (2) prepare turkey and cheese sandwiches, (3) put together hygiene kits, (4) assemble cleaning supply kits, and (5) write cheery notes. Contact Mark Budka at (609) 751-3058 call/text and/or [register online](#).

MLK WORSHIP: Second event: Service January 19th (5:00 p.m.) to honor Dr. King at Bethel A.M.E Church, 512 N. Church Street ~ Moorestown, NJ. In 1994, Congress designated the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday as a *National Day of Service*, making it the only federal holiday observed as such. The holiday is part of the President's National Call to Service initiatives, encouraging Americans to work together to address the nation's most pressing issues.

SEE PAGE 4

Holiday Schedules

Please see *Connections* and the church calendar for schedules:

- ◆ Family Dinner, Kingdom Kids and Crossing Zone are off for Winter Break and return **January 28, 2026**.
- ◆ Sunday School and Nursery Care return **Sunday, Jan. 4**.
- ◆ Thursday Prayer Service returns **January 8** (7:00-7:10 pm)
- ◆ Middle School Youth Group returns **Wed. Jan. 7 (see page 4)**.
- ◆ High School group returns **Sun. Jan. 11 (see page 4)**.
- ◆ Choir rehearsals resume the week of **January 5-9**.

Staying Connected

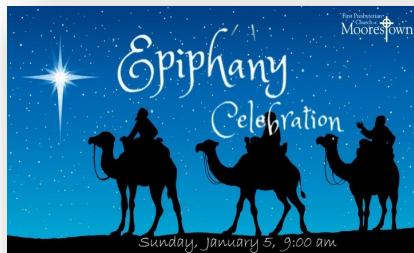
Have you noticed someone who has not been at church or its activities recently? The Membership Committee encourages you to reach out with a call or text and let them know they've been missed.

Winter Adult Education

- ◆ COMING: 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)

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. Each vase is \$50. Contact Jan Martin or [Rumi Sinunu](#) to order.



Happy New Year from the church staff

Property Team Note

Steve Margerum will be away on paternity leave January 1-February 1, 2026. For property team issues during this time, please contact the church office or administrator [Earl Gage](#) at (856) 235-1688, x106.

Grace Boutique Items Needed

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)

MLK Afternoon of Service

Monday, January 19, 2026

1:00-3:00 PM

FPC Moorestown

Five multigenerational activity stations to support Christian Caring Center
[\(Register online\)](#)

Thank you for wearing your nametag during worship and connecting with visitors

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.

Second Saturday Prayer Breakfast

January 10 at 9:00-10:30 AM

Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast and message from guest speaker and Clerk of Session Rev. Kathy Eagles, who will share about Centering Prayer. RSVP online so we can accurately plan.



Ash Wednesday February 18, 2026 Season of Lent begins



2025 Giving Statements

Need to access your 2025 giving record to see where you are with your 2025 pledge? 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 at 856-235.1688. Copies of 2025 year-end statements will be mailed to members in January for tax purposes.

January Session Meeting
January 27, 2026 (joint meeting with Deacons to be held in February)

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 Drzaszc at steve@gotsteve.com or the church office at 856-235-1688. We want to continue providing this ministry.

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.

2026 Offering Envelopes

Boxed offering envelopes for 2026 are now available in the Commons Lobby. Please pick up yours to save postage costs. Envelopes not picked up will be mailed in January. Questions? Contact Norman Vandergrift in the office (x112).

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, 2026. Open House will be **Wed. January 21, 2026** from 6:30-7:30 p.m.



Epiphany January 6, 2026

Annual Meeting Set for February 1; Reports Due by January 14

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held **Sunday, February 1, 2026** in Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship.

Ministry area leaders are asked to please provide a report summarizing their area's highlights, events and activities of 2025 for the Annual Report. *Kindly keep reports to one page where possible.* Please email reports to Jan Martin at jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org by **Wednesday, January 14.**

Per our Bylaws, copies of the *2025 Annual Report* will be available Sunday, January 25, 2026 online and in limited hard copies at the church.



Per Capita

February is Per Capita season. The Stewardship Committee reminds each member 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 required 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 form online. *Note: Not responding is not the same as opting out.*

Grow The Kingdom

As we continue to commit to growing God's Kingdom this year, every member and friend of FPC Moorestown is invited into a covenant with four commitments:

1. I will pray.
2. I will invite.
3. I will serve.
4. I will give.



FAMILY MINISTRY

Epiphany commemorates the Magi's visit to the Christ Child



Middle School and High School Youth Groups

- ⇒ Middle School Youth Group (grades 7,8) returns **Wed. January 7** (pizza served for dinner January 7th, 14th & 21st until Family Dinner resumes Jan. 28th.)
- ⇒ High School Youth Group (grades 9-12) will return on **Sunday, January 11, 2026**.

For information contact Youth coordinator
Evan Dempster at (215) 264-3448.

Happy New Year!

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)

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

Middle School and High School:
Evan Dempster
215-264-3448 call/text
evan.dempster@gmail.com

Children's Sunday School Returns

Children's Sunday School returns on **Sunday, January 4th** from 10:15-11:00 a.m. We can't wait to see you and hear about your holidays!

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

Congratulations Young Artists

This year's Christmas Eve worship guides featured beautiful artwork from **Liev Celhar** (age 9) and **Stella Harr** (age 11). Congratulations to these two talented artists.

Kingdom Kids & Crossing Zone Break

Kingdom Kids (K-3rd), Crossing Zone (grades 4-6) and Family Dinner (all ages) are off for Winter Break this month. Groups will return on **Wednesday, January 28, 2026**.



Register Online:
[MLK Afternoon of Service](#)
Monday, January 19, 2026
1:00-3:00 PM at FPC Moorestown

NEW: [MLK Afternoon of Service](#) -- **Monday, January 19, 2026** from **1:00-3:00 PM at FPC Moorestown**. Choose from different activity stations for friends and family to support the [Christian Caring Center](#) in Pemberton, New Jersey: (1) decorate placemats, (2) prepare turkey and cheese sandwiches, (3) put together hygiene kits, (4) assemble cleaning supply kits, and (5) write cheery notes. Contact Mark Budka