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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](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, Connections, and upcoming events? If not, contact the [church office](#).



# Connections FPC Moorestown

First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

February 8-14, 2026

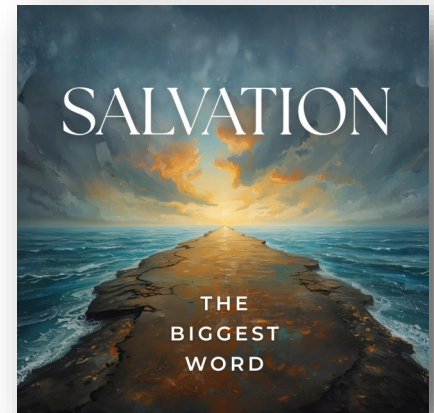
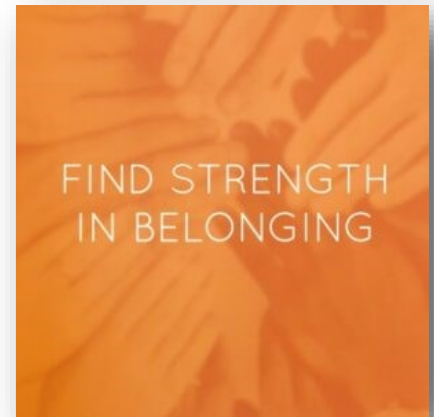
## Way of the Week 20: Find Strength in Belonging (February 8-14, 2026)

**20. FIND STRENGTH IN BELONGING.** At FPC Moorestown, you're loved and valued. Claim us as your family. Rather than withdrawing, allow struggles and disappointments to deepen your sense of belonging. Pray for chances to bring healing to relationships. Please be patient! God isn't yet finished with us or with you.

**Ideas for Action:** Is there a disappointment you've been carrying about the church? In prayer, offer it to the Lord and ask for His help in releasing it. If you've been sitting on the sidelines at home, get back in the game by returning to worship and joining a small group, a class or a committee. We need you, and you need us.

**Ways Reflection:** Gayle Payne

*February 8: Welcome Dr. Bruce Main  
and UrbanPromise Fellows*



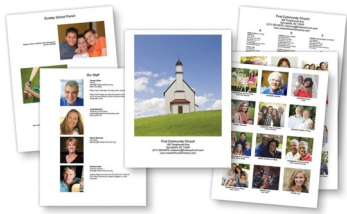
### **NEW: Adult Spiritual Formation Series**

Beginning **Sunday, February 15** we will feature a study of the Scriptures behind Handel's 'Messiah' using an IVP Press Life Guide study as a basis, and led by our teaching team. Meets 10:15-11:00 AM Sundays in Fellowship Hall

### **Vacation Bible School 2026**

Save-the-date for our 2026 VBS presentation: Get ready for an amazing week of games, crafts, music, and faith-filled fun! Kids of all ages will laugh, learn, and make unforgettable memories.

**Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God**  
June 29 to July 3 from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon



### **Church Directory**

Members of the church staff are currently finalizing layout and production of an updated pictorial Church Directory. Thanks to all who came in to have their portraits taken. We anticipate the directory to be printed and available for pick up at the church in February.

### **Preschool Registration**

Registration is OPEN for Step by Step Preschool, a ministry of FPC Moorestown. We currently have space in all classes for the 2026-27 school year. Open registration began on Jan. 20.

### **Summer Youth Mission Trip** **July 5-10, 2026**

### **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 please); Men's Deodorant; 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.

### **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 Wes Allen, or Stephen Leaders Doris Kahley at 609.220.8163 or Peg Pierce at 609.330.0623.

### **Women's Morning** **Prayer Event Feb. 21**

The Prayer and Discipleship Committee invites women high school and older to a Morning Prayer Event on **Saturday, February 21** from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Participants will gather in the Lounge for a morning of reflection, renewal, and connection with God. This special event offers women the opportunity to step away from daily demands and experience the joy and wonder of spending focused time alone with God — an inspiring way to enter the Lent and Easter season with gratitude and spiritual intention. Sign up online at our [Church Center Event page](#). Coffee, tea and bottled water will be provided.

### **2026 Pulpit Flowers**

Reservations are being taken 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](#) in the church office to reserve your dates.

### **Strawberry Festival June 5th**



### **Sight and Sound Bus Trip** **to see "Joshua" in May**

Watch the Bible come alive! Join us for a Sight & Sound Bus Trip on **Thursday, May 7** to see "Joshua." Journey alongside the people of Israel as they navigate their newfound freedom in an unforgiving wilderness. Cost is \$150 per person, and includes bus transportation, lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasboard, show ticket and driver gratuity. *No refunds or exchanges.* See our Church Center event page for details and [online registration](#). Payment is due **by Friday, March 27**. Only 48 tickets are available!

### **Celebrate Black History** **Month Through Music**

*"African-American Spirituals:  
A Musical Celebration of  
African American History"*

**Sunday, February 22 ~ 7:30 pm**

Singers from the West Jersey Chamber Chorale with featured soloist Frank Mitchell will perform timeless spirituals that honor the legacy of African-American ancestors and celebrate the resilience, faith, and artistry of this uniquely American tradition. Tickets available at the door or online at [wicms.org](http://wicms.org). Children under 18 are invited for FREE. Event will be held at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 42 W. Main Street, Moorestown.

### 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

The study will culminate in a **Mini Retreat** to be **March 13-14** at our church. [See our event page.](#)



### **Ash Wednesday Worship** Wednesday, February 18

7:00 PM

Communion, imposition of ashes

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.

### Second Saturday Prayer Breakfast

February 14 at 9:00-10:30 AM  
Room 3-4



### NEW: Youth Mission Day at UrbanPromise

March 7, 2026, 8:30 am - 1 pm

Join a group of youth (7th grade +) and adults from FPC. Meet in the church parking lot at **7:45 am** to carpool. This half-day experience gives youth the opportunity to practice their faith by serving alongside friends, other youth groups, and caring adults. Hear an inspiring message from Dr. Bruce Main, founder and president of UrbanPromise, learn about UrbanPromise's impact in Camden and around the world, participate in a hands-on work project and enjoy lunch and fellowship. Bring \$15 to cover lunch and support UrbanPromise's ministry. [Sign up on our event page.](#) Friends welcome!

### **What will you give up or take on for Lent?**

### **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 February for tax purposes.

### Per Capita

February is Per Capita season. The Stewardship Committee reminds **every member** to please cover his or her annual share of \$40.00. Information was recently mailed to all members. 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 for every member on the rolls. 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.*



**Pick up a set of Prayer Beads as a resource for prayer during Lent, a time of penitence and almsgiving**

### **Annual Report**

Copies of the 2025 Annual Report are available online, on our website, at the church office, and in limited hard copies at the church.



**April**  
**18-19,**  
**2026**

# FAMILY MINISTRY

**Lent (40 days) is a period of penitential preparation for Easter**

## Family Activity: Lenten Kits

**The Garden, the Curtain and the Cross** is a 15-day interactive Easter countdown for families, featuring a short daily Bible study, prayer, and discussion. Families are encouraged to choose one day each week to gather together for Scripture, prayer, and conversation. Pick up your kit starting **February 22**, in the Commons Lobby by the Children's Ministry bulletin board. *One kit per family, please.*



## Youth Mission Day at UrbanPromise

SEE PAGE 3 for information on an upcoming hands-on Youth Mission Day event on March 7 at UrbanPromise in Camden. Practice your faith by serving alongside friends, other youth groups, and caring adults. [Sign up online](#) on our Church Center event page.

## Ash Wednesday Worship

The Journey of Lent prepares us for Easter, and begins with Ash Wednesday **February 18**. Middle School Youth Group will meet and attend worship together that night.

**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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## Ash Wednesday February 18

The Season of Lent begins with a meaningful Ash Wednesday worship service **February 18**.

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** (full communion, no communion March 1).



## One Great Hour of Sharing & Fish Banks

One Great Hour of Sharing's fish-shaped coin banks will be distributed in children's Sunday School during Lent and collected on **Palm Sunday March 29**. Typically received during Lent each year, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. Give online using the drop down for One Great Hour of Sharing.



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