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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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# Connections FPC Moorestown

First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

March 1-7, 2026

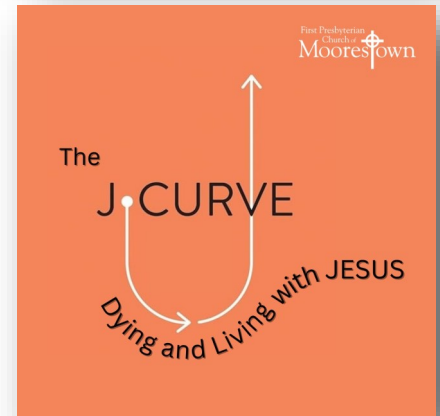
## Way of the Week 23: Worship With Your Whole Heart

(March 1-7, 2026)

**23. WORSHIP WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART.** Your life is meant to be an act of worship. Every breath, action, and thought flows from God and can bring him glory. Praise God everywhere and embrace the opportunities to regularly worship with your church family.

**Ideas for Action:** Every morning this week, recite the Jesus Creed: *"Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* (Mark 12: 29 – 31)

**Ways Reflection:** Melody Harper Ransom



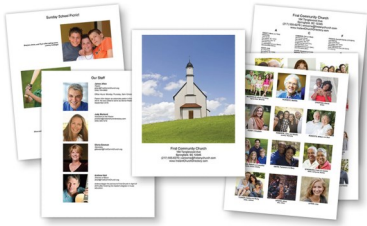
## Lenten Study

**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. Learn more! Contact [Wes Allen](#) for small group sign up opportunities.

### MINI RETREAT

The study will culminate in a Mini Retreat March 13-14 at FPC Moorestown. [See our event page.](#) **Friday, March 13:** 6:30-9:00 p.m. in Miller Commons. **Saturday, March 14:** 8:30 a.m. - Noon; breakfast meeting, \$20 per person please, speaker Keith Grant



### **Church Directory**

The updated church membership directory is currently being printed and will be available for pick up at the church during Lent.

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

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

**Sunday, March 1 ~ 7:30 pm**  
**(rescheduled from February 22,  
moved to FPC Moorestown)**

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 FREE.

### **Summer Youth Mission Trip**

This is an exciting opportunity for our youth (14+) this summer: a mission trip to Logan County, WV with [YouthWorks](http://YouthWorks) **July 5-10, 2026**. This trip is more than just travel — it is a chance for young people to grow in faith, build lasting friendships, and make a real difference in the lives of others. Registration required, see [Church Center event page](#). Trip total: \$449, Deposit: \$150 due by **Thursday, March 5**. Contact Mark Budka for info at [missions@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:misions@fpcmoorestown.org).

### **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.

### **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, April 24**. Only 48 tickets are available!

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

From **February 15-April 12** we will feature a study of the Scriptures behind Handel's 'Messiah' led by our adult teaching team. Meets 10:15-11:00 AM Sundays, Fellowship Hall

### **2026 Pulpit Flowers**

Reservations are being taken for 2026 Sunday flower donations. What better way to commemorate loved ones or special dates in your life. Each pedestal vase is \$50 and you may select one or two vases. Contact [Jan Martin](#) in the church office to reserve available dates.

**Palm Sunday**  
**Sunday, March 29**  
**One Great Hour of Sharing**



### **Help out with a Meal Train**

The Deacons have set up Meal Trains to support **Lissa Herman** and **Joyce Peacock** to help them as they recover from medical treatments and/or surgery. In challenging times, friends often ask, "What can I do to help?" 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. Both members are unable to drive and also need rides to PT and doctor appointments. To be included on the [notification list](#) of other Meal Trains needed, contact Alison Mackey or Deacon Bobbi Vogle-song.

### **Grace Boutique**

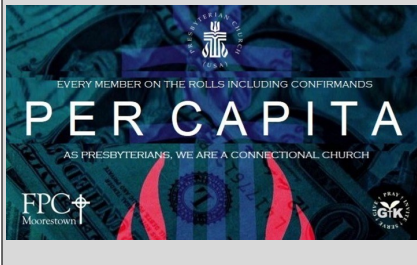
For the month of February the Grace Boutique needs the following items to restock its shelves. If you can, please donate any of these items (place them in baskets by the Grace Boutique door): Baby Diapers (size 4 or 5 please); Men's Deodorant; Dishwashing Liquid 30 oz.; Laundry Detergent 42 oz.; Toothbrush (adult).



*Payment due March 15*

### Per Capita Due Feb. 28

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.*



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



**April  
18-19, 2026**

### Sweet Treats for a Good Cause

SUPPORT the Youth Mission trip to Logan, West Virginia, by purchasing delicious Hope Chocolates. Place your order from **March 1-19** on a Sunday at the table in Miller Commons Lobby (use order form). Pickup for all Hope Chocolate orders will be **Sunday, March 29.** [See our Church Center event page for details.](#)

### 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!

### 2025 Giving Statements

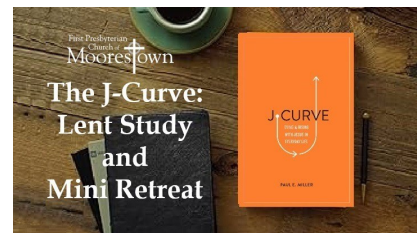
Copies of 2025 year-end statements have been e-mailed to members for tax purposes. A reminder that one’s giving history, pledge and statements may be viewed 24/7 from “Give” on the Church Center app. Statements are also available by contacting the church office if needed.

### Prayer Beads: Repentance & the Seven Deadly Sins

Pick up a set of Prayer Beads as a resource for prayer during Lent that refer to the Seven Deadly Sins: pride, envy, lust, anger, gluttony, greed, sloth. Lent is a time of penitence and almsgiving as we prepare for Easter. Instructions are included with each bead set.

### Order Easter Flowers

See our [Church Center Event Page](#), Friday eblast, or worship guide for [order forms](#) for 2026 Easter Flowers. Orders will be taken **March 1, 8, 15**; payment is due by **March 15**. Flowers will decorate both worship spaces on Easter April 5.



### J-Curve Mini Retreat (sign up on Church Center event page)

**Friday, March 13 (6:30-9:00 PM)**

Miller Commons  
Snacks and bottled water provided

**Saturday, March 14 (8:30-Noon)**

Miller Commons  
Breakfast; speaker Keith Grant from The J-Curve. This event replaces the March Prayer Breakfast. Bring \$20 and breakfast food item.

### 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.

# FAMILY MINISTRY

## Pick up family Lent devotionals in Miller Commons Lobby

### 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 **Saturday, March 7** at Urban-Promise in Camden. Practice your faith by serving alongside friends, other youth groups, and caring adults. [Sign up online](#) on our Church Center event page.

### Youth Mission Trip to West Virginia

SEE PAGE 2 of this issue for information  
Open to age 14 and older  
Come be a part of our youth team!

**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

**“If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Gospel, you will save it.” (Mark 8: 35, NLT)**

For Families and Children:  
**Holly Ascitutto**  
856-235-1688, x116  
[hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org)

Middle School and High School:  
**Evan Dempster**  
215-264-3448 call/text  
[evan.dempster@gmail.com](mailto:evan.dempster@gmail.com)

### **Vacation Bible School 2026**

*Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God*  
**June 29 to July 3, 2026**  
9:00 am - 12:00 noon



**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.

### Easter Holiday Schedule

Check out our [Church Center event page](#) for upcoming Easter Break schedules in April for K-12 fellowship groups including Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone, Middle School Youth Group, High School Youth Group and Family Dinner.

### **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.

