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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).
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First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

March 15-21, 2026

Way of the Week 25:

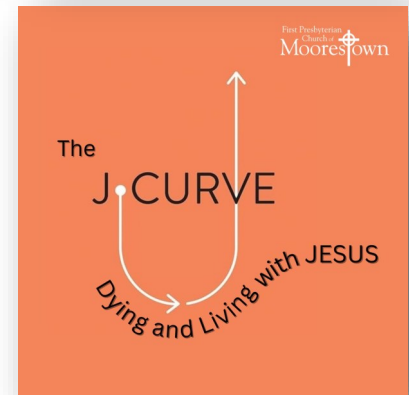
Rejoice Always

(March 15-21, 2026)

25. REJOICE ALWAYS. The Kingdom of God is a party! Let healthy laughter fill our meetings, our meals, and even our worship. Allow the joy of our faith be clearly evident in our speech and on our faces.

Ideas for Action: Throw a party for the coming weekend and invite a couple of individuals or families from the church over to celebrate. Don't forget the cake! What's the occasion? The joy of knowing and serving Jesus and belonging to our church family are reasons enough.

Ways Reflection: Barbara Lewis



Holy Week and Easter Schedule

- ◆ **Sunday, March 29: Palm Sunday; One Great Hour of Sharing offering.** This PCUSA offering 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. (See page 4 for children's fish bank information too!)
- ◆ **Thursday, April 2: Maundy Thursday Worship and Communion;** 7:00 pm, Miller Commons, Wes Allen leads
- ◆ **Friday, April 3: Good Friday Tenebrae Worship;** 7:30 pm, Sanctuary, Stuart Spencer leads
- ◆ **Sunday, April 5: Easter (Communion):** 6:30 am Sunrise (Cemetery Cross); 9:00 am Traditional (Sanctuary), 11:00 am Contemporary Worship (Commons). No Sunday School, Adult Spiritual Formation or nursery care so families may worship together



Easter Flowers Orders due March 15

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. **Payment due March 15.**

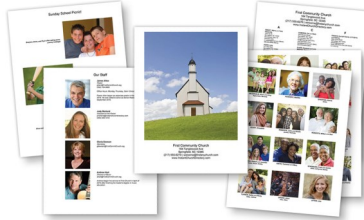
Sight and Sound Bus Trip to see "Joshua" in May

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 new-found 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!

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.

**Yes, I Will Pray:
Church Has Left the Building
Prayer Vigil
Saturday, April 18
5:00 AM — 5:00 PM**



Church Directory

The updated church membership directory is available for pick up at the church in the Commons Lobby, Narthex, Miller Commons or church office. *One per family please.* Many thanks to graphic designer Barbara Duffy and Jan Martin for their work preparing, creating and formatting the 2026 directory.

Prayer Beads: Repentance and 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. The season of Lent is a time of penitence and almsgiving as we prepare for Easter. Instructions are included with each bead set.

Stocking the Blessing Box and Food Pantry

Drop any donations for the [Blessing Box](#) on the shelves in the Commons Lobby. The outside box is used by visitors in need every week by those facing food insecurity. The nonperishable food on the Commons Lobby shelves is used to stock the Blessing Box and provided to attendees from the Grace Boutique who are here two times a month. This stock is depleted very quickly.

Sunday Adult Class

February 15-April 12 we feature a study of the Scriptures behind Handel's 'Messiah.' Meets 10:15 AM, Fellowship Hall.

College Care Packages

On **Saturday, March 28th** at 9:00 am, the Discipling Children and Youth Committee will be assembling care packages to send to our college students. Help us send some cheer to our young people as they study for finals and write research papers! Our students love hearing from their church family. [Sign up online](#) to participate in this assembly. If you can't help out that day, no worries. Donations to defray the cost of the care package items and shipping are welcome! Give electronically via our Venmo account @fpcmoorestown or via check with "College Care Packages" in the memo line.

Calling 2026 Graduates

Please submit names of 2026 high school, college and post-graduates to Jan Martin in the church office by **April 26th** ([see online form](#)). We will honor our grads on **Graduate Recognition Sunday, June 14**.

Per Capita is \$40 per member. Have you paid your share or opted out?

Note from Nominations

Your Nominating Committee will soon be hard at work finding nominees for Elders, Deacons and Trustees to serve our church. Are you looking for new ways to become involved? We can help. Please pray about where you or someone you know may best fit and help Grow God's Kingdom. Look [for a brief online form](#) or contact [Matt Livingston](#) or any member of the Nominations Team.

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



Church Has Left The Building

Mark your calendars! On **April 18-19**, we will “join hands” for a church-wide service initiative Church Has Left The Building, coordinated by our Deacons. It’s going to be a great day! The morning’s schedule will include:

- **9:30-10:00 am:** Combined Worship (Sanctuary)
- **10:00-12:00 noon:** CHLTB Service Projects, Fellowship Hall, all ages; watch for online sign ups
- **12:00 noon:** [Deacons Chili Cookoff](#) Fundraiser (see Church Center event page)

There will be no nursery care or education classes that morning to allow children to join their families for service projects. INFO: Deacon Mike McNeil



**April
18-19, 2026**

**Donations
Welcomed**



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.](#)

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. If needed, statements are also available by contacting the church office.

March Session Meeting Tuesday, March 24

Can you help deliver some Easter blooms?

Drivers are needed to help the deacons with a lovely Easter tradition—delivering flowers to some of our less mobile members. If you can deliver a plant or two or three, please contact [Gail Sorin](#) or [Bobbi Voglesong](#) or [Jean Marie Hanna](#) in the church office.

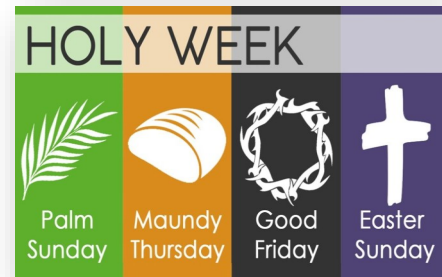
2026 Pulpit Flowers

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.

Grace Boutique

For the month of March 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 3, 4, 5 only)
- Deodorant (women)
- Laundry Detergent (size 42 oz.)
- 3-in-1 Men's Bodywash/ Shampoo/Conditioner



Easter Break Schedule (see K-12 event page)

Wednesday, April 1: No Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone, Family Dinner or Middle School Youth Group

Thursday, April 2 (Maundy Thursday): No Thursday Prayer Service (online)

Sunday, April 5 (Easter): No Sunday School or Nursery; No High School Youth Group

Wednesday, April 8: No Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone, Family Dinner; Middle School Youth Group returns

Sunday, April 12: No High School Youth Group

Contact choir directors for holiday choir schedules.

FAMILY MINISTRY

Lent is a time of penitence, prayer, and sacrifice to prepare 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.*



FPC
Fellowship Presbyterian Church

Hope Chocolates
Premium Chocolate, Premier Calling

**Youth Mission
Trip Fundraiser**
March 1 - 19

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:
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hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org

Middle School and High School:
Evan Dempster
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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.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

You Shall Be Called
Repairers of the Breach
— ISAIAH 58