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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.

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

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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

March 22-28, 2026

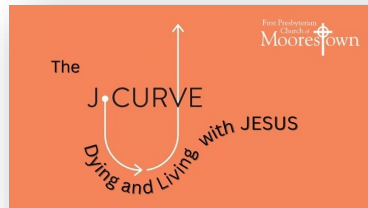
Way of the Week I:

Be Third

(March 22-28, 2026)

1. BE THIRD. God is first, others are second, and you're third. Don't just think about your own interests, be interested in others. Don't think less of yourself, just think of yourself less and others more.

Ideas for Action: Ask God, "Whom can I serve today?" Look for an opportunity to be last ... in line, the last to speak, or last to be served.



Way of the Week I: With Help From Gemini / ChatGBT

Suggested Action Step:

Shift the focus of "what I get out of it" to "how I can serve."

The "Empty Pew or Chair" Prayer: Before worship, find an empty pew in the Sanctuary or a chair in Miller Commons; and pray specifically for those not yet here—the "second" (others) before the "third" (ourselves).

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, This powerful service moves from light into dark on the day of the crucifixion. Stuart Spencer leads
- ◆ **Sunday, April 5: Easter (Communion):** 6:30 am Sunrise (Cemetery Cross); 9:00 am Traditional (Sanctuary), 11:00 am Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons). No Sunday School, Adult Spiritual Formation or nursery care so that families may worship together



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.

See Joshua at Sight & Sound

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

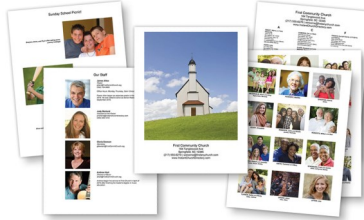
Each time you attend in person or watch on your device, **please check in** to register your attendance using the Church Center app or pew pads.

American Red Cross

Blood Drive

**Friday, May 8
Miller Commons**

Save a Life



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 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

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

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**.

Have you paid your Per Capita 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.

**Spring Choirs Concert
Sunday, May 17
4:00 PM**

Church Has Left The Building

On **April 18-19**, we will "join hands" for our 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:

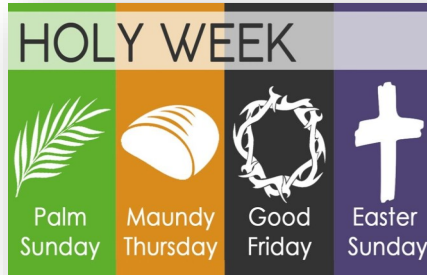
- **9:30-10:00 am:** Combined Worship (Sanctuary)
- **10:00-12:00 noon:** CHLTB Service Projects, Fellowship Hall, all ages; [sign up online](#)
- **12:00 noon:** [Deacons Chili Cookoff](#) Fundraiser (see Church Center event page)

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](#) at 609-351-0049 or [Alison Mackey](#) at 856-235-1688.



April 18-19

\$ Donations Welcomed



Sweet Success

Thank you to everyone who placed Hope Chocolate orders to support our summer youth mission trip. **Orders will be ready for pick up Sunday, March 29th and the week leading up to Easter.** [See Church Center event page for details.](#)

2025 Giving Statements

Copies of 2025 statements have been e-mailed to members for tax purposes. If needed, statements are also available by contacting the church office.

Our Mustard Seed Garden has started spring planting and readying for another year of bountiful produce

Special "Assist Her" Event

Join us on **Friday, April 17th** from 6:00-9:00 p.m. for a community event with In His Image Justice Coalition. The mission of IHIJC is to mobilize the church and community to protect the vulnerable from human trafficking. There is no cost for the event, but all attendees are asked to register at <https://tinyurl.com/Assist-Her-2026> or through the qr code on our Church Center event page. Please learn more at: freedomfromtrafficking.com. Contact Susan Masiko or Gayle Payne.

Grace Boutique

During 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

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

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

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: High School Youth Group meets

Contact choir directors for holiday choir schedules.

Coffee Hospitality Hosts

We are looking for a few more men or women to assist with the Sunday hospitality. People of all ages enjoy this time of fellowship to have a cup of coffee/tea or a bagel on their way to a Sunday School class, or before attending the contemporary service. We are serving and Growing the Kingdom! If you can help, contact Carol Wiggans at icwiggans@gmail.com or 267-496-0450.



FAMILY MINISTRY

Palm Sunday is March 29 marking Jesus' triumphal entrance

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 in the Commons Lobby by the Children's Ministry bulletin board. *One kit per family, please.*



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Reformed 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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Middle School and High School:
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evan.dempster@gmail.com

Easter Holiday Schedule

Check out the [Church Center event page](#) or Page 3 for April holidays for K-12 groups including Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone, Middle School Youth Group, High School Youth Group and Family Dinner.

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. Watch for registration info soon.

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