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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

March 29-April 4, 2026

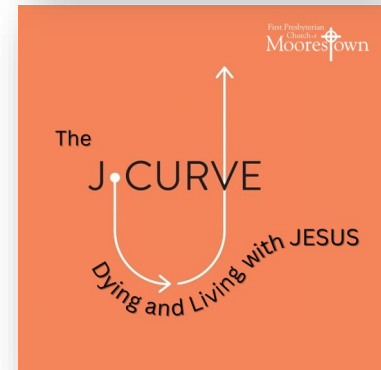
## Way of the Week 2: Speak the Truth with Love

(March 29-April 4, 2026)

**2. SPEAK THE TRUTH WITH LOVE.** Speak honestly and directly in a way that clearly reflects love and support for one another. Be courageous enough to say what needs to be said, even when it's difficult. Address issues directly with those who are involved or affected; speak to, not about, others.

### **Suggested Action Step from Gemini:**

A Simple Rule of Thumb: "No Triangulation" If Member A complains to Member B about Member C, Member B's loving response should be: "I hear that you're hurting. How can I support you in having a direct conversation with Member C?"



## 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 this time of reflection and shared worship
- ◆ **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.

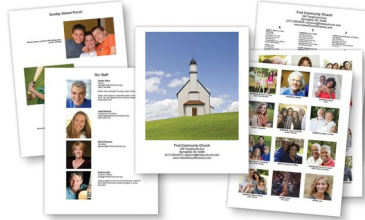
### [See Joshua at Sight & Sound](#)

Watch the Bible come alive! Journey alongside the people of Israel as they navigate their new-found freedom in an unforgiving wilderness. Join us for a bus trip on **Thursday, May 7** to see "Joshua." Cost is \$150 each, 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 April 24**. Only 34 tickets remain!

### [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**



### [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 the 2026 directory.

### [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 is 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**.

### [Note from Nominations](#)

Your Nominating Committee is 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. Use the [brief online form](#) or contact [Matt Livingston](#) or any member of the Nominations Team.

### [Easter Break Schedule](#)

Please see the church calendar or page 4 of this issue for Easter break schedules April 1-12. Contact choir directors for break choir schedules.

### [College Care Packages](#)

On March 28th the Discipling Children and Youth Committee assembled care packages to send to college students as they prepare for finals. Our students love hearing from their church family. Donations to defray the cost of items and shipping are welcome. Give electronically via our Venmo account @fpcmoorestown or via check with "College Care Packages" in the memo line. Contact Cheryl Gaskill.

### [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**.

### [Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers](#)

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown has called a special meeting of the congregation. This meeting will be held **Sunday, April 26, 2026** following the 9:00 AM worship service in the sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to elect Elders, Deacons and Trustees to a term of office beginning June 1, 2026. The meeting will be available to view via live stream, however, votes can only be cast in-person.



## Church Has Left The Building

On **April 18-19**, “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:

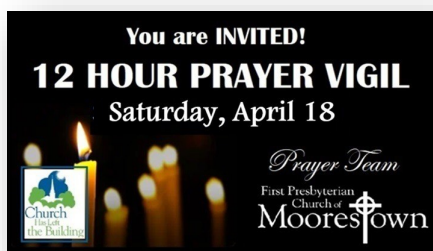
- **9:30-10:00 am:** Combined Worship (Sanctuary)
- **10:00-12:00 noon:** CHLTB Service Projects, Fellowship Hall/ Room 8, all ages; [sign up online](#)
- **11:30 AM:** [Deacons Chili Cook-off Fundraiser](#) (see Church Center event page)

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**



## **Hope Chocolates Pickup**

Hope Chocolates orders will be available for pickup **Sunday, March 29** and the week before Easter. Thank you for supporting this summer’s youth mission trip.

## **Saturday Prayer Breakfast** **Saturday, April 11** **9:00 a.m.**

### **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 IHJIC 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](http://freedomfromtrafficking.com). Contact Susan Masiko or Gayle Payne.

## **Concert: West Jersey Chamber Music Society**

**Sunday, April 19**  
**7:30 PM**

### **First Presbyterian Church**

Season Finale: J.S. Bach – Master of Instruments and Voice  
Tickets: [wjcms.org](http://wjcms.org)

## **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 [jcwiggans@gmail.com](mailto:jcwiggans@gmail.com) or 267-496-0450.

## **Good Friday Tenebrae**

**Friday, April 3 ~ 7:30 p.m.**

This powerful service moves us from light into dark on the day of the crucifixion. Tenebrae comes from the Latin meaning “darkness” and uses diminishing light by extinguishing candles to symbolize the events from Palm Sunday to Jesus’ burial. Stuart Spencer leads.

## **Grace Boutique**

For the month of April, the Grace Boutique needs select items to restock its shelves. If you can, please donate any of these items (*Place them in baskets by Grace Boutique door.*):

- Deodorant for women
- Dove Soap bars
- Laundry Detergent (size 42 oz.)
- Socks for Women

## **A Reminder from your Worship Committee**

All that is presented in worship in the reformed tradition is to glorify God. We are so blessed and joyful with beautiful music at our church. That joy is unique to worship and is separate from secular audience experiences found in concerts or entertainment. Our music is not to be seen as performance oriented as we are a congregation honoring and extoling God’s greatness. CLAPPING during worship may be viewed as performance bound, secular and challenging the flow and reverence of worship. If one is inspired and feels that the music reflects the glorification of God, a heartfelt AMEN keeps the focus clear, affirmed and unified.

**Church office is closed  
Monday, April 6**

# FAMILY MINISTRY

## Palm Sunday is March 29 marking Jesus' triumphal entrance

### Easter Holiday Schedule

- **Wednesday, April 1:** No Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone, Family Dinner or Middle School Youth Group
- **Thursday, April 2:** 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.

### 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 at church and the week leading up to Easter in the church office.**



**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)



### 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.

### Vacation Bible School 2026

*Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God*

**June 29 to July 3, 2026**

9:00 am - 12:00 noon



Calling all explorers entering Kindergarten through 6th grade (Fall 2026). Grab your gear and head deep into the jungle for a week full of excitement, discovery, and faith-filled fun! Just \$25 per child (\$20 each additional child)

- ◆ Swing into action with high-energy songs
- ◆ Create cool jungle-themed crafts
- ◆ Play wild games with new friends
- ◆ Discover amazing Bible stories to guide our adventure
- ◆ Enjoy tasty treats along the trail

**Registration Deadline:** Friday, June 26, 2026