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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 8-14, 2026

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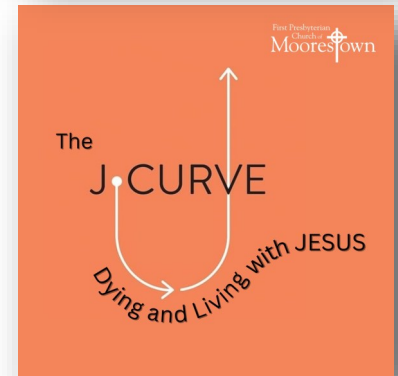
Tell Your Story

(March 8-14, 2026)

- 24. TELL YOUR STORY.** God has done and is doing something unique in your life. Has God answered a prayer, provided help, or blessed you? Share it. Ask God for opportunities to share your faith in Christ by words and deeds.

Ideas for Action: At the start of each morning this week, think about one thing you're grateful to God for from the previous 24 hours. Got it? Now share it with someone else in the course of today.

Ways Reflection: Rev. Mark Budka



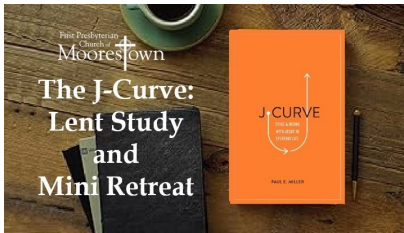
Lenten Study

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

MINI RETREAT

The study culminates in a Mini Retreat March 13-14 at FPC Moorestown. Our speaker will be Keith Grant is from seeJesus, a global discipling mission. **Friday, March 13:** 6:30 -9:00 p.m. in Miller Commons. **Saturday, March 14:** 8:30 a.m. - Noon; breakfast provided, please bring \$20 per person for speaker and to help with breakfast costs. See [Church Center Event Forms](#) to sign up for Friday and/or Saturday sessions.



[J-Curve Mini Retreat \(sign up on Church Center event pages\)](#)

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

Miller Commons

Snacks and bottled water provided

Saturday, March 14 (8:30-Noon)

Miller Commons

Breakfast provided

Speaker Keith Grant from seeJesus, a global mission. This event replaces the March Prayer Breakfast. \$20 per person please for the speaker and to help with breakfast costs

[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.

[Church Directory](#)

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

[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.



[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. *Payment due March 15.*

[Palm Sunday Sunday, March 29 One Great Hour of Sharing](#)

[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



[Help out with a Meal Train](#)

The Deacons have set up Meal Trains to support **Lissa Herman** and **Joyce Peacock** as they recover from medical treatments and/or surgery. 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 Voglesong.

[Youth Mission Trip](#)

Youth 14+ have an exciting opportunity this summer: a mission trip to Logan County, West Virginia with [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: \$399, Deposit: \$150 due by **Thursday, March 5**. Contact Mark Budka for info at [missions@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:misions@fpcmoorestown.org). **Support our trip with the sweet [Hope Chocolates sale](#) March 1-29!**

[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.

Per Capita Due Feb. 28

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.](#)

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.

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.

**March Session Meeting
Tuesday, March 24**

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

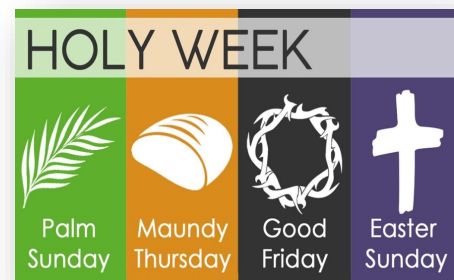
Thursday, April 2 (Maundy Thursday): No Thursday Prayer Service (online)

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

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.*



FPC
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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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