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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](#).



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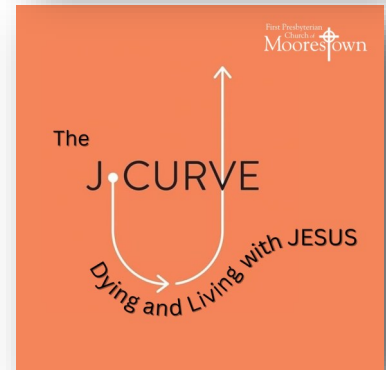
First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

April 5-11, 2026

Way of the Week 3: Listen Generously (April 5-11, 2026)

3. LISTEN GENEROUSLY. Be quick to listen and do so with your undivided attention. Minimize the distractions and let go of the need to agree or disagree. Suspend your judgment and be curious to know more rather than jumping to conclusions. Above all, listen to understand.

Suggested Action Step from Gemini: This week, ask someone who's not related to you this question. "What is one thing you love about this neighborhood or our community, and what is one thing you're worried about?" Ask, and listen, then, thank the person for what they said. Later, pray for the person and their concern.



Holy Week and Easter Schedule

- ◆ **Thursday, April 2:** Maundy Thursday Worship and Communion; 7:00 pm, Miller Commons. Wes Allen leads this evening of reflection and interactive worship leading from the Lord's Supper to Jesus' arrest.
- ◆ **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 (Full Communion):** No Children's Sunday School, Adult Spiritual Formation or Nursery Care so that families may worship together
 - ⇒ 6:30 am Sunrise Worship (Cemetery Cross)
 - ⇒ 9:00 am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
 - ⇒ 11:00 am Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons)
- ◆ **Monday, April 6** — The church office is CLOSED on Easter Monday

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:

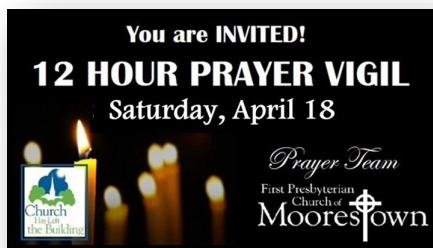
- **9:30-10:00 am:** Combined Worship (Sanctuary)
- **10:00-12:00 noon:** CHLTB Service Projects, Fellowship Hall/ Room 8, all ages; [sign up online](#).
- **11:30 AM:** [Deacons Chili Cook-off Fundraiser](#) (see Church Center event page)

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**



⇒ CHLTB Project List

There are service projects for all ages! See our flyer. How would you like to serve? Choose from: (1) assembling college care packages, (2) preparing the Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden for 2026 growing season, (3) dropping off frozen casseroles; (4) assembling 1,000 Hygiene Kits; (5) making 125 sandwiches; and (6) various church clean-up jobs on our building and grounds. Join in! For questions contact Deacon Mike McNeil at 609-351-0049 or Alison Mackey in the church office.

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.

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 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 due **April 24**.

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.

Staff News

Pastor Spencer is pleased to announce Session has approved the selection of **Spencer A. Domer** as our new Director of Music. A gifted conductor, music director and vocalist, Spencer comes to us from Muncie, IN where he serves on the music staff at High Street United Methodist Church and is completing double Masters of Music degrees in Choral Conducting and Voice Performance from Ball State University. [See the full letter from Pastor Stuart on our event page.](#)

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.

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a special meeting of the congregation, to 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 may only be cast in person.

Sunday Morning Check Ins
REMINDER: 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.

Boys Choirs Concert

The Philadelphia Boys Choir & Cantores Minores, Finland's oldest and most successful boys choir, will perform at First Presbyterian Church **Wednesday, April 29** at 7:00 PM. They will sing choir music selections from Mendelssohn, Brahms, Bruckner, and several other composers. Admission is Free.

Hope Chocolates Pickup

If you have not picked up your orders they will be in the Missions office. Contact Mark Budka at (856) 235-1688, x104.

Saturday Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, April 11

9:00 a.m.

RSVP with Pam Engle

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 IHIC 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. Learn more at freedom-fromtrafficking.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

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 Wiggins at jcwiggins@gmail.com or 267-496-0450.

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.

April Dine & Donate

- ◆ Pour House ([great menu!](#))
- ◆ 124 Haddon Ave., Westmont
- ◆ **Thursday, April 23**
- ◆ **4:30 to 9:00 PM**
- ◆ Mention our Step by Step Pre-school at the time of ordering and the [Pour House restaurant](#) will donate 15% of your order to our school. Thank you!

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Did you know that you can save a life? You can. Give at the Red Cross blood drive in Miller Commons **Friday, May 8** from 11:00 am-4:00 pm. Select the time that works best for you. Contact Debbie Heller at dheller374@comcast.net, 856-273-6838 or visit redcrossblood.org/give and search for our location.

Church office is closed Easter Monday, April 6

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.

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**.

FAMILY MINISTRY

He Is Risen. He Is Risen Indeed!

Easter Holiday Schedule

- **Sunday, April 5 (Easter):** No Adult Class, Sunday School or Nursery Care; No High School Youth Group
- **Wednesday, April 8:** No Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone, Family Dinner or Middle School Youth Group
- **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 for Easter to support our summer youth mission trip.

If you have not yet picked up your order, they are available in the Missions Office. Contact [Mark Budka](#) at (856) 235-1688, x104 for information.



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

Middle School and High School:
Evan Dempster
215-264-3448 call/text
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

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

Kingdom Kids End of Year Party

Get ready to grab your pirate gear and practice your loudest “Ahoy, Matey!” as we celebrate the end of an incredible year in Kingdom Kids with a swashbuckling Pirate Party!

Join us for a fun-filled hour of adventure, games, and celebration as we wrap up the year together. You won’t want to miss it!

 Wednesday, April 29th
 4:45–5:45 PM
 Fellowship Hall

Crossing Zone End of Year Party

Wednesday, May 6
Regular meeting time 6:30-7:30 PM
Activity & Time TBD
Off Campus