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**I Will Pray, Invite,  
Serve, Give.**

*Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing - Psalm 100:2*

**9:00 am Traditional  
11:00 am Contemporary  
9:30 am 5th Sunday  
Blended Worship**

**10:15-11:15 am  
Education Hour**

Worship streams live from each worship space. Log on from any device to [www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org) or [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#).

Services are also posted later in the week to our website.

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# Connections FPC Moorestown

**First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown**

**August 11-24, 2024**

## Way of the Week 17: Show Who You Really Are (Aug. 11-17, 2024)

**17. SHOW WHO YOU REALLY ARE.** Our church is for "real" people. Bring your true self, including your joys, your sorrows, your fears, your strengths, and your weaknesses. God loves you as you are. Don't hide your struggles, failures or problems.



## Way of the Week 18: Ask For Help (Aug. 18-24, 2024)

**18. ASK FOR HELP.** Part of being a real and authentic member of the church is to acknowledge your weaknesses and be willing to ask for God's help and the support of others. None of us can go it alone. Vulnerability is a sign of strength and a gift to others.



## Welcome Back Sunday ~ September 8, 2024

On Welcome Back Sunday, we will reconnect with friends after eventful summers and prepare for exciting ventures for the 2024-25 program year. We will have an enhanced coffee hour in between our two regular worship services. It's good stuff.

### Sunday, September 8—Welcome Back!

- ◆ Adult Spiritual Formation (10:15-11:15 am) - Drop In and Discuss ends
- ◆ New sermon series: "Stories from the Field"
- ◆ [CREDO Confirmation Parent Meeting](#): 10:15-10:45 am, Hayes Room

### Sunday, September 15 it all begins! (see page 4)

- ◆ First day of Sunday School classes (10:15-11:15 am), K-12
- ◆ Adult Spiritual Formation (10:15-11:15 am) -- Year Preview; Legacy Giving Panel
- ◆ Bible Sunday for 3rd graders (both services)
- ◆ Commissioning Sunday School teachers & Small Group Leaders (both services)
- ◆ Deacons 3rd Sunday Flower Deliveries
- ◆ [Crud Wars youth group kickoff](#) — (1-3 pm, grades 7-12)
- ◆ "I Will Serve" volunteer opportunities showcase
- ◆ Pew envelopes for September 12 Fund available in September

### Eagle Scout Bake Sale

Be sure to stop by the Bake Sale for a sweet treat on **Sunday, Aug. 11** to support Eagle Scout candidate Avery LaMonica, who has begun construction on his final project, design and installation of a sand volleyball court by our fire pit and labyrinth. Avery's concept has been approved by Session. Plans are also underway for a Dine and Donate event at a local restaurant - watch for details. If you would like to support Avery and his project, donations are gratefully accepted to defray expenses. Checks should be payable to **Troop 61** with a note *Avery LaMonica Eagle Project* in the memo line. Please MAIL checks to Avery LaMonica at 23 Sutton Place N., Moorestown, NJ 08057, or GIVE to Jan Martin in the Church office. YES, cash or Venmo too: @laurie-lamonica. :)

**Please be sure to wear your nametags on Sundays**

### A Note from your Stewardship Team

Church operations continue year-round, and your Stewardship Team reminds you that the traditional drop in giving during the summer months greatly affects the health of our church and those who rely on our support.

Thank you for your faithful generosity. Please consider taking advantage of [online giving](https://fpcmoorestown.org/giving) — a safe, secure automatic withdrawal. It's simple to sign up. No more writing checks or searching for offering envelopes! Log onto [fpcmoorestown.org/giving](https://fpcmoorestown.org/giving) to get started and set up your preferences. You may also give to the Capital Fund year-round.

### Guest Preacher

On **Sunday, August 11**, we welcome Rev. Dr. Debby Brincivalli as our guest preacher. Pastors Allen and Spencer are both away.

### Pastor Schedules

Pastor Stuart will be away August 7-20 and preaching at Wells Presbyterian Church in Avalon, NJ. Pastor Wes will also be away August 6-12 and Aug. 26-30. For pastoral care needs during this time, please reach out to the church office at 856-235-1688. Please pray for our pastors as they enjoy a brief respite and travels with their families.

### Summer Office Closure

On **Monday, August 12**, the church office will be CLOSED for a planned staff summer holiday. The building will be open for regular users, lessons, and meetings.

### Labor Day Closure

On **Monday, Sept. 2** the church building will be CLOSED for the Labor Day holiday.

### It's a Day at the Beach

Come to the beach! It's time for fun in the sun at the [Children's Fresh Air Home](#). We are helping on 3 dates: **Aug. 14, Aug. 15** and **Aug. 21** from 8 am-5 pm in North Wildwood. The campers are from the Camden area and we will serve them lunch, and help with this memorable day at the beach. Carpool from the church; contact [Linda Jagiela](#) if you can help: 267.275.7582 cell/text. It's a special day.



### Happy Birthday Church!

Watch your mail for a letter from Pastor Stuart about our upcoming 136th Birthday and our September 12 Endowment Fund honoring our founding.

### A Heartfelt Thank You

*Thank you so much for the VERY generous donations for the Lord's Supper elements. Your gifts will help feed God's people for the next two Communion services. We are so grateful for your help!!*

*Love, The Worship Committee*

### Women's Prayer Event

Women of the church are invited to the Women's Half Day of Prayer on **Saturday, Aug. 24** from 8 am-noon at the church and led by Arlita Winston. Share



quiet reflections and prayer time. [Register online](#). Contact Pam Engle or our event page for more info.

### **Prayer on the Porch**

This popular prayer time gathering returns for the summer on the second and fourth Thursdays — with ice cream! Feel the power of prayer. **Next: Thursday, Aug. 22.**

### **Grace Boutique**

Have you seen the new Grace Boutique? This store will provide items not available on SNAP benefits (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) such as diapers, feminine hygiene products, toiletries, cleaning supplies and paper products. We're working with agencies that supply these goods for free to nonprofits but also need to supplement these with donations. Our goal is to match Grace Boutique hours with that of the local food pantries. Our biggest need now is cleaning supplies and paper products. Please consider making a donation to help stock our shelves.

### **Sunday Morning Check Ins**

**Please check in to register your attendance each time you attend in person or watch on your device.** This records critical data for the staff & Membership Team. [Download the Church Center app](#) to check in quickly on your cell. Share Friendship Pads in the pews and Miller Commons to greet those who are seated near you. Remember to **date** the page. New to our live stream? Please sign in on the **Get Connected** form on the live stream page on the website.

### **September 11 Worship**

On **Wednesday, Sept. 11** Rev. Wes Allen again leads a worship service at 6:30 pm by the Cemetery Cross to remember the attack on America September 11, 2001.

### **Our Blessing Box is Bare**

Help fill the Blessing Box. Next time you're out grocery shopping, please consider picking up a few things if you can. We desperately need: Cereal, breakfast bars, juice, juice boxes, peanut butter, jelly, soups with meat, canned chicken, and canned tuna. Please leave your donations on the table in Commons Lobby.

### **Coffee Hospitality**

There's nothing like grabbing a cup of coffee or tea Sunday before heading into Drop In and Discuss or between worship services. Contact Carol Wiggans at (267) 496-0450 or [icwiggans@gmail.com](mailto:icwiggans@gmail.com) to offer to periodically help out with the volunteers supporting this ministry. Coffee hosts are asked to kindly swing by Manhattan Bagel that morning and pick up our order of bagels and cream cheese.

### **Officers please check your mailboxes when at church**

### **Welcome Center Teams**

On Sunday mornings, members of our hospitality team and deacons are strategically placed at our Welcome Centers in the Narthex and in the Miller Commons Lobby, to welcome everyone and direct new visitors. Our deacons are helping to fortify this ministry with rotating responsibilities, however we are in need of other friends to help as well. If you feel the Spirit leading you to join this team, please reach out to Wes Allen, Ann McBride or Tamara Trzeciak.

### **Fall Prayer Retreat Holy Cross Monastery (NY) October 22-25, 2024**

*Dear FPC Friends,*

*After my recent hospitalization I received a lovely flower bouquet. Thank you. (This was the Deacons 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday delivery which we scheduled for her). Shortly after that, I received in the mail a letter signed by oh, so many of you wishing me well. I have sat at my kitchen table and reread it several times. It is a delight to my heart.*

*Barbara Lewis*

### **Drive-Through Food Drop for SDVP**

**NEW: On Saturday, August 17**, our partners at the Society of St. Vincent DePaul are sponsoring a [Drive-Through Food Drive](#) in the parking lot of Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) Church, between 9:00-11:00 am. All collected food will be given to the Moorestown Ministerium Food Pantry on the campus of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, First Baptist Church of Moorestown Food Pantry, and Bethel AME Church Food Pantry. Non-perishable foods and paper products are appreciated. Monetary donations also accepted to benefit charities supported by the St. Vincent de Paul Society at OLGC. Simply place the donation in your car trunk, enter the parking lot, & pop the trunk! *OLGC is located at 42 W. Main St. in Moorestown.*

### **Let's Do Lunch**

Save the date for a **Monday, Sept. 23** Dine and Donate event at Iron Hill Brewery to raise funds for mission programs (hours 11 am —10 pm, take out and delivery too).



# FAMILY MINISTRY

## Sunday School for children and youth returns September 15th

### Third Grade Bible Sunday

Third graders will receive their Bibles on **Sunday, Sept. 15** for Bible Sunday. Please contact Jean Marie Hanna ([childrensministries@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:childrensministries@fpcmoorestown.org)) in the church office to sign up and indicate the full name of the child and which service on Sunday, Sept. 15 you will be attending.

### Would you like to be an acolyte?

Our acolyte ministry will resume in September after a summer break and we're looking for boys and girls to share in the worship experience. Contact Holly Ascitutto at [hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org) or 856.235.1688, x116.



## Sermon Series Memory Verse

**Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.**

(Colossians 2: 7, NLT)

For Families and Children:

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**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

### Have you thought about teaching Sunday School?

It's not too early to be thinking about being a Sunday School teacher for this coming year. We can certainly use you! Share the Word of God with our youngest Presbyterians. Let Holly Ascitutto or Pastor Wes Allen know you're interested. We have classes for grades K-6, plus middle school, high school and adults.

### Choir Rehearsals Begin in September

Opportunities are available for all ages and skill levels in our music programs, and are open to local community members as well. Give one a try this year!

- ⇒ Primary Choir (K-1st) — Wednesdays 4:00-4:45 pm
- ⇒ Junior Choir (Gr. 2-4) — Tuesdays 4:00-5:00 pm
- ⇒ Choristers (Gr. 5-8) — Wednesdays 5:00-6:10 pm
- ⇒ Chapel Choir (Gr. 9-12) — Tuesdays 7:00-8:15 pm
- ⇒ Adult Choir (adults) — Thursdays 7:00-9:00 pm
- ⇒ Handbell Choir (any) — Tuesdays 6:00-7:00 pm
- ⇒ Praise Band (any) — Sundays 9:30-10:45 am

### Crud Wars is Coming (Grades 7-12)

OUR middle school and high school youth groups kick off their year on **Sunday, Sept. 15** with Crud Wars. It's gloppy, gooey and oh so much fun. Remember to bring towels for the car ride home. We can't wait to see you and hope you had a fun summer. Weekly youth groups will begin the next week, mark your calendars. Bring a friend and meet new ones too.

#### ⇒ Middle School Youth Group (Grades 7-8)

Wednesday, Sept. 18 (6:30-8:00 pm, 3rd Floor)

#### ⇒ High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12)

Sunday, Sept. 22 (6:30-8:00 pm, 3rd Floor)

Questions? Call/text Youth Director Dave Fauvell at 609.980.7885, [dfauvell52@gmail.com](mailto:dfauvell52@gmail.com) or on Instagram.

