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

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

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

**10:15-11:00 am  
Education Hour**

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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).

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# Connections FPC Moorestown

**First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown**

**October 13-19, 2024**

## Way of the Week I

### Be Third

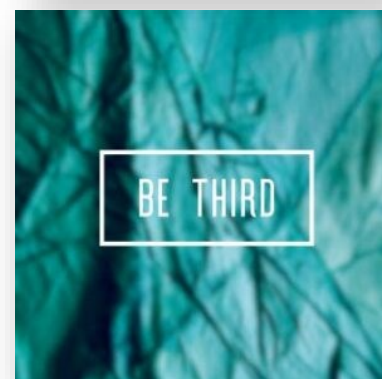
(October 13-19, 2024)

Ways Speaker: Rev. Wes Allen

**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.

**NOTE:** As we begin our 13<sup>th</sup> round of the Ways, weekly speakers will briefly share what they are thankful for about this Way and/or how they try to live the concept in their lives.



## Consecration Sunday is Sunday! **Sunday, October 13, 2024 (9:30 am)**

*Generous people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity.  
- Isaiah 32:8*

**PLEASE JOIN your church family** on Sunday, October 13th for one combined **9:30 a.m.** service in the sanctuary. Our stewardship theme is *Grow the Kingdom - I Will Pray, I Will Invite, I Will Serve, I Will Give*. The Christian stewardship process is a prayerful time designed to concentrate on the giver's need to give for his or her own spiritual growth. This is between you and the LORD and is a personal commitment, a meaningful day in one's faith journey. Please bring your mailed Estimate of Giving card with you to church. If you won't be with us, we'll miss you. Please [submit your Estimate of Giving online](#), mail to the church office, or place in the offering plate.

**Please bring a dish to share** for the Covered Dish Brunch too! **Last Name A-L:** Main Dish; **Last Name M-Q:** Side Dish or Salad; **Last Name R-T:** Bread or Rolls; **Last Name U-Z:** Dessert or Cookies

### **Consecration Sunday:**

*Grow the Kingdom - I Will Pray, I Will Invite, I Will Serve, I Will Give.*  
We will gather as a church family to dedicate our 2025 Estimate of Giving cards and enjoy a Covered Dish Brunch after church (see page 1). If you are unable to be with us, please complete your 2025 Estimate of Giving [online](#), mail to the office or drop in the offering plate. These estimates allow church leaders to accurately budget for fiscal year 2025. Our goal is to have every member and regular worship attendee respond.

**Support Step by Step!**  
**Thursday, October 24**  
**Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza**  
**7000 Midlantic Drive**  
**11:00 am-9:00 pm**

### **Grief Study Begins**

Dr. Jonathan Miller leads a Grief Group "Facing Loss—Embraced by Love" at the Mount Laurel YMCA beginning **Monday, Nov. 11** from 7:15-8:15 pm. INFO: (856) 231-9622; [www.philaymca.org](http://www.philaymca.org).

### **PW Holiday Bazaar**

**November 16th**

**10:00 am—3:00 pm**

Are you ready to clear out some cupboards and drawers? Presbyterian Women are looking for: Gently used jewelry, accessories (scarves, belts, purses, umbrellas, gloves); New and Nearly New treasures; Baked goods (cookies, brownies, cupcakes, gluten free treats); Holiday decorations. Please contact [Edith McFalls](#) at 856-905-8749.

Proceeds support local ministries serving women and children in acute need. Come shop for new finds and bargains galore and support Presbyterian Women. Boxes for donations will be available in the Commons Lobby beginning **Sunday, Oct. 13**. [Sign up online](#) on our event page.

### **Women's Morning Prayer**

**Saturday, Nov. 23**

**8:00 am - Noon**

[\(register on our event page\)](#)

### **Interested in a Discovery Bible Study?**

Would you like to discover for yourself what God is like and how He wants you to live? Would you like to be taught by God? DBS groups will be forming. These small groups begin by asking God to be the teacher as a series of passages from Scripture begin with creation and build to the Gospels. The study offers a fresh look at what we learn about God and what we learn about people from God's point of view – what He says. A sense of what needs to be done in response follows. No prior study experience is needed, yet even the well known passages come alive in a new way for those well versed. Discover for yourself! Contact Joyce Peacock [jkpeac@comcast.net](mailto:jkpeac@comcast.net) (609-923-4135) or Pam Engle [pam@pamengle.com](mailto:pam@pamengle.com) (609-332-7513).

**Have you turned in your Spiritual Gifts survey?**

### **Pastor & Program Staff Appreciation Sunday**

Pastor Appreciation Sunday is celebrated annually on the second Sunday in October. As this conflicts with Consecration Sunday, this year we will celebrate on **October 20**. Help us recognize the ministry of Rev. Stuart Spencer, Rev. Wes Allen, and our program staff, by sending them a note of appreciation sharing your gratitude for their ministry with words of support and recognition.

You may bring a card with you to either worship service, or use blank thank you cards available in the Commons Lobby that day to write a note. Kids: they'd love to receive artwork or a picture from you too!

### **NEW: God's Good News About Politics Wednesdays in October**

Wes Allen offers a time of prayer and study on Wednesday evenings in October from 6:30-8:00 p.m. following Family Dinner in the Commons. Meet in the Lounge. **Sign up online.**

Politics are a part of daily life, influencing decisions about power and resources at all levels of society. How should followers of Jesus engage? This five-session small group series from InterVarsity Press encourages believers to look to Scripture first, shaping our approach to faithful political engagement as we explore how God's people have historically engaged with power, justice, and political organization. See our event page for details.

## Ways of the Week

On October 13 we begin our 13th round of the Ways. Throughout this round, we will hear 2-minute messages from church members during both services about the Way that means the most to them and how they live out that Way.



**Red Cross Blood Drive**  
**Monday, October 28**  
**11:00-4:00 pm**  
**Miller Commons**

Please see Deborah Heller at the Welcome Desk to reserve your time. Your donation is imperative at this time of hurricane disasters in North Carolina and the south.

**Grace Boutique welcomes shampoo and feminine hygiene products**

**WJCMS Opens Season**  
**Sunday, October 20**

West Jersey Chamber Music Society opens its 2024-25 season with "Autumn Serenade" **Sunday, Oct. 20** with the West Jersey Chamber Symphony, and will perform enchanting string works by F. Schubert, W. Mozart, D. Wren, and others that span the Classical, Romantic, and Modern eras. **Tickets:** \$30 Adults; \$24 Seniors, Children under 18 Free. Purchase tickets online at [wjcms.org](http://wjcms.org) or at the door.

**Wednesday, Nov. 13**  
**Missionary Cliff Jones shares about making disciples in India**

## Hurricane Helene Relief

Several people have asked where to donate to Hurricane Relief and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Do *not* send checks to the church. You may donate to PDA online at <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/hurricane-helene/>

## New: Looking for Assistance

The Deacons are coordinating a "Meal Train" to assist Betty Schurmann with rides to doctor's appointments and various errands. If you would like to participate, log on to <https://mealtrain.com/ld1lv4> to see specific assistance that is needed or contact Deacon Bobbi Voglesong at 856.206.7190.

**October Session Meeting**  
**October 29, 2024**  
**Reports due Thursday 10/17**

**Poinsettia Sales**  
**November 3, 10, 17**

Watch for order forms online and in *Connections* for this year's poinsettia sales. Poinsettias will be displayed in both worship spaces on Manger Sunday **Dec. 15** and available to take home that day.



## Grounds Spruced Up

Many thanks to Bailey Landscaping from Maple Shade for generously donating the beautiful fall-themed plantings around our church sign on the point. Visit Bailey at [www.baileylandscape.com](http://www.baileylandscape.com) or 609.504.2825.

## Thanksgiving Postcards

Included in worship bulletins on **Sunday, Nov. 17** will be our traditional Thanksgiving postcards. Fill in the name and address of someone you are grateful for and wish to tell, and mail from your home, or place addressed postcards in the offering plate for the church to mail. Postcards given to the church office will be mailed **Monday, Nov. 18** so they arrive in time for Thanksgiving.

## Operation Christmas Child

It's shoe box time. Pick up yours from the Commons Lobby. Choose a child (age/Male or Female), read the instructions and fill the box with gifts. Return by **Nov. 14th**. Please remember to include a check for \$10 in the box to cover the shipping charges. You may also go online and pay for the shipping too. Contact Linda Jagiela at [missions@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:missions@fpcmoorestown.org) or 267.275.7582 call/text. PLUS: We will again be a community drop off location in November. Watch for sign ups ...



## Alternative Gift Fair

Our Alternative Gift Fair will be open **Nov. 24-Dec. 24**. Alternate Gifts allow donations to worthy causes in the name of the gift recipient. Gifts begin at \$5.00 and a broad range of gifts is available to assist our ministries. Visit the tables in the narthex and Commons Lobby to purchase your alternative gifts.





# FAMILY MINISTRY

See you in Sunday School (10:15-11:00 am)

## Family Dinner

On Wednesdays, Family Dinner is from 5:45-6:45 p.m. in Miller Commons and is open to the entire congregation. Donation of \$7.00 per person for this catered buffet dinner. Please pay at the door each week, by Venmo (@fpcmoorestown) or pre-pay online for \$150 per family.

**IMPORTANT:** We need helpers to set up and clean up each week for Family Dinner. Can you pick a week(s) to help? Please contact [Cheryl Gaskill](mailto:Cheryl.Gaskill@fpcmoorestown.org) at 856.904-3056 call/text with date(s) that work best for you.

## ⇒ [High School Winter Retreat Nov. 15-17!](#)

GET READY for one of the best weekends of the year to pull back from everyday life and reconnect with God. If you've never been with us on a winter camp retreat, this is the year! We are again partnering with our friends from Young Life for this amazing weekend. Build memories that will last a lifetime and grow your relationship with our loving God. Grades 9-12; register by **Oct. 17**.

SIGN UP LINK!

<https://nj23.younglife.events/fall-weekend>

**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

“The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field.” (Matthew 13:44 - NLT)

For Families and Children:

**Holly Asciutto**

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Middle School and High School:

**Dave Fauvell**

609-980-7885 call/text

[dfauvell52@gmail.com](mailto:dfauvell52@gmail.com)

## [K-12 Fellowship Groups](#)

**Kingdom Kids (Grades K-3rd)**

Wednesdays, 4:45-5:45 pm

**Crossing Zone (Grades 4-6)**

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm

**Middle School Youth Group (Grades 7-8)**

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm

**High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12)**

Sundays, 6:30-8:00 pm

## Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule

Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone, Middle School Youth Group and Family Dinner will NOT MEET **Wednesday, Nov. 27** for the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be no High School Youth Group on **Sunday, Dec. 1**. The church office is CLOSED Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29.

## [Would you like to be an acolyte?](#)

Our acolyte ministry is looking for boys and girls to share in this meaningful experience at the 9:00 am traditional service. We need you. Contact Holly Asciutto or Jean Marie Hanna in the church office at 856.235.1688, x124.

## [Sign Up: Advent Candle Lighters](#)

YES, we are looking for Advent wreath lighters for each Sunday in Advent (**Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22**) at both services. Spots are also available to light the candles at Christmas Eve services **Dec. 24** (4:00, 6:00, 8:30, 11:00 pm). Sign up with Kevin Fauvell at [kevindfauvell@gmail.com](mailto:kevindfauvell@gmail.com) or (609) 220-0177.

## [NEW: Advent Kit](#)

**Sunday, December 1st** is the First Sunday in Advent. As we prepare ourselves for Christmas, families are encouraged to pick up an *Advent Kit*. Pick a time to sit down together and follow the box's devotional guide and activities. Everything you need is included for your family to prepare your hearts for Baby Jesus. Available for pick up in the Commons Lobby Sunday, Dec. 1 (*ONE box per family please*).