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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**

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).

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later in the week to our
website.

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Connections FPC Moorestown

First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

November 10-16, 2024

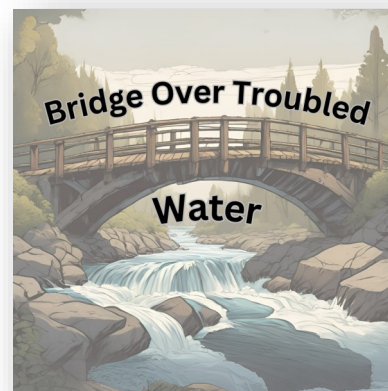
Way of the Week 5: Assume Positive Intent

(November 10-16, 2024)
Ways Speaker: Kathryn Eagles

5. ASSUME POSITIVE INTENT. Decide to trust that other members are being fair, honest, and concerned for the well-being of our church. Set aside your own judgments and preconceived notions. Surrender the urge to criticize and judge – it doesn't help. Graciously give people the benefit of the doubt.

Ideas for Action: Take a "criticism inventory." Just how critical are you, really? Ask someone you love and trust to tell you how you're doing in this area. Try a 24-hour fast from all forms of criticism. No complaining or criticism for an entire day.

During this 13th round of the Ways, weekly speakers briefly share what they are thankful for about this Way and/or how they try to live the concept in their lives.



In Appreciation: Linda Jagiela

It is with both gratitude and sadness that we share the upcoming resignation of current director of outreach Linda Jagiela. Linda has resigned from her position with FPC Moorestown, and accepted a new position with Baker Industries, a nonprofit that employs developmentally challenged adults. Her final Sunday will be November 10, 2024. Her time with us has been evidence of a passion, dedication and unwavering commitment to our church's ministry.

As is customary, we invite you to express your appreciation and well wishes, and encourage congregants to bring in cards and notes of appreciation for Linda and her husband Philip, who has been an integral part of our Sunday School education team and Stephen Ministers. Any love gifts or financial gifts may be made out to Linda directly. Linda, we wish you God's blessings in all your future endeavors.

Go Birds!

The Adult Ed class is having an Eagles Watch Party on **Sunday, Nov. 10** in Miller Commons. Game time is 4:25 pm. Bring your own food and drink and cheer on the Eagles vs. Dallas Cowboys.

Inquirers Class Begins Nov.

The Membership Committee invites those interested in learning more about our church to attend its Inquirers' Class, starting **Nov. 13**. The Inquirers' Class is for those interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown and the Presbyterian Church as a whole. The five-part series is comprised of evening and Sunday morning sessions including one with Session to be received into membership for those who choose. We'd love to meet you! [Sign up online](#) on the **event page**.



Missionary Presentation

On **Wednesday, Nov. 13th** after Family Dinner, Missionary Rev. Cliff Jones will speak about making disciples in India. Rev. Jones and his wife Lucy live in Moorestown and are supported by New Life Fellowship Foundation, which began in India in 2010 with one house-church and two people, both Hindu background Indian Christians. *See events*. The event will be held in Room 3-4 at 7:00 PM. Wednesday Dinner is 5:45-6:45 pm, \$7.00 per person.

Longest Night Worship Wednesday, Dec. 4 7:00 pm

2024 Poinsettia Sales November 3-17

Order forms will be in *Connections* **Nov. 3, 10, 17** for this year's poinsettia sales. Poinsettias will be displayed in both worship spaces on Manger Sunday December 15 and available to take home that day. [Download order forms](#) online as well. Plants are \$16 each.

PW Holiday Bazaar **Saturday, Nov. 16th** **10:00 am—3:00 pm**

Presbyterian Women are collecting gently used jewelry, scarves, belts, purses, umbrellas, gloves, holiday decorations and baked goods for their Nov. 16th Holiday Bazaar. 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 available in the Commons Lobby. [Sign up online](#). Contact [Edith McFalls](#) at 856-905-8749.

Advent Guide

Watch for copies of the *2024 Advent Activity Guide*, available at church and online on our website and Church Center event page. The Advent Guide details important programming information and special dates for this busy season's many events. The First Sunday in Advent is December 1.

NEW: Men's Winter Weekend January 24-26, 2025

Start 2025 with a Band of Brothers in Christ for a weekend away in a gorgeous mountain lake setting. Dr. Stephen Henziel-Nelson, Senior Pastor of the Allentown Presbyterian Church in Allentown, NJ, is our guest speaker. We'll hear from Stephen and have time to share our lives. Saturday afternoon is open for free time. The younger men in your life are most welcome. Bring your sons, grandsons, sons-in-law (high school age or older). One of the two cabins will be a youth cabin. Led by Stuart Spencer.

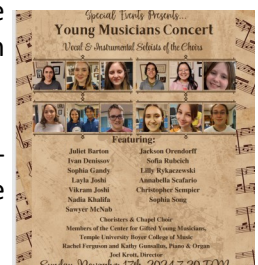
Online registration is now available! Registration deadline: **December 1**

Young Musicians Concert Scheduled for Sunday, November 17th

Our 60th Series of *Special Events* presents our young, gifted musicians performing solo songs and instrumental works all to the glory of God.

The Choristers (grades 5-8) and Chapel Choirs (grades 9-12) will also be featured. In addition, we will have guests from Temple University Center for Gifted Young Musicians. The event will begin at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

A free will offering will be received. This Concert will be live streamed. See event page.



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.

Dine and Donate for our Preschool

Thursday, Nov. 21 (5-8 pm)

It's a busy time with fall activities and school events, so take a night off and head over to P.J. Whelihan's Pub and Restaurant in Maple Shade (396 S. Lenola Road) to support our Step by Step Christian Preschool. **Be sure to mention to your server that you are supporting Step by Step Preschool.**



Women's Morning Prayer

Saturday, Nov. 23

8:00 am - Noon

Please come for a special time of prayer. Bring your Bible, journal and a snack if you'd like. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. If praying is a new or unfamiliar spiritual practice, not a problem. Just do what makes you comfortable. Join other women on their prayer journey. Women of high school age or older and friends are welcome.



Operation Christmas Child

This year we are excited to again serve as a drop off host location for the community. We will be accepting boxes from the public **Nov. 18-25**. November 25 is delivery day. Drop off will be in the Commons Lobby and there are shifts to fit every schedule. Four volunteers are needed to support teach shift, usually two hours, including (A) Greeter, (B) Runner, (C) Prayer Warrior and (D) Youth/Volunteer. What position speaks to you? [Sign up online](#). For questions contact Jean Kunkel at jeankunkel215@gmail.com or 856.373.1102. It's a great family activity to do together.

"Ride Trains"

The Deacons are coordinating a "Ride 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.

They are also coordinating a "Ride Train" for Liz Greene. Liz broke a bone in her foot and is unable to drive to appointments. If you'd like to participate, log on to: <https://mealtrain.com/oy96qn> or contact Deacon Bobbi Voglesong.

**Office closed for Thanksgiving
November 29th, 30th**

Giving Tuesday

On **Tuesday, December 3**, we are joining thousands of individuals and organizations on #Giving Tuesday, the Global Day of Giving. Please consider the First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown on this day to help close the 2024 budget deficit and do even more with your donation so we may start 2025 fresh. You can take part by visiting www.fpcmoorestown/giving.

Consecration Sunday

*Grow the Kingdom - I Will Pray,
I Will Invite, I Will Serve, I Will Give.*

Budget meetings are underway for the 2025 year. If you have not yet submitted your 2025 Estimate of Giving form, please submit it [online](#), mail to the office or drop in the offering plate. These estimates allow church leaders to accurately budget for fiscal year 2025.

**Family Advent Event
Friday, December 6
Watch for details soon**

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. Watch for tables in the narthex and Commons Lobby to purchase your alternative gifts. For questions contact the church office.

**Advent Begins
Sunday, December 1
Full Communion served**



FAMILY MINISTRY

Families: Sign up to light the Advent wreath on Sundays, Christmas Eve

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 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

⇒ [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; money is nonrefundable after **November 8**. REGISTER on the link below:

<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

Memory Verse: "See, God has come to save me. I will trust in him and not be afraid. The Lord God is my strength and my song: he has given me victory." (Isaiah 12: 2, NLT)

For Families and Children:
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Middle School and High School:
Dave Fauvell
609-980-7885 call/text
dfauvell52@gmail.com

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*).

Sign Up: Advent Candle Lighters

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

Would you like to be an acolyte?

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



Come help assemble Saturday, Nov. 9 (9:00 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 for \$150 per family online.

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