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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](#) or [Facebook](#).

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

"Connections" is published
weekly for Sunday worship and
every two weeks in the summer.
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**Are you receiving our Friday
e-blast with announce-
ments, Connections, and
upcoming events? If not,
contact the [church office](#).**



Connections FPC Moorestown

First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

February 16-22, 2025

Way of the Week 19: Accept and Don't Cast Stones

(February 16-22, 2025)

Ways Speaker: Doris Kahley

19. ACCEPT AND DON'T CAST STONES.

God's love opens the doors of our church to all people. Just as Jesus did, welcome people as they are. It's not up to us to judge. Love unconditionally, and as Christ has received you, receive others.

Ideas for Action: Approach someone you normally avoid at church for whatever reason. Make a point to speak to them this week.



"Practicing The Way" Lent Event

(I Will Invite)

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP to attend or host a small group? This year our Lenten Study will be reading "Practicing the Way" by John Mark Comer. We are also looking for people to HOST a group for this 8-week course. Please see Wes Allen -- everything is provided for you! **Sign up for groups in the Commons Lobby or online through the [Church Center event page](#).** We hope groups will INVITE neighbors, family and friends to participate - including those who are not affiliated with FPC Moorestown.

NOTE: Since Lent is only six weeks and the materials span eight weeks, groups will either begin two weeks before Lent (the week of Feb. 23) or continue two weeks beyond Easter (Easter is April 20). Purchase the resource guide in the Commons Lobby.

Capital Sunday Feb. 23

Capital projects are essential for continued maintenance, safety and preservation of our Church and 23 acres of grounds. In the 2025 Annual Report, Trustees prioritized 23 capital improvements that will require action in upcoming years. **Because of budgetary restraints there was no capital money budgeted for 2025.** Instead, leadership offers the congregation the chance to give to these projects during a Capital Campaign. In 2024, through the great generosity of our congregation, we raised \$154,000.

This year we ask that you consider a gift on Capital Sunday **February 23**. You may choose to give as a family or individual to a specific project or give to the overall campaign. Trustees also remind you that this is above and beyond your normal giving commitment to the Church. Watch your mail for information and a [2025 Pledge Card](#) for convenience. Contributions to the

Capital Fund may be made throughout the year through the [online church giving portal](#) or by utilizing special Capital Fund offering envelopes. Your participation in this campaign will make a significant impact on the preservation, safety and enhancement of our church facilities.

Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden Painting Party Fundraiser!

Sunday, Feb. 23 (2:00-4:30 pm)

\$50 donation per person

See Leslie Spencer or our Church Center [Event Page](#)

Contact (215) 584-7659

Spaces still available!



Do You Know?

A Collection of Presbyterian Tidbits

Do you know that the robe our ministers wear has been a standard of ministers dating back to the reformation? The robe is a simple black academic robe symbolic of the Presbyterian historical emphasis on the importance of the education of our spiritual leaders. It also sets aside those who leads us in worship. It can be accompanied with a stole accentuating the liturgical seasons with colors and symbols.

Year-End Statements

Year-end statements for 2024 have been e-mailed. Statements for 2024 giving are also available 24/7 in the Church Center app. Touch "Give" and "My Giving" for a full history and statements. Contact the church office at 856.235.1688.

What will you give up or take on for Lent?

Per Capita Due Feb. 28 (I Will Give)

February is Per Capita time and the Stewardship Committee reminds you to cover your share of **\$38.75** per member. Details have been mailed to members regarding this annual support. As Presbyterians, we are a *connectional church*. This "per member" contribution of \$38.75 above one's pledge supports the General Assembly, Synod and Presbytery and our church is required to pay this. If you do NOT wish the church to pay your Per Capita, you must [submit an opt-out form](#) online or call the church office (856.235.1688). Last year, our church paid \$15,858 from operating funds for non-responding members. **Please note not responding is NOT the same as opting out.** See [Church Center event page](#) to send online.

Church Has Left The Building (I Will Serve)

Sunday, March 30 — Fifth Sunday

9:30 AM Worship (Miller Commons) followed by CHLTB service projects

Plans are underway for our Church Has Left The Building church-wide service initiative on **Sunday, March 30**. The Deacons coordinate this event. Watch for more information on special events that day and projects available for a variety of ages.



Women's Prayer Event Saturday, February 22

8:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Join other women on their prayer journey. Experience the wonder of spending special time alone with God as we seek His intent for our lives. Bring your Bible, journal and a snack if you'd like. Coffee, hot tea, and water provided. Women of high school age or older and friends are welcome. [Sign up online.](#)

2025 Per Capita Campaign
supports the larger church;
Due February 28 (see page 2)

Welcome Newcomers: Inquirers Class

Are you interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown? Come to our Inquirers Class series which begins **February 26.** [See our Church Center event page](#) for info and to sign up.



Bus Trip to See "Noah"

As of Feb. 14, 10 tickets remain for the bus trip on **Thursday, March 20** to see the Sight and Sound production of "Noah." Cost is \$150 and includes motor coach (the church is absorbing this expense), show ticket, lunch and driver gratuity. [Please sign up online.](#) Tickets are selling briskly. **No refunds or exchanges.**

Have you remembered the church in your will?



Campus closed Monday, Feb. 17 for Presidents Day

Spring Prayer Retreat

Registration is open for the Spring Prayer Retreat **April 1-4, 2025** at Holy Cross Monastery. Please see our event page or brochure. Registration due **March 9.**

Opportunity: 'I Will Serve'

Are you looking for ways to support your church? Is Administration your gift? Clerk of Session Ann McBride will be concluding her service in June 2025, and we are looking for an individual to work with Ann to learn the position and step in to the vacancy with her help. If you're interested, contact Ann McBride or Pastor Stuart.

Have you thought about learning our audio or video live stream? We'll train you.

Preschool Dine & Donate

Thursday, February 27

11:00 am—10:00 pm

Iron Hill Brewery

124 E. Kings Highway, Maple Shade
20% of food bill to Step by Step

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. Friendship Pads are in the pews. Sign in and date the page.

Adult Prayer Breakfast

with Sister Marcy

Saturday, March 8, 2025

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

This year during Lent, the Men's Prayer Group cordially invites men and women of the congregation to a morning with amazing food and a special time of learning and fellowship. Sister Marcy from the Francis House of Prayer Retreat Center, serves as keynote speaker and will share about contemplative prayer. High school age or older are most welcome. Please register online by **March 3.** There is no cost.



Ashes, Communion and Worship
March 5, 2025

Database Updates

Have you or your adult children moved from the area? Please make sure the [church office](#) has the correct address, email, cell phone and birthdates. *Please note that teens and/or adult children who have been confirmed (even if not living locally) are considered members of FPC Moorestown unless removed by Session from the church rolls.* Please E-mail Jan Martin at jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org.



Sunday, March 9
(2:00 am)



Lent is a time of discipline, charitable giving and connection to Jesus

All Are Welcome At Our Table!

**WEDNESDAY
FAMILY
DINNER**

October - April 5:45 pm
fpcmoorestown.org/family-dinner

\$7.00 per person; pay via Venmo or at the door

“Remember that you are dust” ...

Middle School youth group (gr. 7-8) will meet 6:30-8:00 pm on **Wednesday, March 5** and attend Ash Wednesday Worship together. Friends of all faith journeys are welcome as we begin our Lenten Journey.



For information contact Youth Director Dave Fauvell at call/text 609-980-7885.

- 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

“Remember to observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.” (Exodus 20: 8)

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Wednesday Groups are Back

Kingdom Kids (K-3rd), Crossing Zone (grades 4-6) and Family Dinner returned from Winter Break on **Wednesday, February 5**. Make sure you've registered on the [Church Center event page](#).

Ash Wednesday ~ Lent Begins

The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday **March 5, 2025**. There will be no Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone or Family Dinner so that families may worship together. Choirs and Middle School Youth Group will be held as scheduled. The first Sunday in Lent is **March 9**.

Sunday School Classes

Children's Sunday School meets Sunday morning from 10:15-11:00 a.m. Please [sign up online](#).

Save The Date

Vacation Bible School 2025: **June 23-27, 2025**

Lenten Kits for Family Activity

Lenten Kits are a take-home activity for FPC Moorestown families. Each kit contains everything you need. Pick one day each week to gather as a family for prayer, Scripture, and discussion using one object and its devotional. Take turns and follow along with the self-contained lesson. Pick up your kit in the Commons Lobby beginning **Sunday, March 9**. *ONE kit per family please.*

One Great Hour of Sharing Fish Banks

COMING: One Great Hour of Sharing fish banks will be distributed in children's Sunday School during Lent and collected on **Palm Sunday April 13**. Typically received during the season of Lent, 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.