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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**

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

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.

**"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](#).**



# Connections FPC Moorestown

**First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown**

**March 2-8 2025**

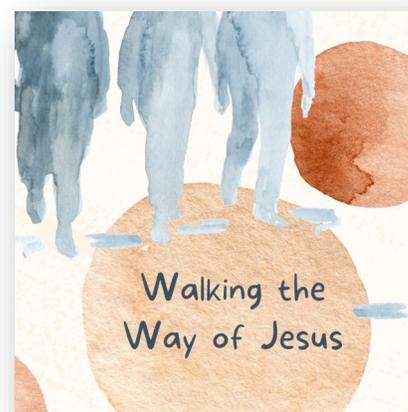
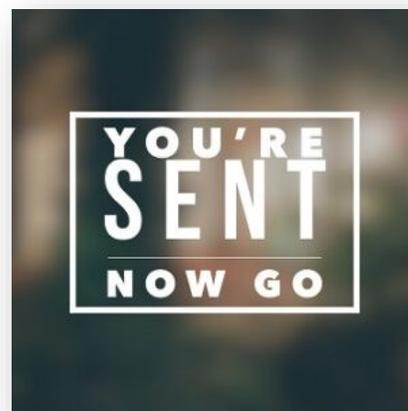
## Way of the Week 21: You're Sent, Now Go

(March 2-8, 2025)

Ways Speaker: Sharon Budka

**21. YOU'RE SENT, NOW GO.** We're blessed to be a blessing. God intends to use you to bless, heal, restore, and liberate a dark and hurting world. We're here for others: in our families and our community and in the world. Go to the need. Live missionally.

**Ideas for Action:** Check out the Missions tab on our website. Look at our local mission partners' websites for information and ideas for service. Contact the church office for additional suggestions. Make plans to go and serve ASAP.



## "Practicing The Way" Lent Event

(I Will Invite)

FRIENDS, HAVE YOU SIGNED UP to attend a small group? This year our Lenten Study will be reading "Practicing the Way" by John Mark Comer. **SIGN UP for groups in the Commons Lobby or [online through the Church Center Event Page](#).** 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.*

### Order Easter Flowers

ORDERS FOR EASTER FLOWERS will be taken **March 9, 16 & 23** to decorate our two worship spaces with the symbol of renewal. [Order forms](#) will be available via e-blast, in *Connections*, at church and on the church website. **Orders and payment are due by Sunday, March 23.**

### What will you give up or take on for Lent?

#### Two Lent Guides

See the [Lent and Easter event page](#) and [download the Journey of Lent Brochure](#) for updates of Lenten event and activities. The *Journey of Lent* guide is also in worship guides this morning.



### Capital Sunday

Church leaders offer the congregation the opportunity to give to improvement projects through the Capital Campaign. Because of budgetary restraints there was no capital money budgeted for 2025. Capital projects are essential for continued maintenance, safety and preservation of our Church and 23 beautiful acres of grounds and cemetery. Trustees have prioritized 23 projects totaling **\$173,800** that will require action in the near future.

On February 23, Capital Sunday, gifts for 2025 were submitted during worship—thank you! These offerings are above and beyond one’s normal giving to the Church. Information and a [2025 Pledge Card](#) was mailed. Contributions to the Capital Fund can be made throughout the year through the [online church giving portal](#), Capital Fund pew envelopes, Capital Pledge Cards or by contacting the church office.

### Do You Know?

A Collection of Presbyterian Tidbits

Do you know why Presbyterians typically don’t clap after choral and vocalist music? Although we have all been joyfully inspired by the music during traditional worship, we typically don’t clap. We resist responding to music as performance or entertainment and look to it for reverence and reflection facilitating worship. In worship, we glorify God, meet with Him and delight in Him. All attention should be on Him. The music however can move God’s Spirit in us and oftentimes a few AMENs can acknowledge gratefulness that He is in our hearts.



### Per Capita 2024 (I Will Give)

If you have not yet submitted your per capita payment, the Stewardship Committee reminds you to cover your share of **\$38.75** per member. 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.

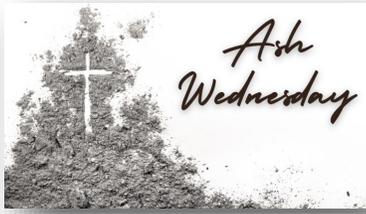
If you do NOT wish the church to pay your Per Capita, you must [submit an opt-out form](#) online or call the church office (856.235.1688) Last year, our church paid \$15,858 from operating funds for non-responding members. **Please note not responding is NOT the same as opting out.** See [Church Center 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  
**Chili Cook-off** sponsored by the Deacons

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 information for all ages!





Ashes, Communion and Worship  
March 5, 2025 (7:00 PM)

**2025 Per Capita Campaign**  
*supports the larger church;*  
**Due February 28 (see page 2)**  
*for every member on the rolls*

### 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.

### West Jersey Chamber Concert March 2 (7:30 PM)

German Romantic Lieder features soprano Sophia Santiago and pianist Benjamin D'Annibale performing works by Schubert and Wolf. TICKETS: [www.wjcms.org](http://www.wjcms.org) or Joann Nawrocki at 609.417.2873.



**Sunday,**  
**March 9**  
**(2:00 am)**

### 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**.

### Bus Trip to See "Noah"

As of Feb. 28, 8 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, show ticket, lunch and driver gratuity. [Please sign up online](#). **There are NO refunds or exchanges.**

### Opening: Clerk of Session

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 (male or female) 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 remembered the church in your will?***

### Note from Nominations

Your Nominating Committee is hard at work finding nominees for Elders, Deacons and Trustees to serve our church. Please pray about where you or someone you know may best fit and help Grow God's Kingdom. **Look for online signups** or contact [Matt Livingston](#) or any member of the Nominations Team.



**OPENING:** See our Church Center event page for a [spring/summer internship](#) with the Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden.

### 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**. Donations accepted.

### 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 and in Miller Commons. Sign in and date the page. New live stream viewers are encouraged to sign in on the **Get Connected** form on the live stream page on the site.

**Lent Small Groups**  
**"Practicing The Way"**

### 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. *Teens and/or adult children who have been confirmed (even if not living locally) are considered members of FPC Moorestown unless removed from the rolls by Session.* Please E-mail Jan Martin at [jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org).



**The 40 Days of Lent are a time of discipline, charitable giving and preparation**

**Family Activity: Lenten Kits**

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 following along with the self-contained lesson.



Pick up your kit in the Commons Lobby beginning **Sunday, March 9. ONE kit per family please.**

**“Remember that you are dust” ...**

Our Middle School youth group (grades 7-8) will meet from 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**

**Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you want to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. (Luke 9: 23, 24)**

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**One Great Hour of Sharing Fish Banks**

One Great Hour of Sharing's fish-shaped coin banks will be distributed in children's Sunday School during Lent and collected on Palm **Sunday April 13**. Typically received during Lent each year, 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.

**Easter Break Schedule**

- Wednesday, April 16:** No Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone, Family Dinner
- Thursday, April 17 (Maundy Thursday):** No Thursday Prayer Service (online)
- Sunday, April 20 (Easter):** No High School Youth Group
- Wednesday, April 23:** No Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone, Family Dinner, Middle School Youth Group
- Sunday, April 27:** No High School Youth Group



**\$7.00 per person**  
**Pay via Venmo or at the door**  
*(Please note: No Family Dinner on March 5)*

**Sunday School Classes / Acolytes**

Children's Sunday School meets Sunday morning from 10:15-11:00 a.m. Please [sign up online](#). YES, we are still looking for acolytes for the Traditional Worship (9:00 AM).

**Save The Date**  
Vacation Bible School 2025  
**June 23-27, 2025**