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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 or [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com) or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com).

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](#).



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First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

March 16-22 2025

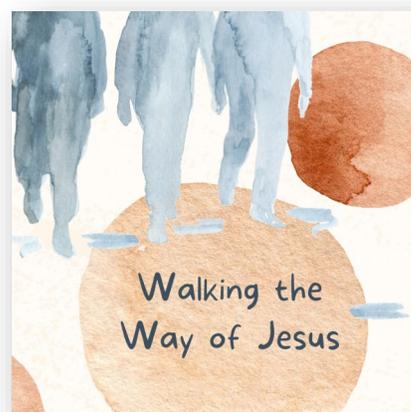
Way of the Week 23: Worship With Your Whole Heart

(March 16-22, 2025)

Ways Speaker: Justin Greenhow

23. WORSHIP WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART. Your life is meant to be an act of worship. Every breath, action, and thought flows from God and can bring him glory. Praise God everywhere and embrace the opportunities to regularly worship with your church family.

Ideas for Action: Every morning this week, recite the Jesus Creed: *"Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12: 29 – 31)*



Church Has Left The Building ~ Fifth Sunday

(I Will Serve, I Will Give, I Will Pray, I Will Invite)

Mark your calendars! On **March 30**, we will "join hands" for a church-wide service initiative Church Has Left The Building, coordinated by our Deacons. It's going to be a great day! The morning's schedule will include:

- **9:30-10:00 am:** Combined Worship (Miller Commons)
- **10:00-12:00 noon:** CHLTB Service Projects, all ages; [sign up online](#)
- **12:00 noon:** [Deacons Chili Cookoff Fundraiser](#) (see page 2 and event page)

There will be no nursery care or education classes that morning to allow children to join their families for service projects. [SEE INSERT IN TODAY'S BULLETINS.](#)



Calling all Chili Cooks!

The challenge is ON! Join the Deacons in Fellowship Hall for a festive and fun 5th Sunday Chili Cook-off on **Sunday, March 30**.

- We will be awarding prizes and bragging rights!
- Please bring all the fixin's that go with your specific recipe.
- We'll provide bowls, spoons, and a great time of fellowship.
- Please feel free to decorate your chili area and anything else you may need. We had some serious chili entrants last time. :)
- TICKETS to vote are \$5 for 10 tickets
- INFO: contact Laurie LaMonica

Grace Boutique Hours

Beginning in March public hours for the Grace Boutique will be:

- ◆ **2nd Tues: 11:30 am-2:00 pm**
- ◆ **3rd Wed: Noon-2:30 pm**

Members of the Mission Committee and their volunteers are being scheduled to staff the room. The committee is networking with local food pantries to advise them of this ministry and its hours of operation. Grace Boutique will have items not available through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): diapers, feminine hygiene products, individually wrapped toilet paper rolls, paper towels, toiletries, tissue boxes and more. All donations welcome! For questions or to volunteer, email Debby Gerhardt at misions@fpcmoorestown.org.



Emergency Refugee Assistance Effort

Our church is partnering with a coalition of South Jersey churches and World Relief, a Christian resettlement agency, to mobilize emergency support for three Afghan refugee families in crisis. Would you like to be part of this life-changing mission? [Visit our event page for details](#) or contact Wes Allen.



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](#) are available via e-blast, at church, in *Connections*, and on the website. **Orders and payment are due by Sunday, March 23.**

Church Has Left The Building
(sign up online or in Commons Lobby)

Saturday, March 29

- ⇒ College student care packages for finals
- ⇒ Feeding 5,000 meal/kit assembly
- ⇒ Provide casseroles for Christian Caring Center
- ⇒ MSCG preparation: treating the wood

Sunday, March 30

- ⇒ Assemble 1,000 hygiene kits and holdover bags
- ⇒ MSCG preparation: clean garden beds
- ⇒ Leaf collection, yard work at Mission House
- ⇒ Provide casseroles for Christian Caring Center

SIGN UP to participate in 1 (or more) of the 8 projects provided.



If you won't be available that weekend, don't worry! **Donations are needed** to support this effort and you can donate towards the cost of the materials needed for the College Care Packages that will be assembled. Please mark your donations "CHLTB" and also give via Venmo (@fpcmoorestown).

Prayer Vigil Saturday, March 29

The Prayer and Discipleship Committee will be coordinating a 12-hour Prayer Vigil with 30-minute time slots starting at 5:00 AM and ending at 5:00 PM. A link to a Sign Up Genius form is available on the Church Center event page.

Bus Trip Sold Out

The **Thursday, March 20** trip to see "Noah" is SOLD OUT. If you have not yet paid, please submit your payment **by March 12**. Cost is \$150 and includes motor coach, show ticket, lunch and driver gratuity. **NO refunds or exchanges.**

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: 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.

April 17: Maundy Thursday

April 18: Good Friday

April 20 Easter Sunday

Welcome Michael

The Technology Committee is pleased to welcome **Michael Boone** to our live stream operator team. Michael joins **Jonathan Nawrocki**, **Dalton Ryan** and **Jacob Allen** as our live stream video operators. Michael is the son of Sarah and Mike Boone and is a high school senior.

What will you give up or take on for Lent?

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.

Capital Sunday

Trustees have prioritized 23 projects totaling **\$173,800** that will require action in the near future. Contributions to the Capital Fund are being accepted [online](#), through Capital Fund pew envelopes, Capital Pledge Cards or by contacting the church office. Gifts may be made throughout the year as well.

Maundy Thursday "Walk with Peter to the Cross"

Thursday, April 17, 2025 (7 PM)

Miller Commons, Outside Stations

Our Maundy Thursday worship begins with a celebration of the Lord's Supper in Miller Commons. Pastor Stuart Spencer preaches. After communion, the people will walk with the disciple Peter from the Lord's Table to different outdoor stations that represent where Jesus was denied, accused, judged and finally crucified. Those who attend will walk with Peter from one station to another, ending at the cross in the cemetery. In the event of rain, the whole service will be held in Miller Commons.

Help at Cathedral Kitchen

"I was hungry and you gave me food." If you are interested in joining the FPC Moorestown team in serving dinner at Cathedral Kitchen to our friends who are food insecure, please contact Karin Miller at karinbmiller49@gmail.com or (856) 298-3522 for further information.

Youth Choir Concert **Palm Sunday, April 13th**



HOLY WEEK

(7:00 p.m.)

Calling 2025 Graduates

Please submit names of 2025 high school, college and post-graduates to Jan Martin in the church office by **April 29th** ([see online form](#)).

Do you know the meaning of all the Christian symbols on the parament adorning our pulpit? The parament is purple associated with Lent a color signifying nobility however used to mock Jesus when the Roman soldiers put a purple robe on him prior to his crucifixion. The parament displays a variety of symbols to include: eight point stars, a lit lamp with a PX (Chi Rho) on its handle, and an Alpha and Omega. The eight point star often called the Bethlehem star stands for Christ's divinity and his resurrection. The lamp with the Chi Rho (symbol for the resurrected Christ) on the handle represents that Christ is the light of the world. The Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. Jesus described himself as the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, denoting that He exists for all eternity.



Fish Banks for One Great Hour of Sharing and Lent Kits available

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.*

THANK YOU DAVE FAUVELL

Youth Director **Dave Fauvell** has indicated that this April he will be stepping away from his position as part-time youth director. We are so grateful to Dave and his wife Sami for many years of gifted leadership with our middle school and high school youth groups grades 7-12.

We will recognize Dave and his ministry on **Sunday, May 4th** (Graduate Recognition Sunday), where we will collect notes of appreciation for him at both Sunday worship services.

- 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 or Middle School Youth Group
- 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, or Middle School Youth Group
- Sunday, April 27:** No High School Youth Group



\$7.00 per person
Pay via Venmo or at the door
(Note: No Family Dinner on April 16, 23)

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