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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 Classes**

Worship streams live from  
each worship space. Log  
on from any device to  
[www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org)  
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ments, Connections, and  
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# Connections FPC Moorestown

First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

March 23-29, 2025

## Way of the Week 24:

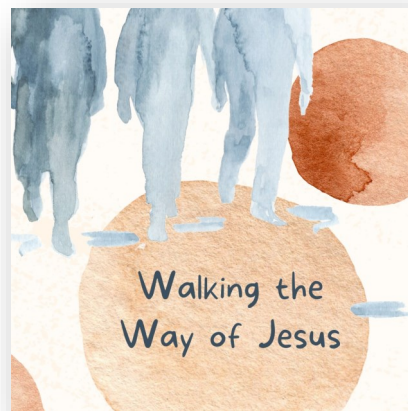
### Tell Your Story

(March 23-29, 2025)

Ways Speaker: Jeff Erbig

**24. TELL YOUR STORY.** God has done and is doing something unique in your life. Has God answered a prayer, provided help, or blessed you? Share it. Ask God for opportunities to share your faith in Christ by words and deeds.

**Ideas for Action:** At the start of each morning this week, think about one thing you're grateful to God for from the previous 24 hours. Got it? Now share it with someone else in the course of today.



## 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 for ways to serve.](#)



**Calling all Chili Cooks!**

The challenge is ON! Join the Deacons in Fellowship Hall for a festive and fun 5th Sunday Chili Cook-off Fundraiser 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.
- 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:

- ◆ **2<sup>nd</sup> Tues: 11:30 am-2:00 pm**
- ◆ **3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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 Pastor Wes Allen.



**Order Easter Flowers**

ORDERS FOR SPRING FLOWERS to decorate our two worship spaces for Easter April 20 are due March 23. [Order forms](#) are available via e-blast, at church, in *Connections*, and on the website. **Orders and payment are due by Sunday, March 23. INSERT**

**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 is coordinating a 12-hour Church Has Left The Building 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 [event page](#).

### 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.

### 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, new Capital Pledge Cards or by contacting the church office. Gifts may be made throughout the year.

### Maundy Thursday "Walk with Peter to the Cross" Thursday, April 17, 2025 (7 PM)

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.



**HOLY WEEK**

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

### Calling 2025 Graduates

Parents: Please submit names of 2025 high school, college and post-graduates to Jan Martin in the church office by **April 29th** ([see online form](#)). We will honor our grads on **Sunday, May 4**.

### Sunday Morning Check Ins

Each time you attend in person or watch on your device, **please check in** to register your attendance using the Church Center app or pew pads. 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 please.

### 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](mailto:karinbmiller49@gmail.com) or (856) 298-3522 for further information.

**Youth Choir Concert  
Palm Sunday, April 13th  
(7:00 p.m.)**

### Two Garden Interns Hired

The Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden is pleased to welcome two new spring/summer interns: Naomi Gandy and Sawyer McNab. These individuals will assist with the planting, weighing, maintaining, watering, composting, harvesting and supporting of the garden this growing season.

#### Do You Know?

#### A Collection of Presbyterian Tidbits

Do you know why Presbyterians don't emphasize "giving up" things during Lent? Our friends in other denominations may emphasize "giving up" certain things as an integral part of Lent. As an example, denying oneself such things as certain foods, sweets, alcohol, social media, perceived bad habits etc. As Presbyterians we typically observe Lent by "taking up" activities such as engaging in prayer, study, fasting, reading scripture, and acts of service. All these "taking up" activities lead us to intentionally focus on our Lord and His sacrifice as we prepare for the celebration of Easter.

**One Great Hour of Sharing offering: Sunday, April 13**



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

### One Great Hour of Sharing Fish Banks

One Great Hour of Sharing's **fish-shaped coin** banks are being 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.

### 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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### 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. *ONE kit per family .*



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

### 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

### 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**