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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](#).



Connections FPC

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First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

March 30-April 5, 2025

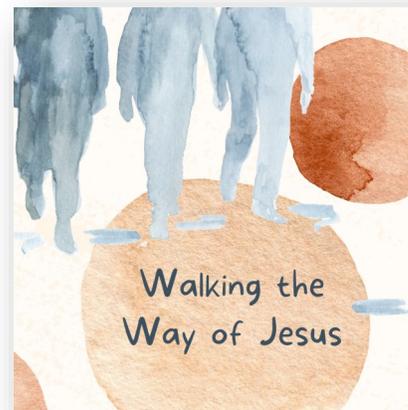
Way of the Week 25: Rejoice Always

(March 30-April 5, 2025)

Ways Speaker: Paul Grossmann

25. REJOICE ALWAYS. The Kingdom of God is a party! Let healthy laughter fill our meetings, our meals, and even our worship. Allow the joy of our faith be clearly evident in our speech and on our faces.

Ideas for Action: Throw a party for the coming weekend and invite a couple of individuals or families from the church over to celebrate. Don't forget the cake! What's the occasion? The joy of knowing and serving Jesus and belonging to our church family are reasons enough.



Church Has Left The Building ~ Fifth Sunday

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

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. Go crazy.
- **TICKETS to vote are \$5 for 10 tickets**
- INFO: contact Laurie LaMonica

One Great Hour of Sharing offering: Sunday, April 13

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.



Can you help deliver some Easter blooms?

Drivers are needed to help the deacons with a lovely Easter tradition—delivering flowers to some of our less mobile members. If you can deliver a plant or two or three, please contact [Gail Sorin](#) or [Bobbi Voglesong](#) or [Jean Marie Hanna](#) in the church office.

Grace Boutique Open

Members of the Mission Committee and their volunteers are being scheduled to staff the Grace Boutique. Public hours are: **2nd Tues: 11:30 am-2:00 pm and 3rd Wed: Noon-2:30 pm**. Monetary donations encouraged so we can buy in bulk and continue to stock our shelves. Demand is HIGH. Please give via Venmo (@fpcmoorestown) or check and note it is for "Grace Boutique." The store provides items unavailable through assistance programs such as diapers, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper rolls, paper towels, toiletries, tissue boxes and more. Can you help serve as a host? Contact Debby Gerhardt at missions@fpcmoorestown.org.



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

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](#).

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 securely via **Venmo** (@fpcmoorestown).



[Hope Chocolates Fundraiser for Mission Trip](#)

Order delicious chocolates from our mission partner Seeds of Hope to support our August Mission Trip to North Carolina. See table in Miller Commons. **Sale March 30 & April 6.**

[Intergenerational Mission Trip to NC for Hurricane Relief August 10-17, 2025 \(age 14 and older\)](#)

[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 along with outgoing Youth Director Dave Fauvell and CREDO confirmands on Graduate Recognition Sunday, **May 4.**

[Spring Cleaning With Meaning](#)

Sami Fauvell, who works in the ER at Pennsylvania Hospital, shares that there is a large population there that always needs clothing. Imagine seeking medical treatment and upon leaving the ER you are not properly dressed to go back into the world. The hospital has a donation room to provide clothing to those in need, but is in desperate need. As you change your wardrobe for the warm weather please put aside items for this clothing drive. Look for the bin outside Youth Director Dave's office. [Items of special need: women's and men's pants, jackets and sweatshirts, sneakers and shoes.](#)

April 17: Maundy Thursday
April 18: Good Friday
April 20 Easter Sunday

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

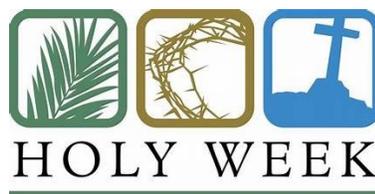
Our Maundy Thursday worship begins with a celebration of the Lord's Supper in Miller Commons. Pastor Stuart Spencer preaches. After communion, the people will walk with the disciple Peter from the Lord's Table to different outdoor stations that represent where Jesus was denied, accused, judged and finally 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.

[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.

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

Come support our young choir members April 13th as Junior Choir, Choristers, and Chapel Choir perform sacred selections from this year. They will be accompanied by the West Jersey Chamber Symphony. Free will offering. The Concert will also air via live stream.



[Lent, Easter, Holy Week At-a-Glance](#)

[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.

[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.

Do You Know?

A Collection of Presbyterian Tidbits

Do you know that John Calvin had a problem with Lent? John Calvin in the 16th Century was the foundational figure in the development of Reformed Theology and a primary influencer in the beliefs of the Presbyterian Church. During the Reformation, he criticized the practice of Lent as misguided and "superstitious." Certain practices were mandated during Lent that he saw as cheapening the belief of God's saving grace free from works. Presbyterians during Lent in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection engage in spiritual reflection, prayer and renewal all deep and sufficient acts of faith.



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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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

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, April 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