

# SUNDAY

## Worship Service

May 11, 2025

### **THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION:**

*We could see blind eyes opened  
Know all the mysteries of our faith  
We could sing all the highest praise  
But if we don't have love  
We're left with nothing*

- Gungor, *People Of God*

*Some people spend a lot of time looking around without seeing anything. Pay attention! You may be amazed by what you see.* - Rev. Nevin Werron

### **GATHERING MUSIC**

Howard Raudenbush

### **WORDS of GREETING and GRACE**

Rev. Nevin Werron

### **\*HYMN of PRAISE**

*Every Praise*

Congregation

*Every praise is to our God - Every word of worship with one accord  
Every praise, every praise is to our God  
Sing hallelujah to our God - Glory hallelujah is due our God  
Every praise, every praise is to our God*

*You are God our Savior - God our Healer - God our Deliverer  
Yes, You are - Yes, You are*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts  
Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost - Amen*

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### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Matthew McNulty

**HAPPENINGS & OFFERINGS**

Lois Dinsmore

**PRAYERS of the COMMUNITY**

Rev. Jennifer Bradley

**SCRIPTURE**

**John 9:1-7; 35-41**

Pastor Jen

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

**Blest Are They**

FBC Choir

by David Haas, arr. Mark Hayes

**SERMON**

**Believing is Seeing**

Pastor Nevin

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**Open the Eyes of My Heart**

Congregation

**Open the eyes of my heart Lord**

**Open the eyes of my heart**

**I want to see You**

**I want to see You**

**To see You high and lifted up**

**Shining in the light of Your glory**

**Pour out Your power and love**

**As we sing holy holy holy**

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**\*BENEDICTION**

Pastor Nevin

**POSTLUDE**

Howard

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

# TODAY and THE COMING WEEK at FBC MOORESTOWN

TODAY, May 11	10:00 am	<b>Morning Worship Service</b> (Sanctuary/Balcony & Facebook Live)
	11:15 am	<b>Coffee Hour</b> (Fellowship Hall) <b>NYC Trip Info. with Steve Eson</b> (Lounge)
TUESDAY, May 13	11:30 to 1:30	<b>Food Pantry Hours</b>
	5:30 to 7:00 pm	<b>Food Pantry Hours</b> (Rooms 7, 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
WEDNESDAY, May 14	11:00	<b>Bird Watching Trip</b>
THURSDAY, May 15	9:30 (for carpool)	(Ocean City Welcome Center)
	11:30 to 1:30	<b>Food Pantry Hours</b> (Rooms 7, 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
	6:00 pm	<b>Bell Choir Practice</b> (Rooms 4, 5 & 6)
SATURDAY, May 17	6:45 pm	<b>Choir Practice</b> (Sanctuary)
	9:30 am	<b>Men's Breakfast</b> (Lounge)

## PRAYER CONCERNS - May 11, 2025

Please pray for:

***Margot Schreiber with health concerns, and  
Denise Benson, who is recovering from a badly sprained ankle.***

***Michelle Foley is currently at Total Rehab (212 Marter Avenue, Moorestown),  
with a broken foot, recovering from surgery with 90 days of rehab. She  
would enjoy visitors along with prayers.***

**Please pray for these church family members:**

*Lorene Moore and Ruth Reigens*

***\*If you have prayer requests or you would like to be removed from this list,  
please contact the church office at [fbcmoorestown@gmail.com](mailto:fbcmoorestown@gmail.com).***

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## *Welcome*

*We extend a warm welcome to all who have joined us for worship today. Please visit with us during coffee and refreshments which will be served in Fellowship Hall (basement level) following worship.*

## *Thank You*

Today's **Coffee Hour Refreshments** were provided by **Debbie and Dan Chen**. Today's **Greeters** were **Dana Seidman, Samuel Gibson and Matt McNulty**. Next week's **Greeters** are **Myrna Rodriguez and Trish Walker**.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*To: Jane Pipes and Nolan Samson on Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>*. If we do not have your birthday, or you would like to add a family member's birthday, please contact the church office **856-235-1180** or at [fbcmoorestown@gmail.com](mailto:fbcmoorestown@gmail.com).

## GIVING TO FBC

**Please help support the ministries of First Baptist Church. There are several ways you can give:**

- There are donation collection boxes at the top of the stairs on both sides of the sanctuary as you exit. Donation envelopes are available for your use in the pews. (We do not pass a collection plate during the worship service)
- Checks may be mailed to the Church Office.
- You can securely donate to the church online. You can click on the **"Give to FBC"** button at the top of the FBC website homepage ([www.fbcmoorestown.org](http://www.fbcmoorestown.org)); or you can use your smartphone camera to scan this QR Code.



## FOOD PANTRY NEWS

**Please remember the Food Pantry this week.**

**Financial donations are always welcome. A check or cash can be put into a giving envelope and then into the offering boxes.** Non-perishable food items may be brought to church on Sundays and placed in the Food Pantry Cart or they may be left in the black bin next to the side ramp door or beside the pantry room door on the lower level any day of the week.

**This week we fed 209 people, including 61 children and 51 seniors.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## TODAY

**NYC TRIP INFORMATIONAL SESSION WITH STEVE ESON** – Immediately after church service, TODAY, Steve Eson will give a brief presentation and answer questions about the upcoming “Trip to Brooklyn” on **Saturday, May 31st**. Grab a cup of coffee and head to the Main Floor lounge for full information regarding schedules, itinerary, transportation, costs and more. If you can't attend the meeting but are still interested in going, contact Steve Eson directly at [esonsf@gmail.com](mailto:esonsf@gmail.com) or 856-316-6577 for questions and to sign up.

## THIS WEEK

**MAY 14<sup>th</sup> - BIRD WATCHING TRIP** - Trip to the Ocean City Welcome Center. See Great Egrets, White Ibis, all sorts of beautiful birds up close on their nests – no hiking involved! **To carpool, meet Jill at 9 am in the church parking lot. Or, you can go directly there (arrive around 11 am). The address is 300 W. 9<sup>th</sup> street. The Welcome Center is on the right-hand side of the 9<sup>th</sup> Street bridge between Somers Point and Ocean City.** We will go rain or shine; dress for the weather. For more details, email Jill at [j.huntington\\_lee@icloud.com](mailto:j.huntington_lee@icloud.com).

**MAY 17<sup>th</sup> – MEN'S BREAKFAST** – **The next Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.** This energetic group meets on the third Saturday of every month in the FBC Lounge. They share a breakfast together and have a lively discussion on a variety of subjects that connect God to everyday life. The group has grown in numbers, and we look forward to welcoming even more new members. Come join us.

## NEXT WEEK

**MAY 18<sup>th</sup> – A NEW MEMBERS INFORMATIONAL SESSION** – Have you been attending FBCM for a while and want to know more about becoming a member? **An informational session will be held on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> in Classroom 6 (first floor, last room on the left) directly following worship.** Please let Pastor Linda know if you are interested in attending.

## SAVE THE DATE - MAY

**MAY 25<sup>th</sup> – QMUNITY MINISTRY CIRCLE MEETING** - Qmunity (LGBTQIA+ and Allies Ministry Circle) will have our next meeting on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm at Pastor Jen and Sandy's home - 118 Union Street in Moorestown. If you are able, please bring a shareable side dish or dessert. If not, no worries, as we always have plenty of food. We will hopefully have a Memorial Weekend BBQ on the back deck - weather cooperating. On our meeting agenda is our upcoming concert on June 7<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please email Sandy at [FBCMqcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:FBCMqcommunity@gmail.com). We hope to see you on the 25<sup>th</sup>!

**MAY 31<sup>st</sup> – NYC TRIP WITH STEVE ESON** - FBC's resident NYC guru Steve Eson will lead another group to the Big Apple on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. This year's destination: Brooklyn & Bushwick. We will leave Manhattan entirely. In addition to historic churches, we'll mix it up with a stop at the single best waterfront view in the city and a visit to the Bushwick Collective Street Art Fair and Block Party. More details to come. Contact Steve at [esonsf@gmail.com](mailto:esonsf@gmail.com) or 856-316-6577 for further information.

## SAVE THE DATE - JUNE

**JUNE 7<sup>th</sup> –A VERY SPECIAL CONCERT** –Qmunity invites you to a **VERY special concert, “Lord Write My Name. From Slavery to Freedom: The Gospel and African American Experience in Spirituals”**. Nationally recognized Baritone Vocalist, Keith Spencer (backup vocalist for Roberta Flack, Rosemary Clooney, Sandi Patty), and award-winning composer, pianist and arranger, Peter Hilliard have teamed up to create this unique musical tapestry of African American Spirituals. A musical blend of African American Spirituals is interspersed with narratives, poetry, and letters penned by freed slaves and iconic Black figures throughout history. It explores the plight of those enslaved mourning in servitude, the redemptive story of the Gospel, and ultimately, their claimed identity as a freed people. Well known spirituals performed will include: “Deep River,” “My Good Lord’s Done Been Here,” “Nobody knows the Trouble I Seen,” “Steal Away,” and several others brilliantly arranged and played by Hilliard. **The concert is on Saturday, June 7th, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM in our sanctuary, with light refreshments to follow in Fellowship Hall. The concert is sponsored by Qmunity, and is FREE. At-will donations to benefit FBCM's Restorative Communities Ministry will be collected the night of the event. Thank you!**

## SAVE THE DATE - SUMMER

**SUMMER SMALL GROUP STUDY COMING** - Stay tuned! Summertime Wednesday night Zoom small group is happening! Info coming soon. Interested? Check in with Pastor Jen at jbradley12@gmail.com.

## FINANCIAL NEWS FROM THE TREASURER

### Monthly Giving Report

	<u>April</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Donations & Other Revenue	\$ 21,399	\$ 111,581
Less Expenses	\$ 23,887	\$ 110,552
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$- 2,488</b>	<b>\$ + 1,029</b>

Includes April gifts to the Food Pantry (\$1,078), Congregational Care (\$271), and Qmunity (\$140)

***Thank You!***

## PHILANTHROPIC and VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS** – We still need volunteers to provide refreshments for **Sunday Coffee Hour**. Coffee Hour provides a welcoming place following our morning service to talk to leadership, to meet new people, or to relax with friends. Our Coffee Hour Hosts provide light refreshments, juice and/or water, and handle clean-up. **Nothing elaborate is needed and store-bought goodies are totally fine. Coffee and tea are provided by FBC. There are many Sundays available during May, June and July of 2025.** If you would like to participate, please sign up at the Coffee Hour volunteer board in Fellowship Hall.