

SUNDAY

Worship Service

April 6, 2025

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION:

You and I are called to become other Christs, to be living manifestations of God in this world. God dwells in us in such an intimate way that we indeed are becoming manifestations of God's glory in this world. That is the great mystery. That is the great promise. That is the promise of the Spirit. - Henri Nouwen

You are the sky. Everything else is just the weather. - Pema Chödrön

GATHERING MUSIC

Howard Raudenbush

WORDS of GREETING and GRACE

Rev. Linda Pepe

***MEDLEY of PRAISE**

Congregation

*I woke up this morning with my mind - stayed on Jesus
I woke up this morning with my mind - stayed on the Lord
I woke up this morning with my mind - stayed on Jesus
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah!*

*I'm trading my sorrows, I'm trading my shame
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord
I'm trading my sickness, I'm trading my pain
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord*

*Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord, Amen!*

*I am pressed but not crushed, persecuted, not abandoned
Struck down, but not destroyed
I am blessed beyond the curse, Jesus' promise will endure
His joy's gonna be my strength
Though the sorrow may last for the night
His joy comes in the morning*

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jerome Whitehead

PRAYERS of the COMMUNITY

Rev. Jennifer Bradley

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:25-42

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

We Are One
by Brian Tate

FBC Choir

SERMON

Follow Me: The Freedom

Pastor Linda

COMMUNION

A grape and bread are shared

Pastor Linda

***CLOSING HYMN**

A Place At the Table

Congregation

- 1. For everyone born, a place at the table;
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing;
for everyone born, a star overhead,**

Chorus

**And God will delight when we are creators of justice
And joy, compassion and peace:
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!**

- 2. For young and for old, a place at the table;
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong,**
- 3. For just and unjust, a place at the table;
for those who've been bruised, with need to forgive;
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live,**
- 4. For everyone born, a place at the table;
to live without fear, and simply to be;
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship;
for everyone born, the right to be free,**

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***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Linda

POSTLUDE

Howard

**Please stand if you are able.*

TODAY and THE COMING WEEK at FBC MOORESTOWN

TODAY, April 6	10:00 am	Morning Worship Service (Sanctuary/Balcony & Facebook Live)
	11:15 am	Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY, April 8	11:30 to 1:30	Food Pantry Hours
	5:30 to 7:00 pm	Food Pantry Hours (Rooms 7, 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
WEDNESDAY, April 9	6:45 to 8:00 pm	Lenten Study with Pastor Jen (Zoom)
THURSDAY, April 10	11:30 to 1:30	Food Pantry Hours (Rooms 7, 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice (Rooms 4, 5 & 6)
	6:45 pm	Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
SATURDAY, April 12	9:30 to 11:00	Garden Clean Up Day (Community Garden)

PRAYER CONCERNS - April 6, 2025

Please pray for:

Florence Schaivo, a friend of Joan Scharff, for recovery from brain cancer surgery.

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.***

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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 **Greeters** were **Richard Hinchman and Geoff McClain**.
Next week's **Greeters** are **Adam Buck and Patrick O'Brien**.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To: Chris Bennett, Today, Jennifer Conti on Wednesday, April 9th, Matthew Romano on Thursday, April 10th, and Neva Roszek on Saturday, April 12th.
If we do not have your birthday, or you would like to add a family member's birthday, please contact the church office at **856-235-1180** or at 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); 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 221 people, including 70 children and 56 seniors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK

APRIL 9th - LENTEN STUDY CONTINUES - We are reading and discussing, "Practice of the Presence - A Revolutionary Translation". Jen Bradley is leading the study. We meet on Wednesdays via Zoom from 6:45pm to 8:00pm. We share prayer requests, pray for one another, and discuss our weekly reading and its application in our day to day lives. The Zoom room is open at 6:30 to chat about life before we jump into the book study and the Zoom room stays open from 8-8:30 following our study.

APRIL 12th – GARDEN CLEAN-UP/WORK DAY – The FBC Garden Committee will host the Spring Workday to clean-up and mulch the Garden on April 12, from 10:00 to 2:00 (Rain date 4/13 after the Easter Party). We welcome new Garden Committee Members or you can just help for the day. All are welcome and no experience is necessary. If you have questions, contact Norma Wright (609) 932-3428.

SAVE THE DATE - APRIL

APRIL 13th - FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH EASTER FUN – The FBC Family Easter Party will be held following service, on Sunday, April 13th from 11:30am - 2pm in Fellowship Hall. There will be an Easter Egg hunt and activities for our FBC kids of all ages. Please sign up so we can get a head count, and let us know what you can bring. The sign-up sheets are in the lounge & Fellowship Hall. We look forward to sharing this time of fellowship with you.



EASTER EVENTS



Palm Sunday Worship Service – This service which commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem will be held on **Sunday, April 13th at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary, followed by the Annual Family Easter Party in Fellowship Hall at 11:30.**

Maundy Thursday Dinner/Worship Service – Our Maundy Thursday Meal and Worship Service will be held on **Thursday, April 17th at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.** We will be gathering for an authentic 1st Century meal, scripture reading, and reflection. **As food will be served, please sign-up for this service using the sign-up sheets in the lounge or Fellowship Hall.**

Good Friday Scripture Meditation Service – Please join us for a time of meditation and reflection on the last words of Christ during this Service held in **our Sanctuary beginning at 3:00 pm on Friday, April 18th.**

Easter Sunday Worship Celebration: We celebrate Christ's resurrection on **Sunday, April 20th at 10:00 am in our Sanctuary.**

We hope you will join us for these reflective events.

Monthly Giving Report

	<u>March</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Donations & Other Revenue	\$ 15,800	\$ 90,182
Less Expenses	\$ 28,199	\$ 86,665
Net	\$-12,399	\$ + 3,517

Includes March gifts to the Food Pantry (\$940), Congregational Care (\$271), and America for Christ (\$630)

Thank You!

PHILANTHROPIC and VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

BLINKNOW FUNDRAISER -- If you don't know, BlinkNow is a foundation (created by Margaret Smith's cousin, Maggie Doyne) that is changing the world through quality education, a safe environment, and inspiring others, in Nepal. Their new children's home is in need of furnishing, especially mattresses. Margaret and Laureen Gibeau have created a fundraiser to help with this effort. Please consider donating to BlinkNow to help us raise funds to furnish the new children's home. You may make a gift at this link <https://blinknow.donorsupport.co/-/NYMLBCHY?member=SLKBMKFG>. We thank you for any gift, and we so appreciate the continued support from the members the First Baptist Church of Moorestown.

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 April, May, and June, of 2025.** If you would like to participate, please sign up at the Coffee Hour volunteer board in Fellowship Hall.