

**First Baptist Church Moorestown**  
**Worship Service**  
August 24, 2025

**THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION:**

“Everyone joins a band in this life. And what you play always affects someone. Sometimes, it affects the world.” - Mitch Albom,  
The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto

"For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others"  
- Nelson Mandela

You should see  
What a lovely, lovely world this'd be  
If everyone learned to live together, ah hah  
Seems to me  
Such an easy easy thing it should be  
Why can't you and me learn to love one another?  
All the world over, so easy to see  
People everywhere just wanna be free  
I can't understand it, so simple to me  
People everywhere just got to be free  
- Edward Brigati / Felix Cavaliere for The Rascals

**GATHERING MUSIC**

FBC Worship Band

**WORDS of GREETING and GRACE:**

Rev. Linda Pepe

**MEDLEY of PRAISE**

Congregation

We've gathered in this sanctuary, enrobed in our garments of praise.  
To join with angels and one another; to give honor to Your name.  
We, sons and daughters, stand before You offering our sacrifice of praise;  
So, we sing Glory! Hallelujah! to the Lord who will forever reign.

1. Come, Christians join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ we bring; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
Christ is our guide and friend, on whom we can depend;---  
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!
3. Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore, Christ's goodness we'll adore,---  
Singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia!--- Amen!

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## Worship Service

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stacey Lynn Williams

### HAPPENINGS & OFFERINGS

Rev. Nevin Werron

### PRAYERS of the COMMUNITY

Rev. Jennifer Bradley

### SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 5:21-6:9

Rev. Linda Pepe

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Extravagant Love  
by Hannah Rand

FBC Worship Band

### SERMON

The Band: People Got to be Free

Rev. Linda Pepe

### CLOSING MEDLEY

Congregation

Refrain

People all over the world, join hands - Start a love train, love train

People all over the world, join hands - Start a love train , love train

1. Take a good look around and if you're looking down - Put a little love in your heart

I hope when you decide kindness will be your guide - Put a little love in your heart

And the world will be a better place - And the world will be a better place

For you - and me - You just wait - and see

2. Another day goes by and still the children cry - Put a little love in your heart

If you want the world to know, we won't let hatred grow - Put a little love in your heart

And the world will be a better place - And the world will be a better place

For you - and me - You just wait - and see

Bridge

Ride, let it ride. Ride, let it ride. Ride, let it ride.

Arranged by Greg Gilpin, "Love Train" words & music by Kenneth Gamble & Leon Huff © 1973 (renewed 2003) Warner-Tamerlane Publishing,

"Put A Little Love in Your Heart" words & music by Jimmy Holiday, Randy Myers & Jackie DeShannon © 1969 (renewed 1997)

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### BENEDICTION

Rev. Linda Pepe

### POSTLUDE

FBC Worship Band

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**SUNDAY AUGUST 24, 2025**

<b>TODAY</b>	10:00 am	<b>Morning Worship Service</b> (Sanctuary/Balcony & Facebook Live)
	11:15 am	<b>Coffee Hour</b> - (Fellowship Hall)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	11:30 to 1:30 pm	<b>Food Pantry Hours</b> - Day
	5:30 to 7:00 pm	<b>Food Pantry Hours</b> - Evening (Rooms 7, 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	11:30 to 1:30pm	<b>Food Pantry Hours</b> - Day (Rooms 7, 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)

## 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

**This week's Greeters** are Geoff McClain

**Next week's Greeters** are Trish Walker & Jessica McSwain

**Today's Coffee Hour Hosts** are Judie Ladd & Carole Boutwell

**Next week's Hosts** are Jessic McSwain & Pam Sutton

Consider volunteering to provide refreshments for Sunday Coffee Hour.

**There are Sundays available in September thru December.**

Please sign up on the volunteer board in Fellowship Hall or 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Foyer.

## PRAYER CONCERNS\*

**Please pray for:**

Marilyn Raudenbush healing

Ray Perry's sister Marilyn & Joanie Perry's sister Susan - health concerns

Emily Gibeau & Baby for healthy birth,

Gloria Thornton-Peek 'Coach' for healing

Lorene Moore and Ruth Reigens - health concerns

\*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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## GIVING TO FBC MOORESTOWN

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 or web address:



<https://firstbaptistchurchmoore.churchtrac.com/give>

### CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Linda A. Pepe, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Jennifer Bradley, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Denise Carrell, Associate Pastor  
Tammy Werron, Pastor of Visitation  
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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/firstbaptistmoorestown/>

## NEW MEMBERS INFORMATION SESSION



There will be a new members information session on September 21. If you want to learn more please save the date.  
Contact Pastor Linda if you plan to attend.  
[lindapepepastor@gmail.com](mailto:lindapepepastor@gmail.com)

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## NEXT WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday September 6th, 2025.  
9:30am - 11:00am in the Lounge

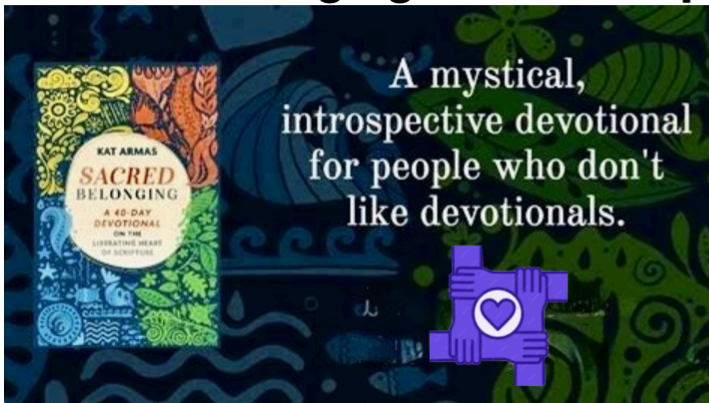


## NEXT MEN'S BREAKFAST

Returns Saturday September 20th, 2025.  
9:30am - 11:00am in the Lounge



## Sacred Belonging Small Group



Beginning September 17th for 8 weeks  
We will meet in the 1st floor conference room using the "**Sacred Belonging Devotional**" (Copies in the office) on Wednesdays at 11:30 am. This Cuban American writer Katt Armas shows us that reading the Bible with fresh eyes allows us to experience God in new ways. Contact Richard Hinchman ([rikhinch@msn.com](mailto:rikhinch@msn.com)) to sign up or if you have questions.



The Health & Wellness Circle has scheduled a Meeting in the sanctuary right after church on August 31st if you signed up or anyone interested in our new Health and Wellness Ministry Circle. We will discuss how we can get started. If you have questions reach out to Trish Walker [trishpoppy@yahoo.com](mailto:trishpoppy@yahoo.com)

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## 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 in the foyer or they may be left in the yellow & 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's Food Pantry served **246** people, including **79** children and **58** seniors

## FBCM AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Melissa Chu  
Josh Rodriguez  
Amy Hawthorne  
Stacey Williams  
Danielle Dreier  
Jim Danley  
Hailey Gearhart  
Adam Buck

Jennifer Kautz  
Finn Hart  
Lisa Velesbir  
Suzy Dinsmore Price  
Eufemio Pagan  
Cate Romano  
Jerome Whitehead

Wishing all a Happy Birthday Month.

We are now celebrating birthdays by month instead of specific dates to assist in protecting personal information.

If we do not have your birthday, or you would like to add a family member's birthday, or have yours removed please contact the church office at:

+1 856-235-1180 or at [fbcmoorestown@gmail.com](mailto:fbcmoorestown@gmail.com).



Are you willing to occasionally help folks with transportation to medical appointments, running errands, rides to church, grocery shopping etc?

The Care team is currently updating its transportation ministry list and looking for more volunteers. This is a wonderful way to both help with specific needs and to get to know people better. If you need more information or would like to be added to this ministry, please contact Amy Hawthorne, or any member of our Care Team. [Ahawthorne888@gmail.com](mailto:Ahawthorne888@gmail.com)

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## No Care Team Meeting in September

Next meeting is October 5, 2025

**FBCM New Season  
Kickoff is Sunday**  
September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025



## **Flamy Grant and Heather Mae Live in Concert**

**Save the Date and Reserve Your Spot - We are beyond excited to welcome back Flamy Grant and to introduce Heather Mae to FBCM!**

All are invited to **Flamy Grant and Heather Mae Live in Concert** on Saturday, November 1, from 6 to 8 PM in our sanctuary. A Meet and Greet with the artists will follow. If you missed Flamy's first concert, you won't want to miss this one! Flamy is a shame-slaying, hip-swaying, Billboard-Topping, **#1 on iTunes**, singing-songwriting **Christian Drag queen**. Her music centers on the Queer spiritual journey, telling stories of resilience and recovery from religious trauma where LGBTQIA+ people are frequently ignored by, harmed in, or ejected from religious spaces.

Heather Mae is a queer, award-winning social justice singer-songwriter and powerhouse vocalist. The driving force behind her growing must-see reputation is her **unforgettable live show**. A deftly-timed comic and **mesmerizing storyteller**, she confidently shepherds audiences through performances that are **part concert, part communal catharsis** - participatory, vulnerable, and fiercely alive. She is the winner of the Northeast Regional Folk Alliance Artist-Activist of the Year award.



You can expect powerhouse vocals, queer anthems, FUN, and a safe space where singing along is encouraged, cathartic crying is optional, and judgment is strictly prohibited- pretty much just like a regular Sunday at FBCM! The concert is free and open to all ages. Free-will donations to benefit FBCM's LGBTQIA+ Ministries and to help defer concert fees will be accepted at the event.

To register for tickets and get more info, please use this link- <http://bit.ly/4maE2bp> or scan the QR Code on the event flyer. If you need help, email [FBCMCommunity@gmail.com](mailto:FBCMCommunity@gmail.com) or ask Sandy Lehr. **\*\*Registering for tickets is required by all, including our congregation.\*\*** Register soon as this event will "sell out"!

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