

SUNDAY

Worship Service

January 12, 2025

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION:

Some people need to be seen before they can start to hear.

- Julia Mayorga as Benita Parla “Rare Objects”, 2023 film

You can become blind by seeing each day as a similar one. Each day is a different one, each day brings a miracle of its own. It's just a matter of paying attention to this miracle.

- Paulo Coelho

GATHERING MUSIC

Howard Raudenbush

WORDS of GREETING and GRACE

Rev. Linda Pepe

***MEDLEY of PRAISE**

Congregation

***1. 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!***

2. I'm singin' and prayin' with my mind - stayed on Jesus. . .

***He's my rock, my sword, my shield;
He's the wheel in the middle of the wheel.
He's my lily of the valley, my bright and morning star
Makes no difference what you say,
I'm gonna stay on my knees and pray
I'm gonna keep on praisin' Jesus till he comes.***

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stacey Williams

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 42:1-10

Richard Hinchman

HAPPENINGS & OFFERINGS

Lois Dinsmore

PRAYERS of the COMMUNITY

Rev. Jennifer Bradley

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:15-22

Pastor Linda

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Meditation
by Jules Massenet

Sara Bennett
Clarinet

SERMON

Heads Up!

Pastor Linda

***CLOSING HYMN**

Let the Peace of God Reign

Congregation

- 1. Author of life, draw me closer, God, my heart is set on You;
Let me run the race of time - with Your life enfolding mine,
And let the peace of God, let it reign.***
- 2. Oh, Holy Spirit, You're my comfort; strengthen me, hold my head up high.
As I stand upon Your truth, bringing glory unto You;
And let the peace of God, let it reign.***

CHORUS

***Oh, God, I hunger for more of You.
Rise up within me, let me know Your truth.
Oh, Holy Spirit, saturate my soul,
And let the life of God fill me now,
Let Your healing power breathe life and make me whole,
And let the peace of God, let it reign.***

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***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Linda

***POSTLUDE**

Howard

**Please stand if you are able.*

TODAY and THE COMING WEEK at FBC MOORESTOWN

TODAY, January 12	10:00 am	Morning Worship Service (Sanctuary/Balcony & Facebook Live)
	11:15 am	Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY, January 14	11:30 to 1:30	Food Pantry Hours (Rooms 7, 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
	5:30 to 7:00 pm	Food Pantry Hours (Rooms 7, 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
WEDNESDAY, January 15	7:00 pm	Small Group with Pastor Linda (Lounge)
THURSDAY, January 16	11:30 to 1:30	Food Pantry Hours (Rooms 7, 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
	6:00 pm	Handbell Choir (Room 4, 1 st Room on the Left, up the ramp Street Level)
	6:45 pm	Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
SATURDAY, January 18	9:30 am	Men's Breakfast (Lounge)

PRAAYER CONCERNS - January 12, 2025

Please pray for:

**Jerome Whitehead for health concerns,
Ruthie Earley for healing,**

**Sara Bennett's family at the death of her great uncle, Fred Cortelyou,
Wilson Bradley, Jennifer Bradley's father, for health concerns, and
Byrom Price, Lois and John Dinsmore's son-in-law as he recovers from
major surgery.**

Please pray for these church family members:

Jan Applegate, Lorene Moore, Leila Morgan 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 **Robbie and Coach Thornton-Peek**.

Next week's **Greeters** are **Eufemio Pagan and Tom Tamburello**.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To: Jonathan Khanlian on Tuesday, January 14th, Richard Weiford on Wednesday, January 15th, and Bev Allegretti on Saturday, January 18th. 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 228 people, including 74 children and 52 seniors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

JANUARY 12th – A NEW MEMBERS CLASS – Have you been attending FBCM for a while and want to know more about becoming a member? **An informational session will be held on January 12th in Classroom 6 (first floor, last room on the left) directly following worship.** Please let Pastor Linda know if you are interested in attending.

THIS WEEK

JANUARY 15th – SMALL GROUP STUDY WITH PASTOR LINDA – Join us as we **read and study Paul's letter to the Romans.** This study led by Pastor Linda will meet in the church lounge on **Wednesdays at 7pm.** All are welcome, even if you have not attended our Small Group Study before now. To sign up please call the church office at 856-235-1180 or email Carol Murray at fbcmoorestown@gmail.com.

JANUARY 16th - MUSIC AT FIRST BAPTIST – THE HANDBELL CHOIR

Do you appreciate the music here at FBC? Why not be a part of it? When holding a handbell, with just a flick of the wrist, a beautiful sound peals forth. **Bell Choir is looking for new Ringers to fill out that sound.** Do you have an interest in ringing bells? Bell choir would love to have you join us! All skill levels welcome. Not sure or interested in learning more? **Come join us Thursday January 16th at 6PM for a hands-on information session to see if it's for you!** Please reach out to Sara Bennett or John Dinsmore for more information.

JANUARY 18th – MEN'S BREAKFAST – **The next Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, January 18th 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.

SAVE THE DATE - JANUARY

JANUARY 19th - RESTORATIVE LIVING GROUP, EVERYONE IS INVITED AND WELCOMED - Do you find it helpful to talk with others about how our Christian beliefs speak to us in our interactions with others? Do you struggle with knowing what to do when relationships are harmed? **Please join us for our Restorative Living discussions at 11:30 January 19th, in Room 6 (last room on the left, first floor).**

JANUARY 31st – SMALL GROUP – FAITH AND PHILOSOPHY – A Small Group will gather on Zoom to discuss secular philosophy and how we can use our understanding of faith and philosophy to grow in our walk of faith. **Hosted by Matt McNulty, this five-week group will meet on Saturdays (January 31st to February 28th) from 5:30-6:30 pm via zoom.** The group is welcome to anyone 18 years or older, as some days will include mature themes. Reading materials will be provided at no charge through online links. This is open to FBC and beyond. If you are interested, please email Matt at mmcnulty191@gmail.com.”

SAVE THE DATE - MARCH

MARCH 16th - COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICES WITH CHRIST

CONGREGATION PRINCETON - We are excited to again welcome the members and friends of Christ Congregation Princeton to FBCM for a special combined worship service on March 16th. The members of that congregation will join us for our regular church service, and then we will join them in Princeton at their church services at 5:00 p.m., followed by dinner. Their congregation is a progressive, inclusive, justice-seeking community of faith. We hope you will join us for these services, share a meal and get to know one another.

PHILANTHROPIC & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

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

WINTER OUTERWEAR DRIVE - The Food Pantry is still hosting a Winter Outerwear drive again this year. Our pantry guests really appreciated what we had to offer last year. **We are asking for winter outerwear ONLY- coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and new socks, etc.** All sizes. Items should be new or gently used and CLEAN! Items may be placed in the cart just inside the lounge entry marked “Coat Drive”.

STAFF NEWS

STAFF VACATION -

Carol Murray will be on **vacation Friday, January 17th, returning Tuesday, January 28th**. If anyone is able to volunteer any time to answer phones **or the doorbell, especially on Food Pantry Days (Tuesday, January 21st or Thursday, January 23rd, 11:30 to 1:30)**, please reach out to Carol at fbcmoores town@gmail.com or at 856-235-1180.