

First Baptist Church Moorestown

Worship Service

September 28, 2025

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION:

"And while I stood there I saw more than I can tell, and I understood more than I saw, for I was seeing in a sacred manner the shapes of things in the spirit, and the shape of all shapes as they must live together like one being." - Black Elk

"The goal of life is to make your heartbeat match the beat of the universe, to match your nature with Nature." - Joseph Campbell

"Our strongest gifts are usually those we are barely aware of possessing. They are a part of our God-given nature, with us from the moment we drew first breath, and we are no more conscious of having them than we are of breathing... every journey, honestly undertaken, stands a chance of taking us toward the place where our deep gladness meets the world's deep need."

- Parker J. Palmer, Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation

GATHERING MUSIC

FBC Worship Band

WORDS of GREETING and GRACE:

Rev. Linda Pepe

HYMNS of PRAISE

Congregation

There is a sweet anointing in this sanctuary;
There is a stillness in the atmosphere.
Come and lay down the burdens you have carried;
For in this sanctuary God is here.

God is here, God is here;
To break the yoke and lift the heavy burden.
God is here, God is here;
To heal the hopeless heart and bless the broken.
Come and lay down the burdens you have carried;
For in this sanctuary God is here.

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I will enter Your gates with thanksgiving in my heart
I will enter Your courts with praise
I will say this is the day that our God has made
I will rejoice for You have made me glad

You have made me glad, You have made me glad
I will rejoice for You have made me glad
You have made me glad, You have made me glad
I will rejoice for You have made me glad
I will rejoice for You have made me glad

Hallelujah! God has made me glad!
Hallelujah! God has made me glad! (repeat)

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stacey Lynn Williams

HAPPENINGS & OFFERINGS

Rev. Nevin Werron

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 6:1-8

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PRAYERS of the COMMUNITY

Robbie Thornton-Peek

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 3:13-17

Rev. Linda Pepe

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

No One Else

FBC Choir

by Kurt Carr

SERMON

Undeniably Called

Rev. Linda Pepe

CLOSING HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

Congregation

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them; whom shall I send?

Chorus

Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold, your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I can mend their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them; whom shall I send?

Repeat Chorus

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame;
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts are satisfied.
I will give my life to them; whom shall I send?

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BENEDICTION

Rev. Linda Pepe

POSTLUDE

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Sunday September 28, 2025

TODAY	10:00 am	Morning Worship Service (Sanctuary/Balcony & Facebook Live)
	11:15 am	Coffee Hour - (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	11:30 to 1:30 pm	Food Pantry Hours - Day
	5:30 to 7:00 pm	Food Pantry Hours - Evening (Rooms 7, 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
THURSDAY	11:30 to 1:30pm	Food Pantry Hours - 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 Dana Seidman, Samuel Gibson & Michael Ostrow
Next week's Greeters are Myrna Rodriguez & Trish Walker

Today's Coffee Hour Hosts are Robbie & Gloria Thornton-Peek
Next week's Hosts are Peg Havens



Consider volunteering to provide refreshments for Sunday Coffee Hour. **There are many Sundays available.** Please sign up on the volunteer board in Fellowship Hall.

PRAYER CONCERNS*

Please pray for:

Lauren Jones' Aunt Joan and Uncle Chris - serious health concerns
Ray Perry's sister Marilyn & Joanie Perry's sister Susan - health concerns
Gloria Thornton-Peek 'Coach' for healing, Marilyn Raudenbush healing
Leila Morgan - prayers, 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

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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); 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. Denise Carrell, Associate Pastor
Tammy Werron, Pastor of Visitation
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2026 Budget Planning

Leadership, Ministries and Circles are working on next year's budget. On November 16th during a business meeting after service the budget will be presented by the finance team. On December 14th we will have another Business Meeting to vote on the 2026 budget. More information to come.

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FBC CONVERSATION SERIES



Core Values: The Journey Continues

In July, our conversation series on Core Values at FBCM was introduced through an interactive Build A Bear activity. We discussed the values that you identified during that first session and listened to your feedback.

What was your feedback? A desire for a deeper dive into those values so here goes!!!

We are excited to announce the second in our conversation series is scheduled for:

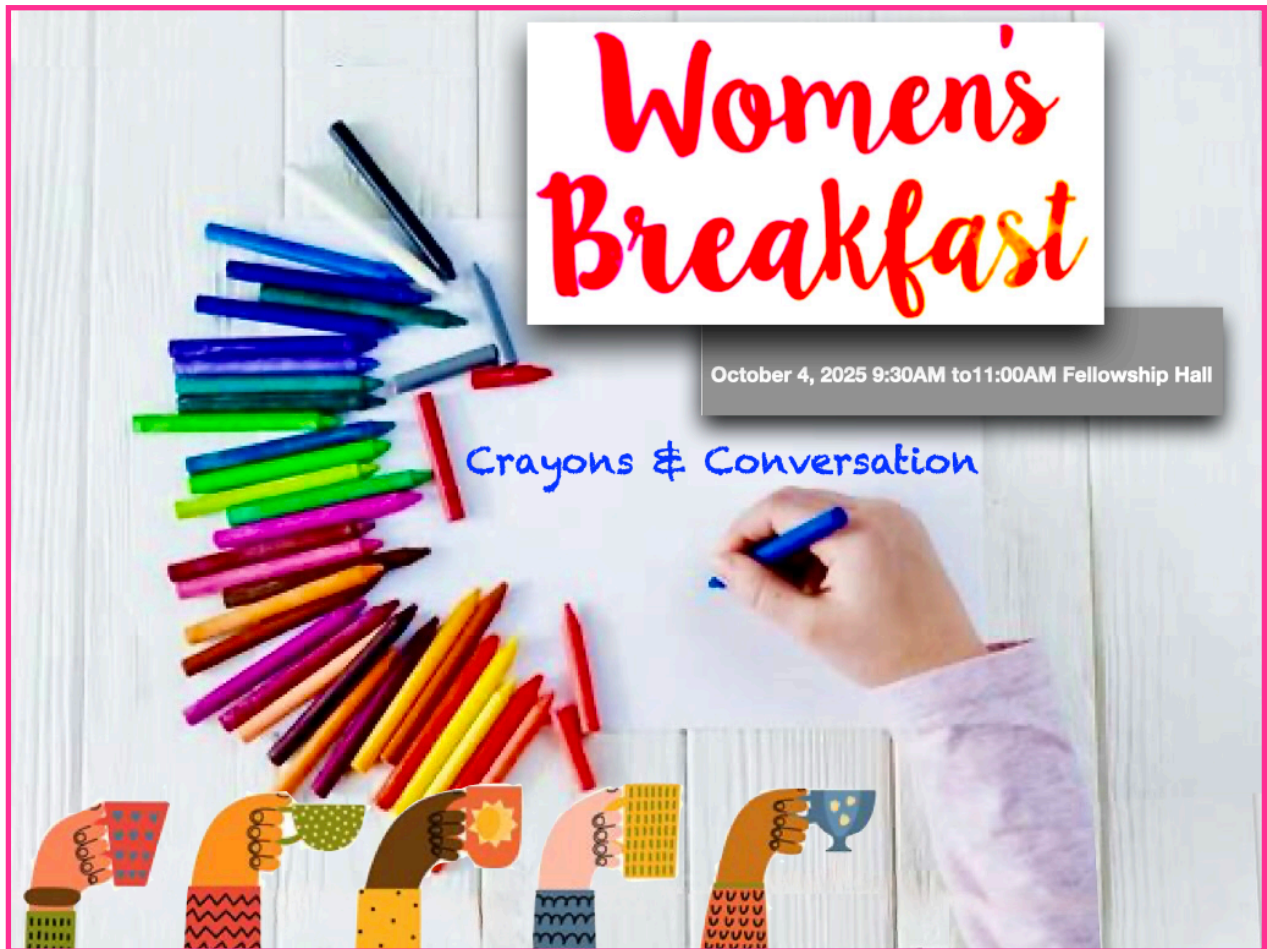
Sunday, October 19

11:15 AM - 12:30 PM

Fellowship Hall

Please sign up outside of the main sanctuary or at fellowship hall.

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**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**

Next MENS BREAKFAST Saturday October 18th, 2025.
9:30am - 11:00am in the Lounge

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ZOOM SMALL GROUP

Please note, you do not have to have read the first half of **A is For Alabaster** to join the Wednesday night Zoom small group.



Beginning October 1st, all are welcome to join as we read and discuss the second half of **A is For Alabaster** by Rev. Dr. Ann Carter Florence. If you would like to be a part of a group where you can delve into some of the people, places, and happenings in the New Testament in a fresh and engaging way, this group is for you. If you would like to get to know others better, this group is for you. Please sign-up on the list on Pastor Jen's office door, email her at jbradley12@gmail.com or text her at 609-744-3359. If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Pastor Jen. We will meet for 5 weeks, October 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29

FBCM SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Christopher Krebs
Joe Gillespie
Rev. Linda Pepe
Patrick Hurley
Stephen Perry
Scott Murray
Thane Robertson
Sean Hart
Jeffery Jones
Nevin Werron
Ewart Rouse

Paul Murray
Pete Romano
Margaret Smith
Dabid Acosta
Mark Henry
Gwen Jones
Evie Watson
Megan Krebs Rodgers
Musu Davis
Vanel Perry

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.

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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. They may be placed in the Food Pantry Cart in the foyer, left in the yellow & black bin next to the breezeway ramp door, or beside the pantry room door on the lower level any day of the week.



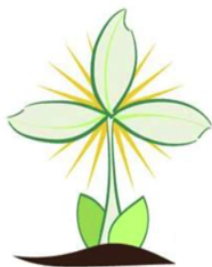
This week the Food Pantry served **280** people, including **90** children and **60** seniors

Volunteer TRANSPORTATION Opportunity

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



Garden Ministry Circle (Note Date Change)

Will meet Sunday October 5th at 11:15AM in the 1st floor Room 5-6. Get your coffee quickly after service and join us! All welcome... Questions? Contact Norma Wright (nccav@aol.com).



Education Team Meeting

Sunday, September 28
Just after service, grab some coffee
And join us in Room 5-6

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October 11th Come Out... and celebrate National Coming Out Day.

The LGBTQ community of FBCM is invited to Pastor Jen and Sandy's, located at 118 Union St in Moorestown, on Saturday, October 11th, from 12:00 to 3:00 for a special National Coming Out Day gathering and lunch.

If able, please bring a shareable side or dessert. Please sign up by adding your name to the sign-up sheet in the lounge/foyer or by emailing Pastor Jen at jbradley12@gmail.com. Each individual's coming-out journey is sacred, and whether you are in the closet, have one toe peeking out, or have been out for years, please join us, just as you are, as we celebrate this special day in our community.

We hope to see you on the 11th !



OCTOBER 11

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FLAMY GRANT HEATHER MAE



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6-8 PM

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