

# SUNDAY

## Worship Service

May 25, 2025

### **THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION:**

*What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like.* - Saint Augustine

*The only thing better than singing is more singing.* - Ella Fitzgerald

### **GATHERING MUSIC**

Howard Raudenbush

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

Rev. Linda Pepe

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

*Psalm 150*

Congregation

- 1. You made the starry hosts, you traced the mountain peaks;  
You paint the evening skies with wonders.  
The earth, it is your throne. From desert to the sea  
all nature testifies your splendor.*

*Refrains 1 & 2*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; sing God's greatness, all creation.  
Praise the Lord. Raise your voice,  
You heights and all you depths from furthest east to west,  
Let everything that has breath Praise the Lord.*

- 2. You reached into the dust; in love Your Spirit breathed.  
You formed us in Your very likeness  
To know Your wondrous works, to tell Your mighty deeds,  
To join the everlasting chorus.*
- 3. Let symphonies resound, let drums and choirs ring out.  
All heaven hear the sound of worship.  
Let melodies take wing, let all creation sing  
A roar of harmonies eternal.*

*Refrain 3*

***Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; sing God's greatness, all creation.***

***Praise the Lord, raise your voice;***

***You heights and all you depths from furthest east to west;***

***You distant burning stars, all creatures near and far,***

***From sky to sea to shore sing out forevermore.***

***Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Amen!***

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**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Matthew McNulty

**HAPPENINGS & OFFERINGS**

Nevin Werron

**PRAYERS of the COMMUNITY**

Rev. Jennifer Bradley

**SCRIPTURE**

***Luke 24:48-53***

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

***How Beautiful***  
by Twila Paris

FBC Choir

**SERMON**

***Follow Me: The Blessing***

Pastor Linda

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

***We Are Called***

Congregation

- 1. Come, live in the light; shine with the joy and the love of the Lord***  
***We are called to be light for the kin-dom***  
***To live in the freedom of the city of God***

*Chorus*

***We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly***  
***We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God***

- 2. Come, open your heart; show your mercy to all those in fear***  
***We are called to be hope for the hopeless***  
***So all hatred and blindness will be no more***
- 3. Sing, sing a new song; sing of that great day when all will be one***  
***God will reign and we'll walk with each other***  
***As sisters and brothers united in love***

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**\*BENEDICTION**

Pastor Linda

**POSTLUDE**

Howard

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

# TODAY and THE COMING WEEK at FBC MOORESTOWN

<b>TODAY, May 25</b>	10:00 am	<b>Morning Worship Service</b> (Sanctuary/Balcony & Facebook Live)
	11:15 am	<b>Coffee Hour</b> (Fellowship Hall)
	11:30 am – 2:00 pm	<b>Qmunity Ministry Circle Meeting</b> (Bradley/Lehr Home)
<b>TUESDAY, May 27</b>	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)
<b>THURSDAY, May 29</b>	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)
	6:45 pm	<b>Choir Practice</b> (Sanctuary)

## PRAYER CONCERNS - May 25, 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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& <https://www.facebook.com/groups/firstbaptistmoorestown/>**

May 25, 2025

*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: Andrew Dempsey, Today, JoEllyn Perry Powell on Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, and Scott Whitefleet on Friday, May 30<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 at **856-235-1180** or at [fbcmoores town@gmail.com](mailto:fbcmoores town@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.fbcmoores town.org](http://www.fbcmoores town.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's Food Pantry numbers will be shared next week.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## TODAY

**QMUNITY MINISTRY CIRCLE MEETING** - Qmunity (LGBTQIA+ and Allies Ministry Circle) will have our next meeting Today, 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 7th. If you have any questions, please email Sandy at [FBCMqcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:FBCMqcommunity@gmail.com). We hope to see you on the 25th!

## SAVE THE DATE - NEXT WEEK

**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 4<sup>th</sup>- PRIDE FLAG RAISING AT MOORESTOWN LIBRARY** – Come join Moorestown Organizations – Better Together, Moorestown Pride, and the Moorestown Library - for the **raising of the Moorestown Pride Flag on Wednesday, June 4, 2024 at 6:00 pm at Moorestown Town Hall**. Pastor Jen Bradley and Richard Hinchman will be featured speakers and there will be performances by the Moorestown Theater Company. Please consider joining the kick-off of Pride Month, and this community's supportive environment and celebration of LGBTQ individuals, families, and allies.

**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](mailto:jbradley12@gmail.com).

## PHILANTHROPIC and VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS** – We still need volunteers to provide refreshments for **Sunday Coffee Hour**. 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.

## PRIDE and QMUNITY NEWS

**Qmunity (LGBTQIA+ & Allies Ministry Circle) will have First Baptist Moorestown Happy Pride Lawn signs for sale again this year in celebration of June Pride Month.** They are 18" x 24", double-sided, with stakes included, and are \$20.00. They will be available to pick up at church on May 25th and June 1st in the lounge, outside the Church Office. After you've paid, help yourself to a sign. You can put your cash or check in the offering collection boxes outside the sanctuary; please make sure to write "Qmunity" on your check or offering envelope. Place them in your yard on June 1st, and if willing, take a pic of you and/or your loved ones by your sign and email it to Sandy at [slehr12@gmail.com](mailto:slehr12@gmail.com). Qmunity thanks you for your support!

Also, **Qmunity is handing out FREE oval FBCM (in Progressive Pride rainbow colors) car magnets.** The magnets are 6"x 4" and will stick on any magnetic surface. They will be on a table in the lounge on May 25th and June 1st- help yourself! Qmunity is very grateful for our FBCM family and wish you all a HAPPY PRIDE!



## **A NOTE OF THANKS FROM CAROL ANN MURRAY**

As this is my last Bulletin as Office Administrator, I wanted to let you know it has been a pleasure to work amongst you since 2018 (and to worship alongside some of you since 1969). It has been a blessing to have been in ministry together, and truthfully it is hard to leave the position. I have felt so valued and supported here, and that what I did everyday mattered. I am also grateful to my colleagues and to the Leadership Team for the wonderful work environment, but especially to Pastor Linda, with whom I have shared so much laughter and camaraderie.

Dean Eson will be serving as Interim Office Administrator, and I am glad to be leaving this ministry in his capable hands. As I move onto other things, including volunteering on Tuesdays at the Food Pantry, please know that I am thinking about all of you and praying for you. I will see you on the occasional Sunday too. Thank you, FBC!