

First Baptist Church Moorestown

Worship Service

August 17, 2025

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION:

“If you dare to believe that you are beloved before you were born, you may suddenly realize that your life is very, very special. You become conscious that you were sent here just for a short time... to discover and believe that you are a beloved child of God. The length of time doesn't matter. You are sent into this world to believe in yourself as God's chosen one and then to help others know that they are also beloved children of God who belong together. You're sent into this world to be a people of reconciliation.” - Henri Nouwen

“Everyone joins a band in this life, only some of them play music.”
- Mitch Albom, *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto*.

“Don't you feel it growing day by day? People getting ready for the new Some are happy, some are sad We gotta let the music play... Like a lazy flowing river Surrounding castles in the sky And the crowd is growing bigger Listenin' for the happy sounds And we got to let them fly. Listen to the music... all the time.
- Tom Johnston for The Doobie Brothers, *Listen to the Music*”

GATHERING MUSIC

FBC Worship Band

WORDS of GREETING and GRACE

Rev. Linda Pepe

HYMN of PRAISE

Here Comes the Sun

Congregation

Little darling, it's been a long cold lonely winter
Little darling, it feels like years since it's been here
Here comes the sun - here comes the sun
And I say, it's all right

Little darling, the smiles returning to their faces
Little darling, it seems like years since it's been here
Here comes the sun - here comes the sun
And I say, it's all right

Sun, sun, sun - here it comes

Little darling, I feel that ice is slowly melting
Little darling, it seems like years since it's been clear
Here comes the sun - here comes the sun
And I say, it's all right

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jerome Whitehead

HAPPENINGS & OFFERINGS

Trish Walker

PRAYERS of the COMMUNITY

Michael Manall

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 5:1-21

Rev. Linda Pepe

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

We Are (The Light of the World)

Congregation

1. Every secret, every shame - every fear, every pain
Live inside the dark - but that's not who we are
We are children of the day

So wake up, sleeper, lift your head - we were meant for more than this
Fight the shadows, conquer death - make the most of the time we have left

Chorus

We are the light of the world - we are the city on a hill
We are the light of the world
And we gotta we gotta we gotta let the light shine (*repeat*)

Let the light shine - Let the light shine - Let the light shine

2. We are called to spread the news - to tell the world the simple truth
Jesus came to save - there's freedom in His name
So let His love break through

Bridge

We are the light - we are the light - we are the light
So let your light shine brighter
We are the light - we are the light - we are the light
Je - sus
You are the light - You are the light - You are the light
We will lift You high and shine - shine - shine

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SERMON

The Band: Listen to the Music

Rev. Linda Pepe

CLOSING HYMN

Arise Shine

Congregation

1. Arise shine for your light has come
And the glory of God is on you
Arise see when the earth grows dark
That the Lord will arise upon you
That the Lord will arise upon you

Chorus

Nations will come to your light
Lift up your eyes and see
We'll gather together and come to you
And your love will be all that we know
And your love will be all that we know

2. Arise come to the open gate
For our God is welcoming you
Fear not for the Lord brings peace
And redemption to all who believe
And redemption to all who believe

Bridge

The sun will not shine
Cause you'll be all the light that we need
And violence will end
All the wars that we wage will cease
We will glorify your name
We will glorify your name

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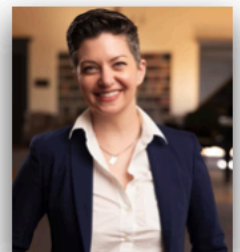
Rev. Linda Pepe

POSTLUDE

FBC Worship Band

WELCOME Rev. Denise Carrell

We are excited to welcome Rev. Denise Carrell to First Baptist Church today. She brings joy and passion to our ministry, as our Associate Pastor for Faith Formation. Pastor Denise has tremendous gifts for ministry which will help us nurture our faith, grow in discipleship, and add to the overall spiritual health and vibrancy of our community of faith. We welcome her into our 'BAND'. Please take a moment to say hello and introduce yourselves.



SUNDAY AUGUST 17, 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
Next week's Greeters are Myrna Rodriguez & Trish Walker

Today's Coffee Hour Hosts are Debra & Rick Reed

Next week's Hosts are Judie Ladd & Carole Boutwell

Consider volunteering to provide refreshments for Sunday Coffee Hour.

There are many available Sundays in September thru December.

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

PRAYER CONCERNS*

Please pray for:

Marilyn Raudenbush healing & Howard Raudenbush healing,
Ray Perry's sister Marilyn & Joanie Perry's sister Susan - health concerns
Emily Gibeau & Baby healthy birth,
Denise Benson recuperation,
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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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>

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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 have questions.

<https://www.fbcmoorestown.org>

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NEXT WOMAN'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



Dragonfly Nature Walk

Friday August 22nd — Noon

60 Beverly Rancocas Road, Willingboro Twp. Beverly, NJ 08010

Dragonfly Nature Walk at Willingboro Lakes Park. Experience the miracle of dragonflies first hand. We will walk slowly about a mile total over gravel and asphalt paths. Wear socks and sturdy shoes or sneakers, and bring a water bottle and binoculars if you have them. The walk is weather dependent; we will meet at the Willingboro Lakes parking lot at noon.

Email Jill Lee for details: j.huntington_lee@icloud.com



**FBCM New Season
Kickoff is Sunday
September 14th, 2025**



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Health & Wellness Circle has scheduled a Meeting in the sanctuary right after church on August 31st for those who signed up or anyone interested in our new Health and Wellness Ministry Circle to discuss how we can get started. If you have questions reach out to Trish Walker trishpoppy@yahoo.com

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 **255** people, including **66** children and **74** 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.

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TRANSPORTATION Volunteer 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

Volunteer

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 or ask Sandy Lehr. ****Registering for tickets is required by all, including our congregation.**** Register soon as this event will "sell out"!



**FLAMY GRANT
HEATHER MAE**

2 vocal powerhouse down-to-earth divas

Live in Concert
SAT. NOV. 1
6-8 PM

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Scan for tickets & info.

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Concert is free. Donations accepted at Event Door.