

SUNDAY

Worship Service

December 29, 2024

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION:

I wait patiently for the Lord, my soul, my whole being, expectantly waits, And in God's word do I hope.

-Psalm 130:5

What are the most powerful words in the universe? The ones you use to talk to yourself.

- Karen Salmansohn

GATHERING MUSIC

Howard Raudenbush

WORDS of GREETING and GRACE

Rev. Linda Pepe

***HYMN of PRAISE**

Go Tell It On the Mountain

Congregation

Refrain:

*Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

- 1. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.*
- 2. The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.*
- 3. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.*

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stacey Williams

HAPPENINGS & OFFERINGS

Lois Dinsmore

PRAYERS of the COMMUNITY

Rev. Jennifer Bradley

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:21-40

John Dinsmore

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Welcome To Our World

by Chris Rice

SERMON

Words While We Wait

Pastor Linda

****CLOSING HYMN***

Jesus, What A Wonderful Child

Congregation

***Jesus, Jesus, oh, what a wonderful child.
Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek, and mild;
New life, new hope, new joy he brings
Won't you listen to the angels sing:
"Glory, glory, glory, to the newborn King."***

***He was herald by the angels, born in a lowly manger,
The virgin Mary was his mother and Joseph was his earthly father.
Three wise men came from afar. They were guided by a shining star
To see the place where Jesus lay in a manger filled with hay.***

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****BENEDICTION***

Pastor Linda

****POSTLUDE***

Howard

****Please stand if you are able.***

TODAY and THE COMING WEEK at FBC MOORESTOWN

TODAY, December 29	10:00 am	Morning Worship Service (Sanctuary/Balcony & Facebook Live)
	11:15 am	Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
MONDAY, December 30	5:30 to 7:00 pm	Food Pantry Hours (Rooms 7, 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
TUESDAY, December 31	11:30 to 1:30	Food Pantry Hours (Rooms 7, 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
WEDNESDAY, January 1		HAPPY NEW YEAR! Roszek Open House (52 Westbrook Dr, Moorestown)
	1:00 to 4:00 pm	
THURSDAY, January 2		NO Food Pantry Hours

PRAYER CONCERNS - December 29, 2024

Please pray for:

**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 **Coffee Hour Refreshments** were provided by **George Gillespie, Jane Pipes and Judie Ladd.**

Today's **Greeters** were **Myrna Rodriguez and Trish Walker.**

Next week's **Greeters** are **Adam Buck and Patrick O'Brien.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To Ron Thiede on Monday, December 30th. 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.

GIVE TO FBC ONLINE

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 121 people, including 43 children and 34 seniors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025 - ROSZEK OPEN HOUSE – Another New Year, Another Open House! - **Join Neva and Judie Marie Roszek for an open house on New Year's Day from 1:00 to 4 pm.** Meet new friends and visit with the old. Come share another year's good luck and eat black-eyed peas with us. Come for a few minutes and stay a while. **Just be here - 52 Westbrook Dr, Moorestown.** We would love to see you and wish you health and wealth for 2025.

2025

SAVE THE DATE - JANUARY

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.

PHILANTHROPIC & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS – We are inviting **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 will be 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".

PASTORAL & STAFF NEWS

THANK YOU FROM PASTOR LINDA –

Thank you, beloved congregation of Christ! I am so blown away by your generous Christmas gift and your continuing care. I know I say this a lot, but I am so honored to be among you. That God has placed us together for this season of ministry is something for which I'll be grateful the rest of my days. I wish each of you a blessed and happy new year! We are going to have a great 2025! In Christ, Pastor Linda.

THANK YOU FROM PASTOR JEN –

FBC, thank you! Thank you for the generous Christmas present. It is a gift, joy, and honor to be in ministry together sharing the unbound love of God for all. I look forward to the ministry we will do in the new year and beyond. With much love - Pastor Jen

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 fbcmoorestown@gmail.com or at 856-235-1180.