

SUNDAY

Worship Service

October 27, 2024

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION: *Friendship requires a constant willingness to forgive each other for not being Christ and a willingness to ask Christ . . . to be the true center. . . . Friendship requires closeness, affection, support, and mutual encouragement; but . . . also distance, space to grow, freedom to be different, and solitude.* - Henri Nouwen

Love makes your soul crawl out from its hiding place. - Zora Neale Hurston

GATHERING MUSIC

Howard Raudenbush

WORDS of GREETING and GRACE

Rev. Linda Pepe

***MEDLEY of PRAISE**

Congregation

*We sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.*

*We sing the goodness of our God that filled the earth with food;
Then formed the creatures with a word, and then pronounced them good.
Oh, how your wonders are displayed where'er we turn our eyes:
If we survey the ground we tread or gaze upon the skies!*

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.
Christ, to you our voices raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the wonder of each hour, of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
Christ, to you our voices raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glories known.
The clouds arise and spread their showers by order from your throne.
This life, it is a gift from heav'n and ever in God's care;
And everywhere that we may be, our God is present there.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stacey Williams

**PRESENTATION OF EVERGREEN AWARD to FBCM FOOD PANTRY
Khanam Begum, FOOD BANK OF SOUTH JERSEY**

HAPPENINGS & OFFERINGS

Rev. Nevin Werron

PRAYERS of the COMMUNITY

Rev. Jennifer Bradley

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 3:1-6

Pastor Linda

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

This Is My Story
by Sarah Kroger & Sarah Hart

FBC Choir

SERMON

Corners of the Mind: Sharing Stories

Pastor Linda

***CLOSING HYMN**

Congregation

***Moon River, wider than a mile
I'm crossin' you in style some day
Old dream maker, you heartbreaker
Wherever you're goin', I'm goin' your way***

***Two drifters, off to see the world
There's such a lot of world to see
We're after the same rainbow's end
Waitin' 'round the bend
My huckleberry friend, Moon River and me***

Words by Johnny Mercer, Music by Henry Mancini © 1961 Famous Music Corporation

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Linda

***POSTLUDE**

Howard

**Please stand if you are able.*

TODAY and THE COMING WEEK at FBC MOORESTOWN

TODAY, October 27	10:00 am	Morning Worship Service (Sanctuary/Balcony & Facebook Live)
	11:15 am	FBC Budget Discussion (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
	11:45 am	Q-munity Gathering (Dinsmore Home)
TUESDAY, October 29	11:30 to 1:30 pm	Food Pantry Hours (Rooms 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
WEDNESDAY, October 30	5:30 to 7:00 pm	Small Group with Pastor Jen (Zoom)
	7:00 pm	Small Group with Pastor Linda (Lounge)
THURSDAY, October 31	11:30 to 1:30 pm	Food Pantry Hours (Rooms 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
FRIDAY, November 1	10:00	HAPPY HALLOWEEN!! "Bible Basics" Study Group (1 st Floor Conference Room)
SATURDAY, November 2	9:30	Women's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

PRAAYER CONCERNS - October 27, 2024

Please pray for:

**Emily Neff with health concerns,
the family, friends and MTC at the sudden death of Dr. George Mark,
Bailey Pincus, a friend of Juliet Morgan who has a brain aneurism,
and Dana Thiede with health concerns.**

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 of you 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 **Lauren Jones and Lisa Velesbir**.

Today's **Greeters** were **Richard Hinchman & Geoff McClain**.

Next week's **Greeters** are **Richard Hinchman & Geoff McClain**.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - To Charles Moore, on Tuesday, October 29th, and Grace Madison on Thursday, October 31st. 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.

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 outside the pantry room door on the lower level any day of the week.

This week we fed 257 people, including 67 children and 80 seniors.

TODAY

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FOOD PANTRY RECEIVES AN AWARD – The FBCM Food Pantry has been given the **2024 Food Bank of South Jersey Evergreen Award for Resilience and Creativity**. This award is given in appreciation to FBCM's unwavering commitment to solving food insecurity. Khanam Begum of the Food Bank of South Jersey Health and Wellness program, has joined us today to present the award. Ms. Begum also provides nutrition presentations and counseling to the guests of our food pantry.

FBC BUDGET DISCUSSION– As many of you know, an annual church budget is a tool that funds our collective mission, vision and ministries. And ministry/ministries cost money, which is why a budget discussion is so important. Our Financial Leaders have worked tirelessly through a budgeting process which involved many of you looking at strategic objectives. Now, we bring the discussion to you. **Please join us for a congregational meeting directly following morning worship TODAY.** We hope that you are able to invest the time to help us finalize a budget that ensures that our financial resources are used wisely to support the church mission. **If you would like to follow along, please use the QR Code below. You may also pick-up a hard copy of the Budget in the Church Office.**

[FBC BUDGET DISCUSSION QR CODE](#)



Q-MUNITY GATHERING - Our next Q-munity (LGBTQIA+ Ministry Circle) meeting will be **TODAY** at the home of Lois and John Dinsmore - 122 Union St in Moorestown. You are welcome to arrive any time after 11:45. If you are able, please bring a shareable side or dessert. We have lots to discuss, so we hope to see you!

POINTSETTIA ORDERS – TODAY - To celebrate the season and to decorate the Church Sanctuary – **Christmas Poinsettias will be available again for purchase this year starting today.** Please use the insert provided today to place your order. The order deadline is **SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 10th, for DELIVERY ON DECEMBER 21st.** You will be able to pick up your Poinsettia immediately following the Christmas Eve Service. **You do not have to pay for them today – please just fill out the form below so the correct number can be ordered. You can also scan and send the order via email.** If you have questions, please reach out to Carol Murray at 856-235-1180, or at fbcmoorestown@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK

OCTOBER 30th - ZOOM SMALL GROUP WITH PASTOR JEN - A small group book discussion will continue on Wednesdays. We will be reading *Falling Upward* by Richard Rohr. We will meet Wednesday nights via Zoom and our discussion will begin at 7 and conclude around 8/8:15. If you would like to hang out and chit chat before our book discussion, please join at 6:45. Similarly, if you would like to hang out following the meeting to chat the Zoom room will be open 'til 8:30/8:45. Please contact Pastor Jen if you want to join or if you have any questions.

OCTOBER 30th –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 resumes in the church lounge each Wednesday 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.

NOVEMBER 1st – NEW “BIBLE BASICS” STUDY GROUP CONTINUES - A new Bible Basics study begins October 25th. This study is perfect for folks with no Bible background . . . and also those who know the Bible but would like more historical context. The first study will look at two very interesting words in the Bible – Sophia and Logos (Wisdom and the Word) as found in Job, Proverbs, and the gospel of John. **We meet in the Conference room at 10 am on Fridays. For more information, email Jill Lee at j.huntington_lee@icloud.com.**

NOVEMBER 2nd – WOMEN’S BREAKFAST – **The next Women’s Breakfast will be held on Saturday, November 2nd at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall and Margaret Smith and Norma Wright will host.** Margaret will share some updates on the Kopila Valley Home & School in Nepal. We will also enlist everyone’s help in preparing this year’s Angel Tree. Hope to see you there! Join us for fellowship and bring a dish to share if you are able.



FIRST BAPTIST CHUCH CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA 2024 ORDER FORM



FINAL Orders need to be placed by SUNDAY, November 10th.

NAME:	
PHONE:	EMAIL:

Size	Price ea.	Color	Quantity
4 blooms (6.5" pot)	\$10	Red	
10 blooms (7.5" pot)	\$20	Red	
18 blooms (10" pot)	\$42	Red	

() In Memory of _____

() In Honor of _____

Number of Poinsettias _____ X \$ _____ per plant **Total** _____

Make checks payable to: First Baptist Church of Moorestown
(Please write *Christmas Flowers* in the Memo.)

You may also pay with cash (please put into an FBC Regular Giving Envelope)

Phone Orders Available: (856) 235-1180
Email Orders: fbcmoorestown@gmail.com (preferred)

FINAL Deadline: Sunday, November 10th