

SUNDAY

Worship Service

March 2, 2025

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION:

Only by attending constantly to the inner voice can you be converted to a new life of freedom and joy.

- Henri Nouwen, Inner Voice of Love

You notice. And noticing, you live.

- John Graves

GATHERING MUSIC

Howard Raudenbush

WORDS of GREETING and GRACE

Rev. Linda Pepe

***MEDLEY of PRAISE**

Congregation

***We've gathered in this sanctuary, enrobed in our garments of praise.
To join with angels and one another; to give honor to Your name.
We, sons and daughters, stand before You offering our sacrifice of praise;
So, we sing Glory! Hallelujah! to the Lord who will forever reign.***

- 1. Come, Christians join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ we bring; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!***
- 2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
Christ is our guide and friend, on whom we can depend;---
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!***
- 3. Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore, Christ's goodness we'll adore,---
Singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia!--- Amen!***

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stacey Williams

HAPPENINGS & OFFERINGS

Tom Tamburello

MOMENT FOR MISSION – AMERICA FOR CHRIST

Rev. Nevin Werron

PRAYERS of the COMMUNITY

Debbie Chen

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 46

Pastor Linda

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

We Are Here
by Howard Raudenbush

FBC Choir

SERMON

Sensing Spirit: Noticing

Eufemio Pagan

COMMUNION

A grape and bread are shared

Pastor Linda

***CLOSING HYMN**

That My Soul Knows Very Well

Congregation

**1. You make Your face to shine on me
That my soul knows very well
You lift me up I'm cleansed and free
And that my soul knows very well**

Refrain

**When mountains fall I'll stand
By the power of Your hand
And in Your heart of hearts I'll dwell
And that my soul knows very well**

**2. New joy and strength each day I'll find
And that my soul knows very well
Forgiveness and hope I know is mine
And that my soul knows very well**

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***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Linda

POSTLUDE

Howard

**Please stand if you are able.*

TODAY and THE COMING WEEK at FBC MOORESTOWN

TODAY, March 2	10:00 am	Morning Worship Service (Sanctuary/Balcony & Facebook Live)
	11:15 am	Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
	2:00 to 4:00 pm	Friendship Force Sandwich Making (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY, March 4	11:30 to 1:30	Food Pantry Hours (Rooms 7, 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
	5:30 to 7:00 pm	Food Pantry Hours (Rooms 7, 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
WEDNESDAY, March 5	2:00 pm	Lenten Nature Walk/Talk (Meet at FBC-Walk is Weather Permitting)
	6:45 to 8:00 pm	Lenten Study with Pastor Jen (Zoom)
THURSDAY, March 6	11:30 to 1:30	Food Pantry Hours (Rooms 7, 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice (Rooms 4, 5 & 6)
	6:45 pm	Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
FRIDAY, March 7	10:00 am	Bible Basics Study Group (Conference Room)

PRAYER CONCERNS - March 2, 2025

Please pray for:

**Christine Benson, Denise Benson's sister, for breast cancer surgery recovery,
The Family of Mark Scattolini, Mark Morgan's cousin, who passed away
after an aggressive fight against brain cancer,
Joanie Perry for recovery from surgery, and
Mike Maccherone, a Food Pantry Volunteer, for 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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3/2/2025

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 **Adam Buck and Patrick O'Brien**.

Next week's **Greeters** are **Eufemio Pagan and Tom Tamburello**.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To: Sandy Lehr on Monday, March 3rd, and Ella Davis on Thursday, March 6th. 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.

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.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 302 people, including 90 children and 79 seniors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS - We celebrate with new members **Pamela Crete, Amy Hawthorne, Jessica Iacovitti, Carol Manning, Margo Schreiber, and Makenzie Sutton** who were welcomed into membership last Sunday, February 23rd.

TODAY – AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING - During several Sundays in March we will be receiving the America for Christ Offering.

Carry on the legacy of good works with your giving!

For over 50 years, generous giving to the America for Christ (AFC) Offering has enabled our American Baptist Home Mission Society (ABHMS) to provide financial support to American Baptist churches and affiliated organizations across the United States and Puerto Rico each year. Some examples of the positive impact AFC has had on our beloved communities:

- > Funding direct assistance to the residents of Youngstown, Ohio, that included food boxes, meals for children, clothing banks and distribution of commodities such as diapers, school supplies, clothing, and housewares.
- > Funding youth education and enrichment programs as well as senior services that delivered lunches, health education and socialization opportunities, and groceries in bulk through a food pantry, among other things, to communities in and around Kansas City, Kansas.
- > Funding Rainbow Acres, a faith-based residential community with a wide range of programs for developmentally disabled adults from more than 15 states and representing an array of faith backgrounds including American Baptists.

These are just a few of the ways your dollars provide aid and comfort to those in need; there are many more. Please help us continue to bring healing and hope to communities, families, children, and Jesus' disciples in 2025 by giving to the America for Christ Offering.

TODAY – FRIENDSHIP FORCE WORLD FRIENDSHIP DAY OPPORTUNITY –

In observance of **Friendship Force World Friendship Day**, FBC will again be hosting a **Sandwich Making event in partnership with the local chapter of Friendship Force International of SNJ, of which Robbie Thornton-Peek is a member. The event will be from 2 to 4 pm, TODAY.** We are inviting our FBCM family to join us again as **we make peanut butter & jelly sandwiches for the Cathedral Kitchen in Camden NJ.** Please contact Robbie Thornton-Peek at 609-280-7810 or email at robbiethornton1@aol.com if you would like to participate this year.

THIS WEEK

MARCH 5th – LENTEN NATURE WALKS and TALKS BEGIN! - Lent is the perfect time to recharge your spirit by experiencing God's natural world first-hand. **We will meet in the church breezeway each Wednesday at 2pm and carpool out to a county park for a refreshing walk. If the weather is bad, we'll assemble in the church lounge for a hands-on Nature talk on fossils, insects, ducks, birds and more.** Either way, you will definitely learn something you didn't know before! For more information, email Jill Lee at j.huntington_lee@icloud.com.

MARCH 5th - LENTEN STUDY BEGINNING - We will be reading and discussing, "Practice of the Presence - A Revolutionary Translation". This is Carmen Acevedo Butcher's modern translation of Brother Lawrence's Presence. Jen Bradley will be leading the study and she has copies in her office if you need one. The book is also available online at a variety of booksellers. **We will meet on Wednesdays via Zoom beginning March 5th from 6:45pm to 8:00pm.** During this time, we will share prayer requests, pray for one another, and discuss our weekly reading and its application in our day to day lives. Some of our time will be spent in a larger group and other times we will split into small groups to allow for easier discussions. **Before our meeting time the Zoom room will open at 6:30 if folks want to hang out and chat about life and what's going on before we jump into the book study and discussion. Similarly, the Zoom room will stay open from 8-8:30 for folks to chat following our study.** If you are looking for a Lenten study to nurture your soul, deepen your connection to the Holy, and connect with others in our FBC Q-munity please sign up on the sheet in the lounge or email me, jbradley12@gmail.com. The hope is that through this study we will connect more deeply with the Holy within and around, be challenged and encouraged to move into a deeper space as we see God revealing Godself all around every day.

MARCH 7th – NEW “BIBLE BASICS” STUDY GROUP - A “Bible Basics” series continues on Fridays. All are welcome and no Bible background is required! We'll be looking at the great epics in the book of Genesis, including creation, the flood, and the Tower of Babel, and comparing them to similar stories from other cultures. **We meet in person on Fridays at 10 am in the Conference room.** Contact Jill Lee at j.huntington_lee@icloud.com.

SAVE THE DATE - MARCH

MARCH 16th - CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING – A Congregational Business Meeting will follow Church Service on Sunday, March 16th, in the Sanctuary. The Business of the Church will be shared, including new Safety Measures, and there will be time for questions or concerns.

MARCH 21st – QMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT - SAVE THE DATE! Please join Qmunity for a MOVIE NIGHT as we watch the award-winning documentary "1946: The Mistranslation that Shifted a Culture" on Friday, Mar. 21st, in Fellowship Hall. What if the word "homosexual" was never meant to be in the Bible? "1946" is a feature documentary that follows the story of tireless researchers who trace the origins of the anti-gay movement among Christians to a grave mistranslation of the Bible in 1946. **Show time is at 7:00 PM with pre-show pizza, popcorn, and drinks at 6:30 PM.** Please sign up so that we know how much food to order. Sign-up sheets are located in the first-floor lounge and in Fellowship Hall, or you may email FBCMqcommunity@gmail.com. EVERYONE IS WELCOME, and we hope to see you there!