

Worship Service

June 15, 2025

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION:

There can be no vulnerability without risk; there can be no community without vulnerability; there can be no peace, and ultimately no life, without community.- M Scott Peck

I used to think I was the strangest person in the world but then I thought there are so many people in the world, there must be someone just like me who feels bizarre and flawed in the same ways I do. I would...imagine that she must be out there thinking of me too. Well, I hope that if you are out there and read this and know that, yes, it's true I'm here, and I'm just as strange as you.- Frida Kahlo

GATHERING MUSIC

WORDS of GREETING and GRACE:

Rev. Linda Pepe

HYMN of PRAISE

Morning Has Broken

Congregation

by Eleanor Farjeon

Chorus

Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world

Verse 1

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from Heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass

Verse 2

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the One Light Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stacey Williams

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS

One Great Hour of Sharing

Nevin Werron

HAPPENINGS & OFFERINGS

Adam Buck

PRAYERS of the COMMUNITY

Trish Walker

Peter: Everyone in Israel should now realize with certainty *what God has done*: God has made Jesus both Lord and Anointed King—this same Jesus whom you crucified.

Pastor: When the people heard this, their hearts were pierced; and they said to Peter and his fellow apostles,

Pilgrims: Peter, and all apostles, tell us, what should we do?

Peter: Repent, that is, reconsider your lives; change your direction. Be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus God's Anointed, *into the forgiveness of sins*, and you will receive the free gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** For the promise is for you, for your children, for all people—even those considered outsiders and outcasts—as many as our God calls.

Pastor: Peter was pleading and offering many logical reasons to believe. **41** Whoever made a place for his message in their hearts received the baptism;^[e] in fact, that day alone, about 3,000 people joined the disciples.

Congregation: As a community, we continually committed ourselves to learning what the apostles taught us, gathering for fellowship, breaking bread, and praying. Everyone felt a sense of awe because the apostles were doing many signs and wonders among us. There was an intense sense of togetherness among all who believed; we shared all our material possessions in trust. We sold any possessions and goods *that did not benefit the community* and we used the money to help everyone in need. We were unified as we worshiped at the temple day after day. In home after home, we broke bread and shared meals with glad and generous hearts.

Pastor: The new disciples praised God, and they enjoyed the goodwill of all the people *of the city*. And daily, God added to their number everyone who was experiencing salvation and liberation.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Come As You Are

FBC House Band

SERMON

Unmasking Uniqueness

Rev. Linda Pepe

VERSE 1

Who am I that your majesty
Would welcome me
I was lost but you brought me in
Oh Your love for me
Oh Your love for me

CHORUS

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

CLOSING HYMN

Who You Say I Am

Congregation

by Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan

VERSE 2

Free at last
you have ransomed me
Your grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

CHORUS 2

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am
In this sacred house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

BRIDGE

I am chosen
Not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me
Not against me
I am who You say I am

BENEDICTION

Rev. Linda Pepe

POSTLUDE

SUNDAY JUNE 15, 2025 - FBC MOORESTOWN

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
	5:30 to 7:00 pm	Food Pantry Hours (Rooms 7, 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
THURSDAY	11:30 to 1:30	Food Pantry Hours (Rooms 7, 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Le

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 are Eufemio and Tom Tamburrello
Next week's Greeters are Myrna Rodriguez and Trish Walker

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.



COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Consider volunteering 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 several Sundays available July through September of 2025. If you would like to participate, please sign up on the Coffee Hour volunteer board in Fellowship Hall.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please pray for:

Howard Raudenbush rest & recuperation, 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), She would enjoy visitors along with prayers.

Emily Gibeau & Baby healthy birth

Please continue to 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.

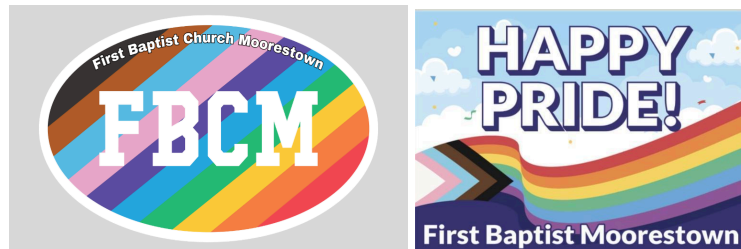
NEW MEMBERS

New Members will be received into our congregation on June 22, 2025 during the worship service. There will be a welcome reception for new members during coffee hour. Please plan to attend as we grow our beloved community of faith and celebrate with us.

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. 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!



Weekly Bulletin / Announcements : If you're not receiving the weekly email blast please contact the office to ensure we have your correct email address. Thank you.

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

New Small Group

Began June 11th for 10 weeks

Join a small group by zoom beginning June 11th for 5 weeks. This group will be reading the first half of "**A is For Alabaster - 52 Reflections on the Stories of Scripture**" by Anna Carter Florence. This is a great read to get to know some of the lesser-known people, places and things in scripture. The group will meet for 5 weeks, take a summer break, and resume September 10th for 5 weeks. This small group is a great way to get to know others while reading and discussing a good book. If you have any questions or would like to sign up please reach out to Pastor Jen. She has a couple copies of the book if you would like to check it out. Email Pastor Jen at jbradley12@gmail.com

Book Club:

Beginning July 8th for 4 weeks

Campfire Summer Book Club- We will meet around the campfire at the home of Elizabeth Endres to discuss "**The Little Book of Biblical Justice**" on Tuesdays at 7 pm in July (8, 15, 22, and 29th). No worries for those who can't attend every week, we'll do a quick catch-up each week for those unable to attend every meeting. Contact Debbie Chen (732-586-1144 or debtchen3@gmail.com) if you're interested or have questions, or sign up in the Lounge or Fellowship hall. The Little Book of Biblical Justice is available on Amazon. There will be S'mores!!

Brown Bag

Lunch Study:

Beginning July 9th for 8 weeks

We will meet in the 1st floor conference room using the "**Sacred Belonging Devotional**" on Wednesdays at 11:30 am in July (9, 16, 23, 30) taking a break August 6th and continuing August (13, 20, 27) and September 3. This Cuban American writer Kät Armas shows us that reading the Bible with fresh eyes allows us to experience God in new ways. Contact Richard Hinchman (rikhinch@msn.com) if you're interested or have questions, he has copies of the book available and some are in the Church Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New: Health and Wellness Ministry Circle is forming!

We would like to identify resources within our congregation to build a much-needed ministry to promote health and wellness within our midst. No previous training or experience is necessary, just a desire to help FBCM become a healthier version of ourselves! Please write your name and contact information on the sign-up sheet on the table in the 2nd floor foyer or by calling the church office.

III John 1:2 “Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers.”

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 served 206 people, including 42 children and 46 seniors

FOOD PANTRY SUMMER FOOD DRIVE

This special summer collection will be on Saturday morning, July 26th. With prices rising and schools being out for the summer, the FBCM Food Pantry needs your help more than ever. More information to come.

MENS BREAKFAST

Will be Saturday May 21, 2025 in the Lounge starting at 9:30AM

For more information see Ray Perry or email: perry3@comcast.net

SUPER SHORT FBC BUSINESS MEETING JUNE 29TH right after service.

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ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

'Be the Light' Special offering Where Your Gifts Made A Difference

WHERE YOUR GIFTS MADE A DIFFERENCE

2024

When you take a global view of our world, natural disasters occur every week. When you add war, civil wars, and ethnic conflict, slower-moving disasters continue to fester each day. Larger disasters are captured by our news media, and word of these tragedies is brought into our homes. It is difficult to imagine the suffering of those whose lives are forever changed. However, many needs of our world—whether in a neighboring state or half the world away—remain uncovered by our news media. With our extensive network of international and domestic partners, American Baptists can—and do—make a difference wherever and whenever disaster strikes.

Here's where your gifts made a difference in 2024.

EMERGENCY RELIEF GRANTS

Around the World

COUNTRY	SITUATION CALLING FOR A RESPONSE
Burundi	Free Baptist Church of Burundi - Flood Relief
Cuba	Fraternidad de Iglesias Bautistas de Cuba - Hurricane Relief
Cuba	Convención Bautista de Cuba Oriental - Hurricane Relief
DR Congo	Heal Africa - Food Assistance to IDPs in Goma
India	Kuki Baptist Convention - Ethnic Violence
Lebanon	Resurrection Church of Beirut - Lebanese Refugees
Lebanon	Beirut Baptist School - Support for Lebanese Refugees
Liberia	Liberia Tribal Baptist Convention - Rain Storm Relief
Myanmar	Mekong Minority Foundation - Civil Strife Relief
Myanmar	Mekong Minority Foundation - Flood Relief
Philippines	Companion with the Poor - Flood Relief in Manila
Rwanda	Seira Community Church - Storm Relief
Spain	Unión Evangélica Bautista España - Flood Relief
Sri Lanka	Lanka Evangelical Alliance Development Service - Flood Relief
Thailand	Thailand Baptist Missionary Fellowship - Flood Relief

Here at Home

STATE	SITUATION CALLING FOR A RESPONSE
AZ	Monte Vista Cross Cultural Church, Phoenix: Good Samaritan Program- Responding to the Southern Border Crisis
FL	Mt. Olivet Development Corporation, Fort Lauderdale: Hurricane Helene Statewide Disaster Relief and Recovery Effort
MA	Massachusetts Baptist Multicultural Ministries, Lowell: Emergency Assistance to migrants bused from Texas to Boston
MD	American Baptist Churches of the South, Windsor Mill: Hurricane Milton Emergency Disaster Outreach
NE	American Baptist Churches of Nebraska, Omaha: Elkhorn Nebraska Tornado
TX	The Hope 3741 Ministries, Houston: 2024 May Floods, Derecho & Hurricane Beryl
WV	American Baptist Men, Parkersburg: Hurricane Helene Recovery

