

# SUNDAY

## Worship Service

March 9, 2025

### **THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION:**

*The will of God, to which the law gives expression, is that people should defeat their enemies by loving them.* – Dietrich Bonhoeffer, [The Cost of Discipleship](#)

*And I'll tell you and speak it and think it and breathe it and reflect it from the mountain so all souls can see it. Then I'll stand on the ocean until I start sinkin' but I'll know my song well before I start singin.*

– Bob Dylan, [A Hard Rain's A-Gonna Fall](#)

### **GATHERING MUSIC**

Howard Raudenbush

### **WORDS of GREETING and GRACE**

Rev. Linda Pepe

### **\*HYMN of PRAISE**

### ***I Will Enter Your Gates***

Congregation

*I will enter Your gates with thanksgiving in my heart*

*I will enter Your courts with praise*

*I will say this is the day that our God has made*

*I will rejoice for You have made me glad*

*You have made me glad, You have made me glad*

*I will rejoice for You have made me glad*

*You have made me glad, You have made me glad*

*I will rejoice for You have made me glad*

*I will rejoice for You have made me glad*

***Hallelujah! God has made me glad!***

***Hallelujah! God has made me glad! (repeat)***

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### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Stacey Williams

**HAPPENINGS & OFFERINGS**

Lois Dinsmore

**MOMENT FOR MISSION – AMERICA FOR CHRIST**

Bev Allegretti

**PRAYERS of the COMMUNITY**

Rev. Jennifer Bradley

**SCRIPTURE**

**Luke 6:17-37**

Matthew McNulty

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

**Take My Voice and Let Me Sing**  
by Steven Kupferschmid

FBC Choir

**SERMON**

**Follow Me: The Plan**

Pastor Linda

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**I Then Shall Live**

Congregation

- 1. I then shall live as one who's been forgiven  
I'll walk with joy my sin has been erased  
I know my name is clear before Almighty  
I am God's child and I am not afraid  
So greatly pardoned I'll forgive another  
The law of love I gladly will obey**
- 2. I then shall live as one who's learned compassion  
I've been so loved that I'll risk loving too  
I'll know how fear builds walls instead of bridges  
I'll dare to see another's point of view  
And when relationships demand commitment  
Then I'll be there to care and follow through**
- 3. Your Kin-dom come around and through and in me  
Your pow'r and glory let them shine through me  
Your hallowed name oh may I bear with honor  
And may Your living Kin-dom come in me  
The Bread of Life oh may I share with honor  
And may You feed a hungry world through me  
Amen**

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**\*BENEDICTION**

Pastor Linda

**POSTLUDE**

Howard

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

# TODAY and THE COMING WEEK at FBC MOORESTOWN

<b>TODAY, March 9</b>	10:00 am	<b>Morning Worship Service</b> (Sanctuary/Balcony & Facebook Live)
	11:15 am	<b>Coffee Hour</b> (Fellowship Hall)
<b>TUESDAY, March 11</b>	11:30 to 1:30	<b>Food Pantry Hours</b> (Rooms 7, 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
	5:30 to 7:00 pm	<b>Food Pantry Hours</b> (Rooms 7, 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
<b>WEDNESDAY, March 12</b>	2:00 pm	<b>Lenten Nature Walk</b> (Meet at FBC – Willingboro Lakes)
	6:45 to 8:00 pm	<b>Lenten Study with Pastor Jen</b> (Zoom)
<b>THURSDAY, March 13</b>	11:30 to 1:30	<b>Food Pantry Hours</b> (Rooms 7, 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
	6:00 pm	<b>Bell Choir Practice</b> (Rooms 4, 5 & 6)
	6:45 pm	<b>Choir Practice</b> (Sanctuary)

## PRAYER CONCERNS - March 9, 2025

Please pray for:

***Florence Schaivo, a friend of Joan Scharff, for recovery from brain cancer surgery,***

***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.***

**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](mailto:fbcmoorestown@gmail.com).***

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& <https://www.facebook.com/groups/firstbaptistmoorestown/>**

3/9/2025

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 **Coffee Hour Refreshments** were provided by **Scott Whitefleet and Jerome Whitehead**.

Today's **Greeters** were **Eufemio Pagan and Tom Tamburello**.

Next week's **Greeters** are **Norma and Bill Wright**.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*To: Carol Murray, Today, Jill Grisham on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, and Ruthie Earley on Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.* 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](mailto: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 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](http://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 243 people, including 71 children and 57 seniors.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## TODAY

**TODAY – AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING** - During several Sundays in March we will be receiving the America for Christ (AFC) Offering. For over 50 years, generous giving to the 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. There are many ways your dollars can provide aid and comfort to those in need. Please help us continue to bring healing and hope to communities, families, and children, in 2025 by giving to the America for Christ Offering.

## AMERICA FOR CHRIST 2025 GRACE UPON *Grace*

### First Baptist Comunidad Cristiana housing project

Yakima, Washington, known for its apple orchards and wineries, is also a community in need. Many youths here face poverty, limited opportunities, and the threat of gang involvement. But thanks to your past support, ABHMS has already made a difference through initiatives like the new housing project led by the Rev. Andy Ferguson of First Baptist Comunidad Cristiana (FBCC), a multicultural English/Spanish language church located in the poorest neighborhood of Yakima.

FBCC is creating safe housing for at-risk high school graduates, providing a sanctuary where they can gain new skills, mentorship, and a pathway to success. For young people emerging from trauma and neglect, this support offers a bridge from survival to thriving. Ferguson's plan includes not only safe housing, but also life-changing internships and trade training, giving hope and purpose to those who might otherwise face a bleak future.

When you give generously to the 2025 America for Christ Offering, you enable ABHMS to continue investing in the FBCC housing project, helping at-risk youth find stability and direction. Together, let us bring further hope to Yakima's youth, building brighter



futures for those in desperate need of safety, support, and opportunity.

**PLEASE GIVE TODAY!** | [www.abhms.org/afc](http://www.abhms.org/afc)

## THIS WEEK

**MARCH 12<sup>th</sup> – LENTEN NATURE WALK** - Lent is the perfect time to recharge your spirit by experiencing God's natural world first-hand. **We will meet in the church breezeway at 2pm to carpool to the walk location at Willingboro Lakes, 60 Beverly Rancocas in Willingboro.** For more information, email Jill Lee at [j.huntington\\_lee@icloud.com](mailto:j.huntington_lee@icloud.com).

**MARCH 12<sup>th</sup> - LENTEN STUDY CONTINUES** - We will be reading and discussing, "Practice of the Presence - A Revolutionary Translation". Jen Bradley will be leading the study and she has copies in her office and the book is available online at a variety of booksellers. **We will meet on Wednesdays via Zoom beginning March 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:45pm to 8:00pm.** We will share prayer requests, pray for one another, and discuss our weekly reading and its application in our day to day lives. **The Zoom room will open at 6:30 if folks want to chat about life before we jump into the book study and discussion. Similarly, the Zoom room will stay open from 8-8:30 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 Qmunity please sign up on the sheet in the lounge or email me, [jbradley12@gmail.com](mailto: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.

***SAVE THE DATE - MARCH***

**MARCH 16<sup>th</sup> - CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING** – A Congregational Business Meeting will follow Church Service on Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 21<sup>st</sup> – 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 lounge and in Fellowship Hall, or you may email [FBCMqcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:FBCMqcommunity@gmail.com). EVERYONE IS WELCOME, and we hope to see you there!

***FINANCIAL NEWS FROM THE TREASURER***

**Monthly Giving Report**

	<u>February</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Donations & Other Revenue	\$ 23,606	\$ 74,382
Less Expenses	\$ 31,663	\$ 58,466
Net	\$ -8,057	\$ +15,916

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*Includes February gifts to the Food Pantry (\$1,025) and Congregational Care (\$512)*

***Thank You!***