

SUNDAY

Worship Service

November 3, 2024

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION:

*And like every other soul
You feel the night come on hard and go slow
And life goes on and on and it goes
In the corners of my mind.*

-Nikki Costa, Corners of My Mind, Lyrics

The world does not recognize the light that shines in the darkness. It never did; it never will. But there are people who, in the midst of the world, live with the knowledge that he is alive and dwells within us . . . Are there people who come together, who come around the table and do what he did, in memory of him? Are there people who keep telling each other the stories of hope and, together, go out to care for their fellow human beings . . . It is so little, so unspectacular, yes, so hidden, this Eucharistic [thanksgiving] life, but it is like yeast, like a mustard seed, like a smile on a baby's face. It is what keeps faith, hope, and love alive in a world that is constantly on the brink of self-destruction.

- Henri Nouwen

GATHERING MUSIC

Howard Raudenbush

WORDS of GREETING and GRACE

Rev. Linda Pepe

***MEDLEY of PRAISE**

Congregation

*Over my head I hear music in the air
Over my head I hear music in the air
Over my head I hear music in the air
I know there's a God who cares*

*Over my head I hear singing in the air...
I know there's a God who cares*

*I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free
For God's eye is on the sparrow and I know God watches me*

*Over my head I hear freedom in the air...
I know there's a God who cares*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Moet and Stacey Williams

HAPPENINGS & OFFERINGS

Tom Tamburello

PRAYERS of the COMMUNITY

Rev. Jennifer Bradley

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:31-34

Pastor Linda

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Seasons of Love
by Jonathan Larson

FBC Choir

SERMON

Corners of the Mind: Relating Reality

Pastor Linda

COMMUNION

A grape and bread are shared

Pastor Linda

***CLOSING HYMN**

Hymn of Promise

Congregation

- 1. In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree,
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**
- 2. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**
- 3. In our end is our beginning, in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing, in our life, eternity,
in our death, a resurrection, at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something yet unknown
which God alone can see.**

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***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Linda

***POSTLUDE**

Howard

**Please stand if you are able.*

TODAY and THE COMING WEEK at FBC MOORESTOWN

TODAY, November 3	10:00 am	Morning Worship Service (Sanctuary/Balcony & Facebook Live)
	11:15 am	Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY, November 5	11:30 to 1:30 pm	Food Pantry Hours (Rooms 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
	5:30 to 7:00 pm	Small Group with Pastor Jen (Zoom)
WEDNESDAY, November 6	7:00 pm	Small Group with Pastor Linda (Lounge)
	7:00 pm	Food Pantry Hours (Rooms 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
THURSDAY, November 7	11:30 to 1:30 pm	Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	"Bible Basics" Study Group (1 st Floor Conference Room)
FRIDAY, November 8	10:00	

PRAYER CONCERNS - November 3, 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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11/03/2024

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 **Jane Pipes and Ruthie Earley**.

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

Next week's **Greeters** are **Denise Benson and Danielle Dreier**.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - To *Jeremy Jones and Ruth Reigens on Monday, November 4th, Jolene Bredrick on Wednesday, November 6th, and Meghan Simpson on Thursday, November 7th*. 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 225 people, including 63 children and 52 seniors.

TODAY

A CELEBRATION! – Ruthie Earley invites you to share in a birthday cake in celebration of Grace Madison's 85th Birthday, today during Coffee Hour. Come join us to wish Grace a Happy Birthday.

A THANK YOU! - Join us for Coffee Hour today and celebrate the "Plastics" People. We thank all of those folks who collected, weighed, measured and delivered all of the plastic film to be processed. As a result of their efforts and our "Plastic to Bench" project we now have five beautiful and sturdy benches around the property, and we have saved 3000 pounds of plastic from landfills.

POINSETTIA 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

NOVEMBER 6th - 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.

NOVEMBER 6th – 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 8th – NEW “BIBLE BASICS” STUDY GROUP CONTINUES - This study is perfect for folks with no Bible background . . . and also those who know the Bible but would like more historical context. **We meet in the Conference room at 10 am on Fridays. For more information, email Jill Lee at j.huntington_lee@icloud.com.**

A THANK YOU FROM THE PASTOR

Thank you, beautiful First Baptist, for the lovely flowers celebrating Pastor Appreciation month. Most of the time I feel like I should be the one getting you flowers as you all mean so much to me. I am honored and humbled to be serving among such a passionate, spirit filled, and loving congregation. May God bless each one of you and strengthen us for this season of shared ministry!

*With much love and gratitude,
Pastor Linda*



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.)

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FINAL Deadline: Sunday, November 10th