

SUNDAY

Worship Service

December 8, 2024

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION: *He said to me, "Mortal, eat this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it." Then I ate it, and in my mouth it was as sweet as honey. He said to me, "Mortal, go to the house of Israel and speak my very words to them. For you are not sent to a people of obscure speech and difficult language but to the house of Israel, not to many peoples of obscure speech and difficult language whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to them, they would listen to you.* - Ezekiel 3:3-6

GATHERING MUSIC

Howard Raudenbush

WORDS of GREETING and GRACE

Rev. Linda Pepe

***HYMN of PRAISE**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Congregation

- 1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King:
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all you saints, arise, join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"**
- 2. Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,
Late in time the Savior comes, offspring of a virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail, the incarnate deity,
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."**
- 3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Joshua Rodriguez

HAPPENINGS & OFFERINGS

Lois Dinsmore

PRAYERS of the COMMUNITY

Scott Whitefleet

SCRIPTURE

Betty Simmons

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Rise Up, Shepherd!
by Mark Hill

FBC Choir

SERMON ***Finding our Voice: My Name is I AM, What's Yours?***
Matt Coffman

***CLOSING HYMN**

Wonderful Words of Life

Congregation

- 1. Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;
Words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.***

Refrain

***Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.***

- 2. Christ, the blessed One, gives to all wonderful words of life;
Sinner, wake to the loving call, wonderful words of life;
All so freely given, our sure hope of Heaven. (Refrain)***
- 3. Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;
Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;
Jesus, wonderful Savior, keep me with you forever. (Refrain)***

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***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Linda

***POSTLUDE**

Howard

**Please stand if you are able.*

TODAY and THE COMING WEEK at FBC MOORESTOWN

TODAY, December 8	10:00 am	Morning Worship Service (Sanctuary/Balcony & Facebook Live)
	11:15 am	Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY, December 10	11:30 to 1:30 pm	Food Pantry Hours (Rooms 7, 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
	5:30 to 7:00 pm	Small Group with Pastor Linda (Lounge)
WEDNESDAY, December 11	7:00 pm	Small Group with Pastor Jen (Zoom)
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THURSDAY, December 12	11:30 to 1:30 pm	Food Pantry Hours (Rooms 7, 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
	6:45 pm	Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

PRAYER CONCERNS - December 8, 2024

Please pray for:

***Mary Collins, the mother of a friend of Stacey Williams, who was just placed on hospice, and
Christine Benson, Denise Benson's sister who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer.***

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 fbcmoores town@gmail.com.***

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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 **Eufemio Pagan and Tom Tamburello**.

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

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - To Doug Lee, Monday, December 11th. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 265 people, including 94 children and 57 seniors.

SAVE THE DATE - DECEMBER

DECEMBER 11th - 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 meets 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.

DECEMBER 11th - SMALL GROUP STUDY WITH PASTOR JEN - This Advent season are you looking to connect with others as you prepare for all the wonders and joys, and the bumps in the road this Christmas season. Would you welcome a discussion of scripture, poetry, and art as you move through December? Then this small group is for you. **This is a time of connecting with others, sharing our hopes for the Advent season, praying for one another, and being intentional about where we are and where we'd like to be as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus and move into a new year.** Please reach out to Pastor Jen if you would like to be a part of the group or have any questions. The group will meet on Wednesdays via Zoom from 7-8:30 pm. Please call or email Pastor Jen if you have any questions - jbradley12@gmail.com 609-744-3359

DECEMBER 22nd - QMUNITY (LGBTQIA+ Ministry Circle) SAVE THE DATE! Mark your calendars for Qmunity's Christmas Gathering/Meeting on Sunday, Dec 22nd, after church, at the home of Elizabeth Endres. Thank you, Elizabeth for hosting! More details to follow, but we can guarantee it will be a time of celebration, love, hope, joy, and peace that only the Christmas Season can bring! If you have any questions, please reach out to Sandy or Pastor Jen at FBCMqcommunity@gmail.com.



DECEMBER 24th – CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE at FBC, 7:00 p.m. - Join us for an inviting and engaging candlelight Christmas Eve Service that is full of wonderful music, a meaningful Advent message, and the warm fellowship always found at FBCM. Join us for Christmas refreshments in the Lounge following the Service.

2025

SAVE THE DATE - JANUARY

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025 - ROSZEK OPEN HOUSE – Another New Year, Another Open House! - **Join Neva and Judie Marie Roszek for an open house on New Year's Day from 1:00 to 4 pm.** Meet new friends and visit with the old. Come share another year's good luck and eat black-eyed peas with us. Come for a few minutes and stay a while. **Just be here - 52 Westbrook Dr, Moorestown.** We would love to see you and wish you health and wealth for 2025.

PHILANTHROPIC & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

ANGEL TREES FOR NEPAL – The “Angels in Nepal” trees are here! The beautiful trees, adorned with angels are now in the Lounge and Fellowship Hall. The name of a child who calls Kopila Valley School their home and school are on each angel. Kopila Valley School was founded by Maggie Doyne, our Margaret Smith’s cousin. Maggie also founded the BlinkNow Foundation to change the world by empowering Nepal’s youth. Please consider supporting Kopila Valley’s youth by taking one or more angels from the tree to support this Christmas Season. You can support in any of the following ways:

1. **Prayer** through the season and the coming year.
2. **Donate new or gently used items** that Margaret can take to Nepal in December. Suggested items include: Jewelry, Combs, Hair Ties, Chargers, Headphones/Earbuds, Small speakers with USB cables, Matchbox or Hotwheels Cars, Card Games, Fidget Toys, Rubix Cubes, Etc.
3. **Financial support** by writing a check to First Baptist Church with the note “Nepal”. Margaret will use any monetary donations to purchase items in Nepal, supporting the local economy.

Margaret leaves for Nepal on December 17th, so gifts of checks should be given by Sunday, December 15th. Let’s plan to show our support by emptying the trees of their Angels!! Thank you! Any questions, contact Margaret Smith (609) 556-7016 or Norma Wright (609) 932-3428.

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST – HELP WANTED – The Food Pantry has a guest who is in need of a used auto (automatic transmission). Her spouse is ill and undergoing cancer treatments, and her car has given out, and the free transportation available is frequently late causing missed doctor or treatment appointments. Her funds are extremely limited! If you have any thoughts or information, please contact Jane Pipes (609) 828-1994 or Norma Wright (609) 932-3428.

WINTER OUTERWEAR DRIVE - The Food Pantry will be hosting a Winter Outerwear drive again this year. Our pantry guests really appreciated what we had to offer last year. **We are asking for winter outerwear ONLY- coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and new socks, etc.** All sizes. Items should be new or gently used and CLEAN! Items may be placed in the cart just inside the lounge entry marked “Coat Drive”.

NEW YOUTH GROUP ROOM – A REQUEST - Our newly formed youth group is in need of a smart tv for their youth group room. Any donations toward this goal would be appreciated. You can put cash or check into a regular giving envelope earmarked “Youth Group”, and then drop it into one of the giving boxes near the stairs.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE MINISTRY

This Ministry Team is a newly formed team focusing on Restorative Justice which is an opportunity to restore broken relationships, to stop destructive behaviors early and to repair as much of the harm done to other people as possible. **The team has embraced five important principles – which will be shared with you over the next five weeks.**

The fourth principle is:

REUNITE WHAT HAS BEEN DIVIDED

NEWS FROM THE TREASURER

Monthly Giving Report

	<u>November</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Donations & Other Revenue	\$ 22,728	\$ 341,626
Less Expenses	\$ 22,858	\$ 316,010
 Net	 \$ (130)	 + \$ 25,616

Includes November gifts to the Food Pantry (\$2,691), Congregational Care (\$438), Q-munity (\$250), and the Community Garden (\$734).

Thank You!