

# *EPIPHANY SUNDAY*

## *Worship Service*

January 5, 2025

***THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION: Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.***

- Isaiah 43:18-19

***We appreciate the past. We are grateful for the present and we're looking forward to the future with great anticipation and commitment.*** - Jimmy Carter

***Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.***

- Ferris Bueller, "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" '86

**GATHERING MUSIC**

Howard Raudenbush

**WORDS of GREETING and GRACE**

Rev. Linda Pepe

**\*MEDLEY of PRAISE**

Congregation

***When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries, may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair; may Jesus Christ be praised!***

***Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine, may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this eternal song, through all the ages long: may Jesus Christ be praised!***

***O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.***

*Chorus:*

***Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.***

***When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,  
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"***

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**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Stacey Williams

**HAPPENINGS & OFFERINGS**

Tom Tamburello

**PRAYERS of the COMMUNITY**

Rev. Jennifer Bradley

**SCRIPTURE**

**Isaiah 60:1-6**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

**Beautiful Star of Bethlehem**

by Robert Fisher Boyce & Adger Pace

**SERMON**

**Arise, Look, Shine!**

Pastor Linda

**COMMUNION**

A grape and bread are shared

Pastor Linda

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**Arise, Shine**

Congregation

- 1. Arise, shine for your light has come, and the glory of God is on you.  
Arise, see when the earth grows dark  
That the Lord will arise upon you, that the Lord will arise upon you.**

*Refrain*

**Nations will come to your light - Lift up your eyes and see  
We'll gather together and come to you  
And your love will be all that we know - Your love will be all that we know**

- 2. Arise, come to the open gates for our God is welcoming you.  
Fear not for the Lord brings peace  
And redemption to all who believe, and redemption to all who believe.**

*Bridge*

**The sun will not shine cause you'll be all the light that we need;  
And violence will end all the wars that we wage will cease.  
We will glorify your name, we will glorify your name.**

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**\*BENEDICTION**

Pastor Linda

**\*POSTLUDE**

Howard

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

# TODAY and THE COMING WEEK at FBC MOORESTOWN

TODAY, January 5	10:00 am	<b>Morning Worship Service</b> (Sanctuary/Balcony & Facebook Live)
	11:15 am	<b>Coffee Hour</b> (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY, January 7	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)
THURSDAY, January 9	11:30 to 1:30	<b>Food Pantry Hours</b> (Rooms 7, 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
	6:45	<b>Choir Practice</b> (Sanctuary)

## PRAYER CONCERNS - January 5, 2025

*Please pray for:*

***Sara Bennett's family at the death of her great uncle, Fred Cortelyou,  
Wilson Bradley, Jennifer Bradley's father, for health concerns,  
and  
Byrom Price, Lois and John Dinsmore's son-in-law as he recovers from  
major 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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## 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 **Norma and Bill Wright**.

Today's **Greeters** were **Adam Buck and Patrick O'Brien**.

Next week's **Greeters** are **Robbie and Coach Thornton-Peek**.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*To: Steve Lynch and Dana Thiede, Today, Jackson Barbaro Marghella on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, Dean Eson and Joan Scharff on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, Dave Simpson on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, Juliet Morgan on Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, Jourdin Dewberry on Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, and Alison Simpson on Saturday, January 11<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 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](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 88 people, including 23 children and 23 seniors.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025

## SAVE THE DATE - JANUARY

**JANUARY 12<sup>th</sup> – A NEW MEMBERS CLASS** – Have you been attending FBCM for a while and want to know more about becoming a member? **An informational session will be held on January 12<sup>th</sup> in Classroom 6 (first floor, last room on the left) directly following worship.** Please let Pastor Linda know if you are interested in attending.

## JANUARY 16<sup>th</sup> - MUSIC AT FIRST BAPTIST – THE HANDBELL CHOIR

Do you appreciate the music here at FBC? Why not be a part of it? When holding a handbell, with just a flick of the wrist, a beautiful sound peals forth. **Bell Choir is looking for new Ringers to fill out that sound.** Do you have an interest in ringing bells? Bell choir would love to have you join us! All skill levels welcome. Not sure or interested in learning more? **Come join us Thursday January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6PM for a hands-on information session to see if it's for you!** Please reach out to Sara Bennett or John Dinsmore for more information.

**JANUARY 18<sup>th</sup> – MEN'S BREAKFAST** – **The next Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.** This energetic group meets on the third Saturday of every month in the FBC Lounge. They share a breakfast together and have a lively discussion on a variety of subjects that connect God to everyday life. The group has grown in numbers, and we look forward to welcoming even more new members. Come join us.

## PHILANTHROPIC & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS** – We are inviting **volunteers to provide refreshments for Sunday Coffee Hour.** Coffee Hour provides a welcoming place following our morning service to talk to leadership, to meet new people, or to relax with friends. 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 many Sundays available during January, February, and March, of 2025.** If you would like to participate, please sign up at the Coffee Hour volunteer board in Fellowship Hall.

**WINTER OUTERWEAR DRIVE** - **The Food Pantry is still 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”.

## PASTORAL & STAFF NEWS

### **THANK YOU FROM PASTOR LINDA -**

Thank you, beloved congregation of Christ! I am so blown away by your generous Christmas gift and your continuing care. I know I say this a lot, but I am so honored to be among you. That God has placed us together for this season of ministry is something for which I'll be grateful the rest of my days. I wish each of you a blessed and happy new year! We are going to have a great 2025! In Christ, Pastor Linda.

### **THANK YOU FROM PASTOR JEN -**

FBC, thank you! Thank you for the generous Christmas present. It is a gift, joy, and honor to be in ministry together sharing the unbound love of God for all. I look forward to the ministry we will do in the new year and beyond. With much love - Pastor Jen

### **STAFF VACATION -**

**Carol Murray** will be on **vacation Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, returning Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**. If anyone is able to volunteer any time to answer phones **or the doorbell, especially on Food Pantry Days (Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> or Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11:30 to 1:30)**, please reach out to Carol at [fbcmoorestown@gmail.com](mailto:fbcmoorestown@gmail.com) or at 856-235-1180.