

# SUNDAY

## Worship Service

January 26, 2025

### **THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION:**

*For if you find hope in the ground of history, you are united with the great prophets who were able to look into the depth of their times, who tried to escape it, because they could not stand the horror of their visions, and who yet had the strength to look to an even deeper level and there to discover hope.*

- Paul Tillich

### **GATHERING MUSIC**

Howard Raudenbush

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

Rev. Jennifer Bradley

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

*The River Is Here*

Congregation

- 1. Down the mountain the river flows and it brings refreshing wherever it goes.  
Through the valleys and over the fields, the river is rushing and the river is here.*

### **REFRAIN**

*The river of God sets our feet a-dancing,  
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer.  
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter, a  
And we rejoice for the river is here.*

- 2. The river of God is teeming with life and all who touch it can be revived.  
And those who linger on this river's shore will come back thirsting for more of  
the Lord.*
- 3. Up to the mountain we love to go to find the presence of the Lord  
Along the banks of the river we run we dance with laughter giving praise to the  
Son*

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### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Stacey Williams

**PRAYERS of the COMMUNITY**

Scott Whitefleet

**SCRIPTURE**

**Matthew 5:1-6, 13-16**

Alison Simpson

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

**This is My Story**  
by Sarah Kroger & Sarah Hart

FBC Choir

**SERMON**

**Breathing in Hope**

Pastor Jen

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**Step by Step**

Congregation

- 1. Sometimes the night is beautiful; sometimes the sky is so far away.  
Sometimes it seems to stoop so close; I could touch it, but my heart would break.  
Sometimes the morning comes too soon; sometimes the day can be so hard.  
Yet there's so much left to do, though so much is already done.**

*Refrain*

**Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.  
Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.  
And I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways;  
And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.**

- 2. Sometimes I think of who I am - and how you have placed your call on me.  
Though I'm a stranger in this land, I will rise to be all I can be.  
And in the mirror I can see - glimpses of you living in me  
In your love I am set free, and never beyond your reach.**

*Bridge*

**And I will follow You all of my days, and I will follow You all of my days;  
And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.**

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**\*BENEDICTION**

Pastor Jen

**\*POSTLUDE**

Howard

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

# TODAY and THE COMING WEEK at FBC MOORESTOWN

<b>TODAY, January 26</b>	10:00 am	<b>Morning Worship Service</b> (Sanctuary/Balcony & Facebook Live)
	11:15 am	<b>Coffee Hour</b> (Fellowship Hall)
<b>TUESDAY, January 28</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, January 29</b>	7:00 pm	<b>Small Group with Pastor Linda</b> (Lounge)
<b>THURSDAY, January 30</b>	11:30 to 1:30	<b>Food Pantry Hours</b> (Rooms 7, 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
	6:45 pm	<b>Choir Practice</b> (Sanctuary)
<b>FRIDAY, January 31</b>	10:00 am	<b>Bible Basics Study Group</b> (Conference Room)
<b>SATURDAY, February 1</b>	9:30 am	<b>Women's Breakfast</b> (Fellowship Hall)
	5:30 pm	<b>Faith and Philosophy Study Group</b> (Zoom)

## PRAAYER CONCERNS - January 26, 2025

Please pray for:  
**Jerome Whitehead for health concerns, and  
Ruthie Earley for healing.**

**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 **Greeter** was **Bill Wright**.

Next week's **Greeters** are **Dana Seidman, Samuel Gibson & Matt McNulty**.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*To: Del Smith and Ron Weathersby, Today, Marianne Barbaro on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, Geoffrey McClain on Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, and Louis Ross on Friday, January 31<sup>st</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's total will be shared next week.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THIS WEEK

**JANUARY 29<sup>th</sup> – 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 will meet in the church lounge on **Wednesdays 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](mailto:fbcmoorestown@gmail.com).

**JANUARY 31<sup>st</sup> – NEW “BIBLE BASICS” STUDY GROUP** - A new Bible Basics series starts on Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome and no Bible background is required! We'll be looking at the great epics in the book of Genesis, including creation, the flood, and the Tower of Babel, and comparing them to similar stories from other cultures. **We meet in person on Fridays at 10 am in the Conference room**. Contact Jill Lee at [j.huntington\\_lee@icloud.com](mailto:j.huntington_lee@icloud.com) for more information.

**FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup> – WOMEN'S BREAKFAST** - All ladies, please join us for our next Women's Breakfast on Sat, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:30-11:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Jen, Leila Morgan, and Sandy Lehr will lead a fun, meaningful, and TEA-riffic program on "What Do You Fill Your Cup With?". Many different types of tea will be available to try, and we will even send you home with samples! If you are able, please bring a mug from your cabinet for a fun mug exchange, and a shareable breakfast dish; but come regardless. Time flies when you are having fun so please plan to arrive promptly at 9:30 AM. Hope to see you there!

**FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup> – SMALL GROUP – FAITH AND PHILOSOPHY** – A Small Group will gather on Zoom to discuss secular philosophy and how we can use our understanding of faith and philosophy to grow in our walk of faith. **Hosted by Matt McNulty, this five-week group will meet on Saturdays (February 1<sup>st</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup>) from 5:30-6:30 pm via zoom**. The group is welcome to anyone 18 years or older, as some days will include mature themes. Reading materials will be provided at no charge through online links. This is open to FBC and beyond. If you are interested, please email Matt at [mmcnulty191@gmail.com](mailto:mmcnulty191@gmail.com)."

## SAVE THE DATE - FEBRUARY

**FEBRUARY 23<sup>rd</sup> – QMUNITY GATHERING** - Our next Qmunity meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 11:30-1:00 at Pastor Jen and Sandy's home - 118 Union St in Moorestown. We will not have a meeting in January. This will be our 2025 organizational meeting as we discuss upcoming events, such as our movie showing of "1946: The Mistranslation that Shifted a Culture". We hope you are able to attend. If you have any questions, please reach out to Sandy at [fbcmqmunity@gmail.com](mailto:fbcmqmunity@gmail.com).

## SAVE THE DATE - MARCH

**MARCH 16<sup>th</sup> - COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICES WITH CHRIST CONGREGATION PRINCETON** - We are excited to again welcome the members and friends of Christ Congregation Princeton to FBCM for a special combined worship service on March 16<sup>th</sup>. The members of that congregation will join us for our regular church service, and then we will join them in Princeton at their church services at 5:00 p.m., followed by dinner. Their congregation is a progressive, inclusive, justice-seeking community of faith. We hope you will join us for these services, share a meal and get to know one another.

## FINANCIAL NEWS FROM THE TREASURER

### Giving Statements have now been successfully emailed to all donors FOR WHOM WE HAVE A VALID EMAIL ADDRESS ON FILE. Please note the following:

- Please check with your spouse/partner/family member, as a separate giving statement was emailed to each member of your household according to who made specific contributions.
- Don't forget to check your spam folder.
- If you still don't have yours and would like a statement, contact either the Church office or Treasurer Steve Eson to obtain one. As you prefer, the statement can be printed and picked up, printed and mailed to you, or emailed to you once we obtain your email address.

### Donating Online has been changed to a new payment processor

- If you prefer making online donations, you'll see a new payment window when you click the "Give to FBC" button on the Church Website [www.fbcmoorestown.org](http://www.fbcmoorestown.org).
- Even if you use the online donation option infrequently, we strongly recommend you set up a giving account and password anyway. In addition to simplifying future online donations, this also will automatically register you for our future use of the ChurchConnect.

## PHILANTHROPIC & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS** – We still need 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".