

CHRISTMAS EVE

Worship Service

December 24, 2024



✓ MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

The First
Baptist Church
OF MOORESTOWN

an open, joyful, seeking community of faith

Rev. Linda Pepe, Senior Pastor
Rev. Jennifer Bradley, Associate Pastor

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION –

The Word, true Light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world, was in the world! And though the world was made through the Word, the world did not recognize the Light. Though the Light came to its own people, they did not accept it. But to all who received the Light, who believed in that name, were empowered to become children of God . . .

The Word became flesh and lived among us for a little while and we saw the glory of the Light!
John 1

PRELUDE

Howard Raudenbush

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE & READING

Rev. Linda Pepe
Rev. Jennifer Bradley

The Birth Giver by Kelly Anne Hall

***OPENING HYMN**

O Come All Ye Faithful

Congregation

- 1. *O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him, born the King of angels
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!***
- 2. *Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above
"Glory to God, Glory in the highest!"
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!***
- 3. *Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born for our salvation,
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n
Word of God, now in flesh appearing
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!***

GREETINGS FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Adam Buck
Tom Tamburello

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stacey Williams

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-38

Katherine Simpson
Meghan Simpson

CHOIR ANTHEM

Sing We Now of Christmas

FBC Choir

Arr. by Michael Larkin

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-7

Emily, Natalie, & Lucy Conti

PRAYER OF PEACE

Pastor Tammy Werron

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2: 8-14

Ryan and Andrew Dempsey

CHRISTMAS MEDLEY

Congregation

- 1. Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:***

Refrain

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King.

- 2. Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light. Refrain***
- 3. Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord descending, in His temple shall appear: Refrain***

- 1. The first Noel the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.***

Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

- 2. They looked up and saw a star - shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light - and so it continued both day and night.***

Angels From the Realms of Glory by Henry Thomas Smart & James Montgomery © Words & Music: Public Domain
The First Noel - Anonymous © Words & Music: Public Domain

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2: 15-22

Ben and Alex Pegues

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Somewhere In Your Silent Night

by Bernie Herms, Mark Hall, Matthew West

MESSAGE

Mission Accomplished!

Pastor Linda

CELEBRATION OF THE LIGHT

Silent Night

***CLOSING HYMN**

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Congregation

**Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be
With God, our Creator, children all are we
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony**

**Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now
With every step I take let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me**

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***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Linda

POSTLUDE

Howard

TONIGHT and THE COMING WEEK at FBC MOORESTOWN

TUESDAY, December 24

7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

(Sanctuary)

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

NO Food Pantry Hours

WEDNESDAY, December 25

THURSDAY, December 26

PRAYER CONCERNS - December 24, 2024

Please pray for:

***Neva Roszek having physical therapy after a fall,
Byrom Price, Lois and John Dinsmore's son-in-law as he recovers from
major surgery,
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 fbcmoorestown@gmail.com.***

CHURCH STAFF

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- Rev. Jennifer Bradley, Associate Pastor
- Tammy Werron, Pastor of Visitation
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12/24/2024

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all who have joined us for worship tonight. Please visit with us during refreshments which will be served in the lounge following worship.

Thank You

Tonight's **Greeters** were **Dana Seidman, Samuel Gibson and Matt McNulty.**

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.

Last week we fed 301 people, including 95 children and 49 seniors.

2025

JANUARY 12th – 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 12th in Classroom 6 (first floor, last room on the left) directly following worship. Please let Pastor Linda know if you are interested in attending.

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 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.

NEWS FROM THE TREASURER

FROM THE TREASURER: A WORD ABOUT GIVING ONLINE –

- 1.) For those who donate to the Church online through the FBC website, be advised that your donations may take 2-4 days to appear in the Church bank account, depending on your method of payment. Online donations are recorded to your Giving Statement according to the deposit date received at our bank, not when you actually made the online donation. If you'd like to be sure any end-of-year gifts are recorded on your 2024 statement, be sure to make your donations at least several days before the end of the year.
- 2.) Beginning January 1st, the church will migrate to a new payment processor for online donations. The new company charges lower transaction fees and simplifies our record keeping. When you press the Donate button for the first time in 2025, you will be asked to provide new account and payment information to get started.

Many thanks to all for your generous support of First Baptist Church Moorestown!



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Christmas Poinsettias

2024

Poinsettias were Given by

Beverly Bennett
Carole Boutwell
Jen Bradley and Sandy Lehr
Debbie and Dan Chen
Janet and John Khanlian
Steve Lynch
Grace Madison

Carol Murray

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Joy Faxon and Michelle Foley

Amy Hawthorne
Janet and John Khanlian

Grace Madison

Carol Murray
Cyndee Solomon
Norma & Bill Wright

In Honor of

Family
Steve & Dean Eson
Jen's parents Cindy & Wilson Bradley

Our Grandchildren, Stanely & Bruce

LGBTQIA+
All of you who have blessed my life
Our Children, Grandchildren & Parents

In Loving Memory of

Her parents Flonnie & Walter Dunlap,
Her brother Wayne Dunlap
Ross Bennett & Bob Murray
Sandy's parents, Sue and Don Lehr
W. Thomas & Regina McGann
Rose McBride & William & Ann Foley
George Hawthorne
Our Parents
John's Brother Richard
Her parents, Ruth O'Dell Jones &
Benjamin Jones
Her dad, Bob Murray
Her parents, Audrey and Ken Graham
Their son, Eric William Wright

Poinsettias may be taken home Christmas Eve or left until after New Year's.
Each plant is labelled with the name of the contributor.
Please only take the plant (s) that have your name on the side of the pot.