

PALM SUNDAY

Worship Service

April 13, 2025

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION:

Jesus is that great voice of otherwise, who saw the contradictions of the gospel to the Roman Empire and who acted out an alternative. - Walter Brueggemann

Another world is not only possible, she is on her way. On a quiet day, I can hear her breathing. - Arundhati Roy

GATHERING MUSIC

Howard Raudenbush

WORDS of GREETING and GRACE

Rev. Linda Pepe

PALM SUNDAY POEM

What Kind of King

Rev. Jen Bradley, Adam Buck, Rev. Denise Carrell, Eufemio Pagan

Poem by Michael Gurhling, adapted for FBCM by Rev. Linda Pepe

***HYMNS of PRAISE**

- 1. Jesus is coming, pave the way with branches.
Jesus is coming, Hosanna! (repeat)***

Refrain

Hosanna! Jesus is coming! Hosanna! to the Prince of Peace! (repeat)

- 1. I will sing, I will sing, I will sing, I will sing
Of Your goodness, and Your kindness,
and Your mercy - I will sing. (repeat)***

Refrain

***Holy, holy - glory to the Lamb
Singing praises - to the awesome God
'Ever I will sing***

- 2. Let us sing, Let us sing, Let us sing, Let us sing
Of God's goodness, and God's kindness
And God's mercy - Let us sing***

- 3. We will sing, We will sing, We will sing, We will sing
Of God's goodness, and God's kindness,
And God's mercy - We will sing***

Ending

Sing God's praises in the morning

Brand new mercy every dawning

Melody - Harmony - I will sing (Repeat) I will sing!

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stacey Williams

HAPPENINGS & OFFERINGS

Lois Dinsmore

PRAYERS of the COMMUNITY

Rev. Jennifer Bradley

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:28-40

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

And Can It Be

FBC Choir

by Charles Wesley & Thomas Campbell; arr. by Benjamin Harlan

SERMON

Follow Me: The Walk

Pastor Linda

***CLOSING MEDLEY**

Congregation

**Siyahamb' ekukhanyeni kwenkos,
Siyahamba ekukhanyeni kwenkos'. (repeat)**

Siyahamba, hamba, hamba,

Oh— Siyahamba ekukhanyeni kwenkos'. (repeat)

I am walking in the light of God

I am walking in the light of God, (repeat)

I am walking, walking, walking,

Oh— I am walking in the light of God (repeat)

I have decided to follow Jesus,

I have decided to follow Jesus;

I have decided to follow Jesus,

No turning back, no turning back,

If none go with me, still I will follow...

The world behind me, the cross before me...

We are walking in the light of God...

We are moving in the pow'r of God...

We are living out the love of God...

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Linda

POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able.*

Howard

TODAY and THE COMING WEEK at FBC MOORESTOWN

TODAY, April 13	10:00 am	Morning Worship Service (Sanctuary/Balcony & Facebook Live)
	11:15 am	Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
	11:30 to 2:00	EASTER Party (Fellowship Hall)
MONDAY, April 14	10:00 to 2:00	Garden Clean Up Day (Community Garden)
TUESDAY, April 15	11:30 to 1:30 5:30 to 7:00 pm	Food Pantry Hours Food Pantry Hours (Rooms 7, 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
WEDNESDAY, April 16	6:45 to 8:00 pm	Lenten Study with Pastor Jen (Zoom)
THURSDAY, April 17	11:30 to 1:30 7:00 to 8:30 pm	Food Pantry Hours (Rooms 7, 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level) Maundy Thursday Dinner/Service (Fellowship Hall)
FRIDAY, April 18	3:00 pm	Good Friday Scripture Meditation Service (Sanctuary)
SATURDAY, April 19	9:30 am	Men's Breakfast (Lounge)

PRAAYER CONCERNS - April 13, 2025

Please pray for:

***Jill Lee, and her family at the passing of her mother Ruth Fink,
and
Joanne Conway with health concerns.***

Please pray for these church family members:

Lorene Moore 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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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 **Greeters** were **Adam Buck and Patrick O'Brien**.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To: *Becky Weiford on Monday, April 14th, and Beverly Bennett on Tuesday, April 15th.* 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.

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); 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 241 people, including 62 children and 43 seniors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

TODAY- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH EASTER FUN – The **FBC Family Easter Party** will be held following service, **TODAY, April 13th from 11:30am - 2pm in Fellowship Hall**. There will be an Easter Egg hunt and activities for our FBC kids of all ages. We look forward to sharing this time of fellowship with you. If you have questions, please reach out to Carol Manning at manningcarolyn65@gmail.com

THIS WEEK



Palm Sunday Worship Service – This service which commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem will be held on **TODAY, April 13th at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary**, followed by the **Annual Family Easter Party in Fellowship Hall at 11:30**.

Maundy Thursday Dinner/Worship Service – Our Maundy Thursday Meal and Worship Service will be held on **Thursday, April 17th at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall**. We will be gathering for an authentic 1st Century meal, scripture reading, and reflection. **As food will be served, please sign-up for this service using the sign-up sheets in the lounge or Fellowship Hall.**

Good Friday Scripture Meditation Service – Please join us for a time of meditation and reflection on the last words of Christ during this Service held in **our Sanctuary beginning at 3:00 pm on Friday, April 18th**.

Easter Sunday Worship Celebration: We celebrate Christ's resurrection on **Sunday, April 20th at 10:00 am in our Sanctuary**.

We hope you will join us for these reflective events.

APRIL 14th – GARDEN CLEAN-UP/WORK DAY – Due to the **inclement weather** the **FBC Garden Committee will now host the Spring Workday to clean-up and mulch the Garden on Monday, April 14, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**. We welcome new Garden Committee Members or you can just help for the day. All are welcome and no experience is necessary. If you have questions, contact Norma Wright (609) 932-3428.

APRIL 16th - LENTEN STUDY CONTINUES - We are reading and discussing, **"Practice of the Presence - A Revolutionary Translation"**. Jen Bradley is leading the study. **We meet on Wednesdays via Zoom from 6:45pm to 8:00pm**. The Zoom room is open at 6:30 to chat about life before we jump into the book study and the Zoom room stays open from 8-8:30 following our study.

APRIL 19th – MEN'S BREAKFAST – **The next Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, April 19th 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.

APRIL 27th – QMUNITY MINISTRY CIRCLE MEETING - Qmunity (FBCM's LGBTQIA+ and Allies Ministry Circle) will have its next meeting on Sunday, April 27th, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM, at Pastor Jen and Sandy's home - 118 Union St in Moorestown. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate and we can have a BBQ on the back deck. If you are able, please bring a shareable side dish. We do not need any desserts. Thank you! If you have any questions, please reach out to Sandy or Pastor Jen. We hope to see you on the 27th. All are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE - MAY

MAY 10th – CPR/AED TRAINING - On Saturday, May 10th, from 9am to 12 noon, FBC will host CPR/AED training in Fellowship Hall. American Red Cross CPR/AED training courses allow you to learn how – and when – to use an automated external defibrillator (AED) (like the new one in Fellowship Hall) and how to perform CPR. The average response time for first responders once 911 is called is 8-12 minutes. For each minute **defibrillation or CPR** is delayed, the chance of survival reduces by approximately 10%. Fortunately, with CPR/AED training, which takes just a few short hours, you can gain the skills necessary to help save a life. More details to follow.

MAY 18th – A NEW MEMBERS INFORMATIONAL SESSION – Have you been attending FBCM for a while and want to know more about becoming a member? **An informational session will be held on Sunday, May 18th in Classroom 6 (first floor, last room on the left) directly following worship.** Please let Pastor Linda know if you are interested in attending.

MAY 31st – NYC TRIP WITH STEVE ESON - FBC's resident NYC guru Steve Eson will lead another group to the Big Apple on Saturday, May 31st. This year's destination: Brooklyn & Bushwick. We will leave Manhattan entirely. In addition to historic churches, we'll mix it up with a stop at the single best waterfront view in the city and a visit to the Bushwick Collective Street Art fair and block party. More details to come; contact Steve at esonsf@gmail.com or 856-316-6577 for further information.



FINANCIAL NEWS FROM THE TREASURER

Monthly Giving Report

	<u>March</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Donations & Other Revenue	\$ 15,800	\$ 90,182
Less Expenses	\$ 28,199	\$ 86,665
Net	\$-12,399	\$ + 3,517

Includes March gifts to the Food Pantry (\$940), Congregational Care (\$271), and America for Christ (\$630)

Thank You!

PHILANTHROPIC and VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

BLINKNOW FUNDRAISER -- If you don't know, BlinkNow is a foundation (created by Margaret Smith's cousin, Maggie Doyne) that is changing the world through quality education, a safe environment, and inspiring others, in Nepal. Their new children's home is in need of furnishing, especially mattresses. Margaret and Laureen Gibeau have created a fundraiser to help with this effort. Please consider donating to BlinkNow to help us raise funds to furnish the new children's home. You may make a gift at this link <https://blinknow.donorsupport.co/-/NYMLBCHY?member=SLKBMKFG>. We thank you for any gift, and we so appreciate the continued support from the members the First Baptist Church of Moorestown.

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 April, May, and June, of 2025.** If you would like to participate, please sign up at the Coffee Hour volunteer board in Fellowship Hall.