

# **SUNDAY**

## **Worship Service**

June 1, 2025

### ***THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION:***

As long as we imagine and live as if there is no peace in sight, and that it all depends on us to make it come about, we are on the road to self-destruction. But when we trust that the God of love has already given the peace we are searching for, we will see this peace breaking through the broken soil of our human condition and we will be able to let it grow... -Henri Nouwen

Let nothing disturb you,  
Let nothing frighten you,  
All things are passing away:  
God never changes.  
Patience obtains all things  
Whoever has God lacks nothing;  
God alone suffices.-- St. Teresa of Avila

### ***GATHERING MUSIC***

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

Rev. Linda Pepe

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

#### ***Amazing Grace/Peaceful Easy Feeling***

Congregation

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

I've got a peaceful easy feeling, and I know you won't let me down  
Cause I'm already standing on the ground.

Tw'as grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fear relieved,  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

I've got a peaceful...

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

I've got a peaceful...

**\*Please stand if you are able.**

#### ***CHILDREN'S MESSAGE***

Stacey Williams

#### ***HAPPENINGS & OFFERINGS***

Tom Tamburello

#### ***PRAYERS of the COMMUNITY***

Jerome Whitehead

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## SCRIPTURE

*Acts 1:15-26*

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*We Are Gathered*  
arr. Steve DiPilla

FBC Band

## SERMON

*Because God Knows Us*

Pastor Linda

## COMMUNION

Pastor Linda

## \*CLOSING HYMN

*Get Together*

Congregation

1. Love is but a song we sing  
Fear's the way we die  
You can make the mountains ring  
Or make the angels cry  
Though the bird is on the wing  
And you may not know why *Chorus*

*(Refrain)* Come on, people now  
Smile on your brother  
Everybody get together  
Try to love one another right now

2. Some may come and some may go  
He will surely pass  
When the one that left us here  
Returns for us at last  
We are but a moment's sunlight  
Fading in the grass  
(Refrain)

3. If you hear the song I sing  
You will understand, listen  
You hold the key to love and fear  
All in your trembling hand  
Just one key unlocks them both  
It's there at your command

*Words and Music by Chester Powers, The youngbloods, 1967*

## \*BENEDICTION

Pastor Linda

## POSTLUDE

\*Please stand if you are able.

# SUNDAY JUNE 1, 2025 FBC MOORESTOWN

<b>TODAY, June 1</b>	10:00 am	<b>Morning Worship Service</b> (Sanctuary/Balcony & Facebook Live)
	11:15 am	<b>Coffee Hour</b> (Fellowship Hall)
<b>TUESDAY, June 3</b>	11:30 to 1:30	<b>Food Pantry Hours</b>
	5:30 to 7:00 pm	<b>Food Pantry Hours</b> (Rooms 7, 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
<b>THURSDAY, June 5</b>	11:30 to 1:30	<b>Food Pantry Hours</b> (Rooms 7, 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)

## PRAYER CONCERNS – June 1, 2025

Please pray for:

Howard Raudenbush recuperation, Margot Schreiber with health concerns, and Denise Benson, who is recovering from a badly sprained ankle.

Michelle Foley is currently at Total Rehab (212 Marter Avenue, Moorestown), with a broken foot, recovering from surgery with 90 days of rehab.

She would enjoy visitors along with prayers.

Please continue to 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](mailto:fbcmoorestown@gmail.com).

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**June 1, 2025**

**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 are Adam Buck and Patrick O'Brien  
Next week's Greeters are Robbie and Coach Thornton-Peek

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

To: Nicole Samson, Today, Denise Benson Thursday June 5th.  
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).

**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 Food Pantry served 216 people, including 48 children and 58 seniors  
This week's Food Pantry served 256 people, including 80 children and 36 seniors

**GIVING TO FBC Moorestown**

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.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **JUNE 4<sup>th</sup>- PRIDE FLAG RAISING AT MOORESTOWN LIBRARY**

Come join Moorestown Organizations – Better Together, Moorestown Pride, and the Moorestown Library - for the raising of the Moorestown Pride Flag on Wednesday, June 4, 2024 at 6:00 pm at Moorestown Town Hall. Pastor Jen Bradley and Richard Hinchman will be featured speakers and there will be performances by the Moorestown Theater Company. Please consider joining the kick-off of Pride Month, and this community's supportive environment and celebration of LGBTQ individuals, families, and allies.

## **WOMANS BREAKFAST June 7<sup>th</sup>**

The next women's breakfast will be hosted by Norma Wright and Margaret Smith on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM in fellowship hall. Hope to see you all there for a discussion on summer plans and favorite summer memories. Remember it's Moorestown Day so Main Street will be closed. Parking in the municipal lot or church lot will need to be accessed via 2nd Street.

## **JUNE 7<sup>th</sup> – A VERY SPECIAL CONCERT**

Qmunity invites you to a VERY special concert, "Lord Write My Name. From Slavery to Freedom: The Gospel and African American Experience in Spirituals". Nationally recognized Baritone Vocalist Keith Spencer (backup vocalist for Roberta Flack, Rosemary Clooney, Sandi Patty), and award-winning composer, pianist and arranger Peter Hilliard have teamed up to create this unique musical tapestry of African American Spirituals. A musical blend of African American Spirituals is interspersed with narratives, poetry, and letters penned by freed slaves and iconic Black figures throughout history. It explores the plight of those enslaved mourning in servitude, the redemptive story of the Gospel, and ultimately, their claimed identity as a freed people. Well known spirituals performed will include: "Deep River," "My Good Lord's Done Been Here," "Nobody knows the Trouble I Seen," "Steal Away," and several others brilliantly arranged and played by Hilliard.

**The concert is on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM in our sanctuary, with light refreshments to follow in Fellowship Hall.** The concert is sponsored by Qmunity, and is FREE. At-will donations to benefit FBCM's Restorative Communities Ministry will be collected the night of the event. Thank you!

## **SUMMER SMALL GROUP STUDY COMING**

Summertime Wednesday night Zoom small group is happening! Info coming soon. Interested? Check in with Pastor Jen at [jbradley12@gmail.com](mailto:jbradley12@gmail.com).

## **NEW MEMBERS**

New Members will be received into our congregation on June 22, 2025 during the worship service. There will be a welcome reception during coffee hour.

Please plan to attend as we grow our beloved community of faith.

## **COFFEE HOUR HOSTS**

Consider volunteering to provide refreshments for Sunday Coffee Hour. 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 Sundays available June through September of 2025. If you would like to participate, please sign up on the Coffee Hour volunteer board in Fellowship Hall.

## **New: Health and Wellness Ministry Circle is forming!**

We would like to identify resources within our congregation to build a much needed ministry to promote health and wellness within our midst. No previous training or experience is necessary, just a desire to help FBCM become a healthier version of ourselves! Please write your name and contact information on the sign up sheet or by calling the church office.

III John 1:2 "Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers."

## **FOOD PANTRY DAY OF SERVICE JUNE 14TH**

Sign up for one of three three two hour time slots soon that Saturday for this important day of Service. We have a sign up clip board on the table in the 2nd floor foyer.

## **FOOD PANTRY SUMMER FOOD DRIVE**

This special summer collection will be on Saturday morning, July 26th. With prices rising and schools being out for the summer, the FBCM Food Pantry needs your help more than ever. More information to come.

## **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

'Be the Light' Special offering during the month of June for three Sundays. Info coming soon.

## **PRIDE and QMUNITY NEWS**

Qmunity (LGBTQIA+ & Allies Ministry Circle) will have First Baptist Moorestown Happy Pride Lawn signs for sale again this year in celebration of June Pride Month. They are 18" x 24", double-sided, with stakes included, and are \$20.00. They will be available to pick up at church on May 25th and June 1st in the lounge, outside the Church Office. After you've paid, help yourself to a sign. You can put your cash or check in the offering collection boxes outside the sanctuary; please make sure to write "Qmunity" on your check or offering envelope. Place them in your yard on June 1st, and if willing, take a pic of you and/or your loved ones by your sign and email it to Sandy at [slehr12@gmail.com](mailto:slehr12@gmail.com). Qmunity thanks you for your support!

Also, Qmunity is handing out FREE oval FBCM (in Progressive Pride rainbow colors) car magnets. The magnets are 6"x 4" and will stick on any magnetic surface. They will be on a table in the lounge on May 25th and June 1st- help yourself! Qmunity is very grateful for our FBCM family and wish you all a HAPPY PRIDE!

