

EASTER SUNDAY

Worship Service

April 20, 2025

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION:

I take my bouquet of despair to the only place big enough to embrace it: the body of Creation. I set it before the altar of the water and soil. - Avery Davis Lamb

I took a deep breath and listened to the old bray of my heart. I am. I am. I am.
- Sylvia Plath

Do you have the patience to wait till your mud settles and the water is clear? Can you remain unmoving until the right action arises by itself? The Master doesn't seek fulfillment. Not seeking, not expecting, she is present, and can welcome all things.
- Lao Tzu

It's a new dawn, it's a new day, it's a new life for me, and I'm feeling good.
- Nina Simone

GATHERING MUSIC

Howard Raudenbush

WORDS of GREETING and GRACE

Rev. Linda Pepe

***HYMN of PRAISE**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
Chalice Hymnal #216

Congregation

- 1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation, join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!***
- 2. Let the Victor's people sing, Alleluia!
Where O death is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once, Christ lives to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave, Alleluia!***
- 3. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight the battle won, Alleluia!
Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!***

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stacey Williams

HAPPENINGS & OFFERINGS

Adam Buck

PRAYERS of the COMMUNITY

Rev. Jennifer Bradley

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:1-12

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

I've Just Seen Jesus
by Bill & Gloria Gaither

FBC Choir

SERMON

Follow Me: The Brilliance

Pastor Linda

***CLOSING HYMNS of PRAISE**

Congregation

***Little darling, it's been a long cold lonely winter
Little darling, it seems like years since it's been here***

***Here comes the sun - here comes the sun
And I say, it's all right
Sun, sun, sun - here it comes (repeat)***

***Little darling, I feel that ice is slowly melting
Little darling, it seems like years since it's been clear***

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

***His the scepter, his the throne
Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion - thunder like a mighty flood
"Jesus, out of every nation - has redeemed us with his love."***

2. Christ is risen, earth and heaven, nevermore shall be the same
***Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain
Intercessor, friend to sinners - love's salvation sets you free
Join the songs of all creation - gathering round the crystal sea***

3. Alleluia! Christ our Savior, he has risen from the dead
***Lift the cup of sin forgiven, bless the host and eat his bread
Mend the ways where peace is broken - give yourselves to true Shalom!
Alleluia! Alleluia! - Christ within us, thy glorious throne
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Amen!***

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Linda

POSTLUDE

Howard

**Please stand if you are able.*

TODAY and THE COMING WEEK at FBC MOORESTOWN

TODAY, April 20	10:00 am	Morning Worship Service (Sanctuary/Balcony & Facebook Live)
	11:15 am	Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY, April 22	11:30 to 1:30	Food Pantry Hours
	5:30 to 7:00 pm	Food Pantry Hours (Rooms 7, 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
WEDNESDAY, April 23	6:45 to 8:00 pm	Group Study with Pastor Jen (Zoom)
THURSDAY, April 24	11:30 to 1:30	Food Pantry Hours (Rooms 7, 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)

PRAYER CONCERNS - April 20, 2025

Please pray for:

**Michelle Foley with a broken foot, hospitalization, and upcoming surgery,
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.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To: Zachary Khanlian, Today, KJ Kulick and Judie Ladd on Monday, April 21st, Dale Dempsey, Joy Faxon, Mary Juliana and Jack Morgan on Tuesday, April 22nd, Heather Speare on Thursday, April 24th, and Paula Forte and Maya Thompson on Saturday, April 26th. 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.

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

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 276 people, including 91 children and 42 seniors.

A Message from Jill and Doug Lee

"We were overwhelmed by the expressions of love and support shown by our church family since the passing of Jill's mother on April 7th. We want to thank everyone at FBC for being such a true, strong community, willing to express God's love and kindness in every possible way to uphold us during this difficult time." Jill and Doug

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK

APRIL 23rd - GROUP 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 6:45 pm to 8:00 pm.** 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.

NEXT WEEK

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 Bradley's and Sandy Lehr's home – 118 Union Street 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 9 am 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 14th - SAVE THE DATE – BIRD WATCHING TRIP

On Wednesday, May 14th, join Jill Lee for a Bird watching trip to the Ibis/Egret/Heron nesting site at the 9th St. bridge visitor's center in Ocean City, NJ!! On this trip you will see nests of White Ibis, Great Egrets, Snowy Egrets, Yellow-Crowned Night Herons, Black-Crowned Night Herons and more . . . just a few feet away. No walking is necessary – hundreds of nests can be seen right from the visitor center parking lot. Watch for more details to come.

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.



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>, or through your envelope giving. 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 May, June and July, of 2025.** If you would like to participate, please sign up at the Coffee Hour volunteer board in Fellowship Hall.