

SUNDAY

Worship Service

April 27, 2025

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION:

May the light of the resurrection illumine our minds and convert our hearts, and make us aware of the value of every human life, which must be welcomed, protected and loved.

- Pope Francis

Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these, you did unto me.

- Jesus [Matthew 25:45]

GATHERING MUSIC

Howard Raudenbush

WORDS of GREETING and GRACE

Rev. Linda Pepe

***HYMN of PRAISE**

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Congregation

- 1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.*
- 2. Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.*
- 3. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Matthew McNulty

HAPPENINGS & OFFERINGS

Rev. Nevin Werron

PRAYERS of the COMMUNITY

Rev. Jennifer Bradley

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-35

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Open My Eyes
by Isa Agape

Elizabeth Endres
Judie Ladd; flute

SERMON

Follow Me: The Brilliance

Pastor Linda

***CLOSING HYMN**

Go Light Your World

Congregation

- 1. There is a candle in every soul;
some brightly burning, some dark and cold.
There is a Spirit who brings a fire,
ignites a candle in us, a home.**

Chorus 1 & 3

**Carry your candle, run to the darkness,
seek out the hopeless, confused and torn.
Hold out your candle for all to see it.
Take your candle and go light your world.
Take your candle and go light your world.**

- 2. Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to
light his own candle some other way.
See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to,
still holds a candle without a flame.**

Chorus 2

**Carry your candle, run to the darkness,
seek out the lonely, the tired and worn.
Hold out your candle for all to see it.
Take your candle and go light your world.
Take your candle and go light your world.**

- 3. We are a family whose hearts are blazing,
so let's raise our candles and light up the sky!
O, Great Creator, in the name of Jesus,
make us a beacon in darkest times.**

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***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Linda

POSTLUDE

Howard

**Please stand if you are able.*

TODAY and THE COMING WEEK at FBC MOORESTOWN

TODAY, April 27	10:00 am	Morning Worship Service (Sanctuary/Balcony & Facebook Live)
	11:15 am	Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
	11:30 to 1:30 pm	Qmunity Ministry Circle Meeting (Home of Sandy and Jen)
TUESDAY, April 29	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 30	6:45 to 8:00 pm	Group Study with Pastor Jen (Zoom)
THURSDAY, May 1	11:30 to 1:30	Food Pantry Hours (Rooms 7, 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice (Rooms 4, 5 & 6)
	6:45 pm	Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
SATURDAY, May 3	9:30 to 11:00	Women's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

PRAYER CONCERNS - April 27, 2025

Please pray for:

**Denise Benson, who is recovering from a badly sprained ankle,
Michelle Foley with a broken foot and surgery recovery,
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 **Coffee Hour Refreshments** were provided by **Michael Ostrow, Norma and Bill Wright**.

Today's **Greeters** were **Norma and Bill Wright**.

Next week's **Greeters** are **Eufemio Pagan and Tom Tamburello**.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To: Jennifer Bradley, Today, Remi Renno on Monday, April 28th, Lauren Jones on Thursday, May 1st, and Ashley Crossan and Sharon Kulik on Friday, May 2nd. 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 240 people, including 69 children and 58 seniors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

TODAY – QMUNITY MINISTRY CIRCLE MEETING - Qmunity (FBCM's LGBTQIA+ and Allies Ministry Circle) will have its next meeting Today, 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!

THIS WEEK

APRIL 30th - 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.

MAY 3rd - WOMEN'S BREAKFAST - Ladies, please join us for our next Women's Breakfast, May 3rd, from 9:30-11:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. We can't wait to see you, to share food and fellowship around the table. Please bring a shareable dish if you are able and arrive as close to 9:30 as possible so we can make the most of our time together. Hope to see you there!

NEXT WEEK

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%. With CPR/AED training, which takes just a few short hours, you can gain the skills necessary to help save a life.

SAVE THE DATE - MAY

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.



SAVE THE DATE - JUNE

JUNE 7th – 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 7th, 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.** If you would like, you may make an at-will donation the night of the event. Thank you!

PHILANTHROPIC and VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

BLINKNOW FUNDRAISER – LAST WEEK! – 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 with this effort. 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.