

# *SUNDAY* *Worship Service*

July 17, 2022



*an open, joyful, seeking community of faith*

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**THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION:** *Such love does the sky now pour, that whenever I stand in a field, I have to wring out the light when I get home.* -Francis of Assisi

## **GATHERING MUSIC**

Howard Raudenbush

## **WORDS of GREETING and GRACE**

Rev. Linda Pepe

## **HYMN of PRAISE**

### ***Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)***

Congregation

1. You made the starry hosts; you traced the mountain peaks.  
You paint the evening skies with wonders.  
The earth, it is your throne. From desert to the sea  
all nature testifies your splendor.

### ***REFRAIN 1 & 2***

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; sing God's greatness, all creation.  
Praise the Lord. Raise your voice,  
You heights and all you depths from furthest east to west  
Let everything that has breath Praise the Lord.

2. You reached into the dust; in love Your Spirit breathed.  
You formed us in Your very likeness  
To know Your wondrous works, to tell Your mighty deeds,  
To join the everlasting chorus.
3. Let symphonies resound; let drums and choirs ring out.  
All heaven hear the sound of worship.  
Let melodies take wing; let all creation sing  
A roar of harmonies eternal.

### ***REFRAIN 3***

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; sing God's greatness, all creation.  
Praise the Lord. Raise your voice,  
You heights and all you depths from furthest east to west;  
You distant burning stars, all creatures near and far,  
From sky to sea to shore sing out forevermore  
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Amen!

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## **HAPPENINGS & OFFERINGS**

## **PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY**

Rev. Jennifer Bradley

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Stacey Williams

**SCRIPTURE****Colossians 1:15-27**  
**(selected verses)**

Pastor Linda

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: for by Christ were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether [they be] thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created through Christ, and into Christ. And Christ is before all things, and through Christ all things hold together. And Christ is the head of the body, the church who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all Christ might become first to all.

God finds it good that in Christ all fullness dwells. And, making peace through his blood of the public display (cross) of him, reconciles all things into Christ; by Christ, [I say,] whether [they be] things in earth, or things in heaven. And [even] you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in [your] mind by wicked works, yet now has Christ reconciled. In the body of his flesh through death, presents you holy and unblameable and un-accused wholly in the eye of God.

If/when you continue in the faith grounded and settled, and [be] not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which you have heard, [and] which was preached to all creation [creature] which is under/through heaven . . . [Even] the mystery which has been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made visible to the called, God makes known the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

**MINISTRY of MUSIC****Redeemer**  
by Nicole C. Mullen

Howard

**SERMON****Christ: Holding All Creation**

Pastor Linda

**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

# TODAY and THE COMING WEEK at FBC MOORESTOWN

TODAY, July 17	10:00 am	<b>Morning Worship Service</b> (Sanctuary/Balcony & Facebook Live)
	11:15 am	<b>Coffee Hour</b> (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY, July 19	11:30 am to 1:30 pm	<b>Food Pantry Hours</b> (Rooms 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
	5:30 pm to 7:00 pm	<b>Small Group Reflection</b> (Zoom)
THURSDAY, July 21	6:45 pm to 8:00 pm	<b>Food Pantry Hours</b> (Rooms 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
	11:30 am to 1:30 pm	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
FRIDAY, July 22	7:30 pm	<b>Small Group Book Study</b> (Zoom)
	6:30 pm	

## PRAYER CONCERNS - July 17, 2022

Please pray for: *Michelle Foley for health concerns, the family and friends of Ramona Shainheit, who passed away, the family and friends of Roy Gaskell, who passed away on June 29th, and lift up "Miss Wini", and their children and grandchildren, the family and friends of Rev. William ("Bill") LeConey who passed away on Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, and lift up Lucia LeConey and their children and grandchildren.*

### **Please pray for these church family members:**

*Beverly Bennett, Sharon Kulik, Lorene Moore, Ruth Reigens, Betty Taylor, Jerome Whitehead and George Wister*

*\*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).*

### **CHURCH STAFF**

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - to Noah McGrath and Shaque "Orlando" Reyes, Today, Mark Morgan on Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, David Khanlian on Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, Robbie Thornton-Peek on Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Alby Boyson on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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** - **Donations of the following items are always welcome:**

**Diapers - Size 4, Size 5 and Size 6, Chunky Soups, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Fruit, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Pasta Sauce, Toothpaste and Bars of Soap. There is also plenty of room in the Food Pantry Refrigerators and Freezers for perishable items.** Non-perishable donations may be left in the black bin next to the side ramp door. They may also be left in the bin on Bill and Norma Wright's porch at 21 Valley View Terrace, Moorestown.

***The total served on Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> was 181 which, included 45 children. This total also included 3 boxes of assorted foods, baked goods and fresh produce delivered to one MEND Housing Building in Moorestown (33 residents).***

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **A NOTE OF THANKS FROM THE HAWTHORNE FAMILY**

Our family would like to thank each and every person who helped to honor George at his passing. Your prayers, calls, texts, many cards, food, flowers, service recordings, videos, visits, love and caring were keenly felt and appreciated.

We so appreciated the choir and Howard's singing one of George's favorite songs. Judie Ladd and Howard's duet was just beautiful. The visits from Linda, Jen, Howard and Nevin made us confident and comforted in our great loss.

Thanks for all the time and effort in setting up, serving and cleaning up of such a wonderful luncheon to continue honoring George's Life.

Thank you church family.

With love and gratitude,

Amy, Jessica, Emily, Owen and Michael

### **A NOTE FROM THE CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY TEAM**

**SUNDAY BULLETINS:** Some members of the congregation who do not attend church in person have expressed interest in having a hard copy of the church service bulletin. If you would like to receive a copy, please call the church office – 856-235-1180. A copy will be mailed or delivered to you.

## **SAVE THE DATE - JULY**

**JULY 19<sup>th</sup> - NEW TUESDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUP** – A new small group meets again this week on Tuesday. We will meet via Zoom from 6:45pm – 8:00pm. We will be looking at “I’ve been meaning to ask...a series for curiosity, courage, & connection”. The study combines poetry, art, conversation, commentary, and reflection. If you are interested in joining us, or have any questions, please let us know. Contact Bev Allegretti at [beverly.allegretti@abhms.org](mailto:beverly.allegretti@abhms.org) or Jennifer Kautz [jenninreallife815@gmail.com](mailto:jenninreallife815@gmail.com) There is no need to purchase anything as the devotional booklet is available and will be sent to you with the copying instructions.

**JULY 22<sup>nd</sup> - FRIDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUP CONTINUES** - "Praying With Julian of Norwich" by Gloria Durka is the book that the Friday night small group is reading on Friday nights at 6:30-7:30 via Zoom. If you would like to participate or have any questions, please contact Pastor Jen - [jbradley12@gmail.com](mailto:jbradley12@gmail.com) or 609-744-3359.

## **JULY SAVE-THE-DATE - FBCM FOOD PANTRY NEWS**

- 1. Coming - SUNDAYS – In July**– We will host Food Pantry Sundays every Sunday in July. Remaining dates are the following  
**July 24 – CANNED/JAR FRUITS**  
**July 31 – PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS**

With prices rising and schools being out for the summer, the FBCM Food Pantry needs your help more than ever. **Please be generous and bring a food item on each of the Sundays in July. Also, you can purchase gift cards from BJ's or Aldi, and we will do the shopping for you. You may also give through Tithe.ly and designate it for the Food Pantry.** John Forte will be providing tours of the Food Pantry on these Sundays in July. See John to set up the tour. Thank you for collaborating with us to assist those who are experiencing food insecurity.

### **Coming Soon . . .**

- 2. First Baptist Church Moorestown, NJ Food Drive**  
**Dates: July 30th and August 27<sup>th</sup>/Time: 8 AM – 11:00 AM/**  
**Location of Drive: The FBCM church parking lot.**

**We will also be holding two food drives (see above) this summer. Please bring a food item on July 30th and/or August 27th.** We will be in the church parking lot waiting to collect your items. We look forward to working with you to assist those who are experiencing food insecurity. **Any questions please call the church office at 856-235-1180 or Email [fbcmoorestown@gmail.com](mailto:fbcmoorestown@gmail.com)**

**JULY 29<sup>th</sup> – DRAGON FLY WALK** – Dragonflies are bursting forth into the bright sunshine after living underwater for two years or more. Come watch these fascinating creatures with us. **Our first Dragonfly Nature Walk will take place at Willingboro Lakes Park on Friday July 29<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. We will meet in the parking lot at 9 am.** Contact Jill Lee at [j.huntington\\_lee@icloud.com](mailto:j.huntington_lee@icloud.com) for details.

**JULY 30<sup>th</sup> - CHURCH PICNIC** – On Saturday July 30th, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm, John Ferrante and Mark Henry will be hosting the picnic at their beautiful home again. It's a great time for fellowship with other members of the community, not to mention all of the family-friendly outdoor games and activities! Everyone is welcome and good fun and swimming will be provided. We hope you will Save-The-Date for this enjoyable event. Please text or email: **John – [hearsay000@aol.com](mailto:hearsay000@aol.com) or (302) 690-8537**, so that the appropriate amount of food will be available.

**JULY 31<sup>st</sup> – CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING – A Brief Congregational Business Meeting will follow Church Service on July 31<sup>st</sup>** (please note the change of date). The business of the church will be shared, some important information disseminated. There will be time for questions or concerns. Please plan to join us.

### **Q-MUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS**

**Q-munity (LGBTQIA+ and Allies) Ministry Circle hosted a Say Gay Pride Dance on June 24th, and we raised \$900 in donations for GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network) and The Attic Youth Center in Philly!!** Thank you to everyone who attended and donated, and a very special thanks to those who helped us host such a fantastic event! And for the MANY folks who have been asking, YES- we will host another dance!

**Our next meeting will be Sunday, August 28th (we will not have a July meeting). More details to follow.**

**Please mark your calendars - Saturday, September 10th, we will have our annual LBI Beach Gathering at Pastor Jen's parent's home in Ship Bottom, NJ.** For those who have attended in the past, you know this is a can't miss event. Enjoy time at the beach, a seafood feast (and other goodies for those non-seafood eaters), and lots of laughs. More details including time and directions will follow. A sign-up sheet will be posted at church in Fellowship Hall and on the bulletin board by the main entrance. You may also sign up by emailing Sandy at [slehr12@gmail.com](mailto:slehr12@gmail.com). This is the only event that we host that signing up is mandatory. We hope to see you there!

### **SAVE THE DATE - FALL**

