

# *SUNDAY* *Worship Service*

July 24, 2022



 *The First*  
**Baptist Church**  
OF MOORESTOWN

*an open, joyful, seeking community of faith*

Rev. Linda Pepe, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Jennifer Bradley, Associate Pastor

**THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION:** *Solidarity, compassion, caring, communion and loving. Such values and inner powers can lay the foundation of a new paradigm of civilization, the civilization of the humanity reunited in the Common House, on the Planet Earth. Our mission is to celebrate the greatness of Creation and connect it again to the Core where it came from and to where it will go, with care, lightness, joy, reverence, and love.* - Leonardo Boff

## **GATHERING MUSIC**

Howard Raudenbush

## **WORDS of GREETING and GRACE**

Rev. Linda Pepe

## **HYMN of PRAISE**

### ***How Firm A Foundation #618***

Congregation

Verses 1, 2, 3 & 5

1. **How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**
2. **"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**
3. **"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**
5. **"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."**

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## **HAPPENINGS & OFFERINGS**

## **PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY**

Rev. Jennifer Bradley

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Stacey Williams

## **SCRIPTURE**

### ***Colossians 2:6-19***

Pastor Linda

As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in Christ. Rooted and built up in Christ, and supported in the sureness [faith], you have been taught, abounding in expression of gratitude. Beware that anyone should spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of humans, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ, for in Christ dwells all the completeness of the deity bodily.

And you have been completed in Christ, which is the head of all principality and authority, in whom also you are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting aside the body of the sins [errors] of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ. Buried with him in baptism, and you are risen with [him] through the sureness of the internal action of God, who has raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the extreme shame of your flesh, has God made alive together with Christ, having forgiven you all mistakes; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to the public display of him (cross); [And] having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them by freedom of speech, triumphing over them in it.

Let no person therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath, which are a shadow of things to come; but the body [is] of Christ. Let no person deceive or mislead you of your reward, insisting on self-abasement and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which that person has not seen, vainly puffed up by their fleshly mind, and not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, grows with the growth of God.

***MINISTRY of MUSIC***

***The Love of God***

Howard

by Frederick Martin Lehman & Meir Ben Isaac Nehorai

***SERMON***

***Rooted in Christ, Growing with God***

Pastor Linda

***CLOSING HYMN***

***Who You Say I Am***

Congregation

**1. Who am I that your majesty would welcome me?**

**I was lost but you brought me in.**

**Oh, your love for me. Oh, your love for me**

*Chorus 1*

**Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed.**

**I'm a child of God. Yes, I am!**

**2. Free at last, he has ransomed me; His grace runs deep.**

**While I was bound to sin Jesus died for me. Yes, He died for me.**

*Chorus 2*

**Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed**

**I'm a child of God. Yes, I am!**

**In this sacred house there's a place for me.**

**I'm a child of God. Yes, I am!**

*Bridge*

**I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am!**

**You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am!**

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***BENEDICTION***

Pastor Linda

# TODAY and THE COMING WEEK at FBC MOORESTOWN

TODAY, July 24	10:00 am	<b>Morning Worship Service</b> (Sanctuary/Balcony & Facebook Live)
	11:15 am	<b>Coffee Hour</b> (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY, July 26	11:30 am to 1:30 pm	<b>Food Pantry Hours</b>
	5:30 pm to 7:00 pm	(Rooms 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
	6:45 pm to 8:00 pm	<b>Small Group Reflection</b> (Zoom)
THURSDAY, July 28	11:30 am to 1:30 pm	<b>Food Pantry Hours</b> (Rooms 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
	7:30 pm	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
FRIDAY, July 29	6:30 pm	<b>Small Group Book Study</b> (Zoom)
SATURDAY, July 30	8:00 am to 11:00 am	<b>FOOD DRIVE</b> (Parking Lot)
	1:00 pm to 5:00 pm	<b>CHURCH PICNIC</b> (Ferrante/Henry Home)

## *PRAYER CONCERNS - July 24, 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.*

### **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 Tom Tamburello, on Friday, July 29<sup>th</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 - ESPECIALLY 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 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> was 159 which, included 50 children. There was no MEND delivery this week.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SAVE THE DATE - JULY**

**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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 wonderful 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 essential information disseminated. There will be time for questions or concerns. Please plan to join us.

**JULY 31<sup>st</sup> - FINAL FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY** - In July- We will host the final Food Pantry Sunday on July 31<sup>st</sup>. The focus on the last Food Pantry Sunday is -

### **PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS**

Please be generous and bring a food item on July 31<sup>st</sup>. 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. Thank you for collaborating with us to assist those who are experiencing food insecurity.

## **JULY & AUGUST FOOD PANTRY FOOD DRIVES**

### **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.**  
**Please bring a food item on July 30th and/or August 27th. PLEASE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS.** We will be in the church parking lot waiting to collect your items. **Any questions please call the church office at 856-235-1180 or Email [fbcmoorestown@gmail.com](mailto:fbcmoorestown@gmail.com)**

## **SAVE THE DATE - AUGUST**

**AUGUST 3<sup>rd</sup> – DRAGON FLY WALK** - On Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, come watch Dragonflies perform amazing acrobatics in a beautiful setting. **Our second and final Dragonfly Nature Walk this summer will take place at the Palmyra Cove on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, weather permitting.** Meet in the parking lot at 9 am. The trail is about a mile each way on even ground. Bring bug spray! Contact Jill Lee at [j.huntington\\_lee@icloud.com](mailto:j.huntington_lee@icloud.com) for details.

**AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup> – 100-DAY DEVOTIONAL** - Are you interested in a devotional to help better connect you Creation? Pastor Linda will be starting a 100-day devotional, using the book “Becoming Rooted” on August 1<sup>st</sup>. *Becoming Rooted* invites, us to live out a deeply spiritual relationship with the whole community of creation and with Creator. Through meditations and ideas for reflection & action, author Randy Woodley, guides us on a one-hundred-day journey. Pastor Linda doesn't foresee this as a formal group study, invites you to become companions on a shared journey of discovery & connection. Let Pastor Linda know if you would like to join her. The book is available on Amazon. If you are interested but money is an issue, please let her know. Looking forward to chatting about our experiences.

## **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.

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

**On June 24<sup>th</sup>, the Q-munity (LGBTQIA+ and Allies) Ministry Circle hosted a Say Gay Pride Dance raising \$900 for GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network) and The Attic Youth Center in Philly!!** Thank you to everyone who attended, donated & helped us host such a fantastic event! We are in the process of updating Q-munity's web page on the FBC website but here is video of the Dance here - <https://www.fbcmoorestown.org/q-munity-lgbtqia--allies.html>.

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

**Please mark your calendars - Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 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!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### **COFFEE HOUR HOSTS** - We are looking for volunteers to host Coffee Hour

which provides a welcoming place following our morning service to talk to the pastoral staff or worship leaders, 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 and Kathleen McCrohan (thank you Kathleen!). The following upcoming Sundays are available 5/29 and all of June.** If you would like to participate, please sign up on the Coffee Hour volunteer board in the lounge.

**FBC BREEZEWAY PLASTIC TO BENCH CHALLENGE** – We are on our way to a new bench for the Breezeway! As of July 19<sup>th</sup>, we have collected 133 pounds of plastic film. This means 367 more pounds until we have earned a bench for the Breezeway. If you would like to drop off plastic during non-church hours, please place it in the black and yellow bin outside the ramp door. Thank you for your support of this project.

## SAVE THE DATE - FALL

**KICK OFF SUNDAY** – Kick-off Sunday will be hosted on **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the 185<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**. This will be the first Sunday of Fall Programming when we plan to resume our Children's Ministry Programming and our 2nd Hour opportunities. Many of our bible study and fellowship opportunities will kick off this week, as well. Don't forget to wear your favorite Sports Jersey! More details to come.

