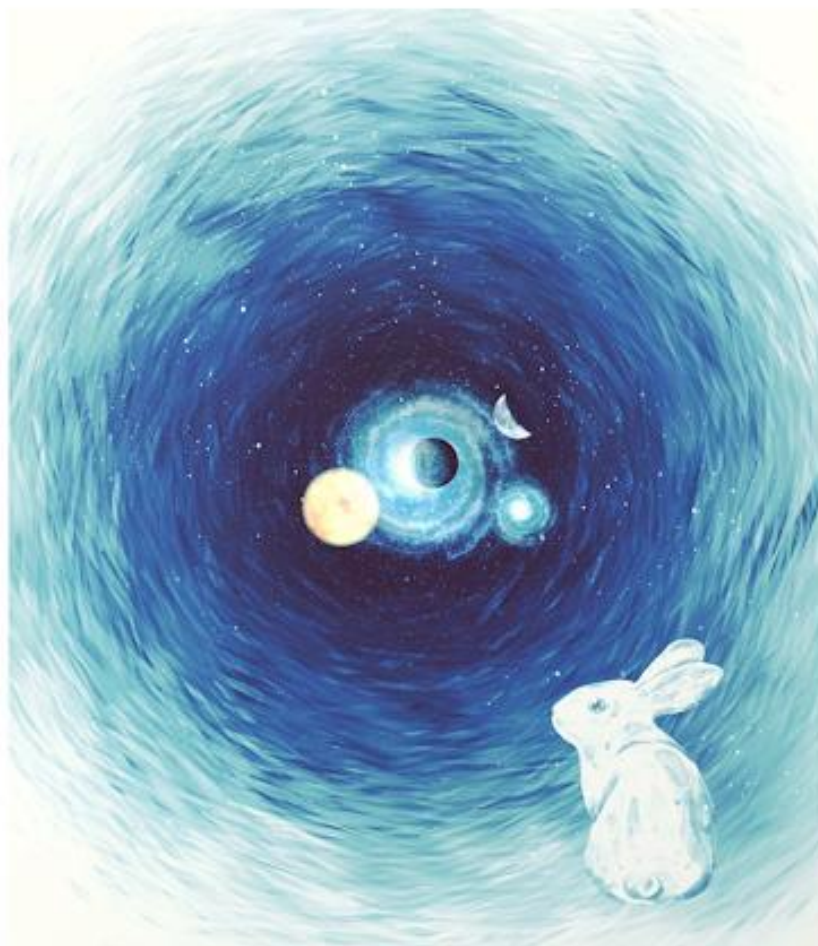


# *SUNDAY* *Worship Service*

July 31, 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:** *'I could tell you my adventures—beginning from this morning,' said Alice a little timidly: 'but it's no use going back to yesterday, because I was a different person then.'*  
- Alice in Wonderland

## **GATHERING MUSIC**

Howard Raudenbush

## **WORDS of GREETING and GRACE**

Rev. Linda Pepe

## **HYMN of PRAISE Medley: We've Gathered In This Sanctuary & Come, Christians, Join To Sing** Congregation

**We've gathered in this sanctuary, enrobed in our garments of praise.  
To join with angels and one another; to give honor to Your name.  
We, sons and daughters, stand before You offering our sacrifice of praise;  
So, we sing Glory! Hallelujah! to the Lord who will forever reign.**

- 1. Come, Christians join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!**
- 2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
Christ is our guide and friend, on whom we can depend;---  
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!**
- 3. Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore, Christ's goodness we'll adore,---  
Singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia!--- Amen!**

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## **HAPPENINGS & OFFERINGS**

## **PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY**

Rev. Jennifer Bradley

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Stacey Williams

## **SCRIPTURE**

### **Colossians 3:1-17**

Pastor Linda

**3** So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, **3** for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ who is your<sup>[a]</sup> life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>7</sup> These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>8</sup> But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive<sup>[d]</sup> language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> In that renewal<sup>[e]</sup> there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

<sup>12</sup> As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord<sup>[f]</sup> has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ<sup>[g]</sup> dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.<sup>[h]</sup> <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## ***MINISTRY of MUSIC***

### ***Above All***

Emma Ferrante

by Lenny LeBlanc & Paul Baloché

## ***SERMON***

### ***Down The Rabbit Hole***

Pastor Linda

## ***CLOSING HYMN***

### ***I Will Never Be the Same***

Congregation

by Geoff Bullock

- 1. I will never be the same again, I can never return, I've closed the door;  
I will walk the path, I will run the race  
And I will never be the same again**

#### **Chorus**

**Fall like fire, soak like rain, flow like mighty waters again and again.  
Sweep away the darkness, burn away the chaff  
And let your flame burn to glorify your name.**

- 2. There are higher heights, there are deeper seas  
Whatever You need to do, Lord, do in me;  
The glory of God fills my life  
And I will never be the same again.**

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## ***BENEDICTION***

Pastor Linda

# TODAY and THE COMING WEEK at FBC MOORESTOWN

TODAY, July 31	10:00 am	<b>Morning Worship Service</b> (Sanctuary/Balcony & Facebook Live)
	11:00 am	<b>Congregational Meeting</b> (Sanctuary)
	11:15 am	<b>Coffee Hour</b> (Fellowship Hall)
MONDAY, August 1		<b>100 Day Devotional Begins</b>
TUESDAY, August 2	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)
	6:45 pm to 8:00 pm	<b>Dragonfly Walk</b> (Palmyra Cove)
WEDNESDAY, August 3	9:00 am	<b>Food Pantry Hours</b> (Rooms 8, 9 & 10, FH, Lower Level)
THURSDAY, August 4	11:30 am to 1:30 pm	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
	7:30 pm	<b>Small Group Book Study</b> (Zoom)
FRIDAY, August 5	6:30 pm	<b>Women's Breakfast</b> (Fellowship Hall)
SATURDAY, August 6	9:30 am	

## PRAYER CONCERNS - July 31, 2022

Please pray for: *Michelle Foley for health concerns, the family and friends of Ramona Shainheit, who has passed away,*

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).*

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***HAPPY BIRTHDAY*** - to Melissa Chu and Josh Rodriguez, on Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, and to Amy Hawthorne on Saturday, August 6<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 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> was 190 which, included 49 children. This total also included 3 boxes of assorted foods, baked goods and fresh produce delivered to one MEND Housing Building in Moorestown (26 residents).***

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **TODAY**

**CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING** – A Brief Congregational Business Meeting will follow Church Service TODAY. The business of the church will be shared, and some essential information disseminated. There will be time for questions or concerns. Please plan to join us.

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**AUGUST 7<sup>th</sup> - GUEST PREACHER** - Next week we will have a special guest preacher, **Rev. A. Reilly Paige. (She, They)**. Reilly was the youth pastor at one of Pastor Linda's previous churches and is now a pastor in the United Church of Christ. She lives in Stillwater, New York next to the Hudson River, on Abenaki land. Reilly is her authentic self and has a raucous sense of humor, and a passion for justice and ministry. She is married to Rachel, who is also a pastor. Together they have a pitbull named Clover and an herb garden that is mostly dead. For fun, Reilly enjoys naps in the hammock, walks in the cemetery, and listening to Scandinavian detective novels.

### **SAVE THE DATE - AUGUST**

**AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup> – 100-DAY DEVOTIONAL** - Are you interested in a devotional to help better connect you to Creation? Pastor Linda will be starting a 100-day devotional, using the book "**Becoming Rooted**" on August 1<sup>st</sup>. *Becoming Rooted* encourages us to live out a deeply spiritual relationship with the whole community of creation and with the Creator. Author Randy Woodley guides us on a one-hundred-day journey. Pastor Linda invites you to become companions on a shared journey of discovery and 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.



**AUGUST 3<sup>rd</sup> – DRAGONFLY 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 9<sup>th</sup> – MONTHLY WOMEN'S BREAKFAST** – The next **Women's Breakfast** will be held on Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall. We thank Eileen Calabro and Leila Morgan for agreeing to host this month. Breakfast is potluck, so please bring a sharable dish. See you there!

**AUGUST 13<sup>th</sup> – MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR REV. BILL LECONEY** – On Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, First Baptist Church will host a memorial service at 11:00 am for the Rev. Dr. William LeConey, a long-time member at FBC who passed away on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. His family invites you to come and celebrate Bill's life and to share in a reception in Fellowship Hall after the service.

### **AUGUST FOOD PANTRY FOOD DRIVES**

**First Baptist Church Moorestown, NJ Food Drive**

**Dates:** 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 August 27<sup>th</sup>. 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)**

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

**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 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 continue to need volunteers to host 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 – and sharing the responsibility with a partner is a great idea. Coffee and tea are provided by FBC.** If you would like to participate, please sign up on the Coffee Hour board in Fellowship Hall.

**FBC BREEZEWAY PLASTIC TO BENCH CHALLENGE** – We are on our way to a new bench for the Breezeway! As of July 26<sup>th</sup>, we have collected 161 pounds of plastic film. This means 339 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.