



# FLEMINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

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### SUNDAY SERVICE

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“KEEP ALERT; STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH; BE COURAGEOUS; BE STRONG. LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE IN LOVE.”

1 CORINTHIANS 16:13-14

#### WELCOME!

Welcome to the Flemington Baptist Church! We are enthusiastic about what God is doing with us and through us.

#### WHO WE ARE

We are a fellowship of American Baptists who hear God calling us in our baptism to be committed members of the Christ-centered community, servants of the Word that gives life, and witnesses to a love that has overcome even the powers of death.

We are dedicated to glorifying God, and to bringing whole persons to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, to help them live creative lives of Christian discipleship in their homes and community.

We are a diverse group united by our common faith, recognizing that people experience, worship, and serve God in many different ways. Our aim is to be an inviting people, making room in our church family for those of many backgrounds and theological perspectives.

#### HISTORY

Flemington Baptist Church is the oldest Protestant church in our community. The church's history on this site can be traced to 1765. Since that time four church buildings have housed our lively congregation. The present beautiful colonial structure was dedicated in 1928.



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# Worship Service – April 28, 2024

11:00am

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

\*Congregation stands if able

### PRELUDE

“With Faith Like a Child”

John Stothoff & John Griffith

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tammy Kendig

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 145:1-4

Tammy Kendig

I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.

### \*HYMN

“How Great Thou Art”

No. 21

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever Amen.

### \*HYMN

“I Love to Tell the Story”

No. 498

## WE RESPOND WITH SERVICE & OFFERINGS

### THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES, & OFFERING

The Words of Invitation to the Offering

The Offertory

\*The Hymn of Thanksgiving

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

No. 808

\*The Prayer of Dedication

### ANTHEM

“Here I Am, Lord”

by Dan Schutte

### CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

Childcare is available for all children 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and younger. Following the Children’s Moments, children are welcome to exit the sanctuary and head to our nursery for the remainder of the service.

## WE HEAR THE WORD

### THE SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 8:26-40

<sup>26</sup> Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup> So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup> and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." <sup>30</sup> So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup> He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. <sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." <sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" <sup>37</sup> <sup>38</sup> He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L: The word of God, for the people of God.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**THE MESSAGE** “Whom Shall I Send?” Rev. Mayra Castañeda

**WE LEAVE TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN**

“Here I Am, Lord”

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**\*DEPARTING BLESSING**

**\*THE POSTLUDE**

**\*\*Pastor Mayra is available for pastoral counseling. You can reach her at [fbcpastor@flemingtonbaptist.org](mailto:fbcpastor@flemingtonbaptist.org).**

**MAY BIRTHDAYS:** 5/1 – Eden Birdyshaw, 5/2 – Elizabeth Baker, 5/9 – Gianna Bass, 5/10 – John Reid, 5/12 – Oliver Trafford, 5/15 – Barbara Kerr, 5/28 – Jeff Hoffman, 5/31 – Jim Slovak

**MAY ANNIVERSARIES:** 5/17 – Jim & Donna Slovak (38 years)  
5/20 – Connor & Brett Healy (18 years)

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** – Youth Sunday

**Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** – Movie Night

**SHOP RITE GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER**

Gift cards are available to purchase each Sunday after worship. They do not expire or lose value and help support the FBC budget. Please contact the Church Office with any questions.

**FAITH IN ACTION**

We are looking for volunteers to be at Flemington Presbyterian Church from **12:30-3:00pm on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**. There will be lunch served to volunteers! We will be making sandwiches, broccoli salad and fruit for approximately 60 people. They will be donated to Fisherman’s Mark in Lambertville.

**HISTORIC FLEMINGTON TOURS**

On **Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 11am-5pm** our church will be on the Historic Flemington Tour. We will need volunteers to assist with the event in the Narthex of the church and also at Jacob and Mary Francis grave site. Please reach out to Cheri Roth if interested.

**SIGHT AND SOUND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

We have reserved tickets for Sight and Sound’s presentation of Daniel for 3:00 pm, November 23rd. Adult tickets are \$75 and children’s tickets are \$42. We have reserved a few extra tickets for anyone interested in attending. We need to finalize payment in October and release any extra tickets. If you’d like to attend but transportation or ticket cost is an issue, please speak to Suzanne Harper.

**MEMORIAL DAY HOT MEAL PROGRAM**

We are excited for our Memorial Day Hot Meal Program that will be held on **Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**.

- If you would like a meal, please contact the church office at 908-782-3721
- Monetary donations can be made one of two ways to support the program:
  - Mail a check to the church and put “Hot Meal Program” in the memo
  - Give online at:  
<https://onrealm.org/FlemingtonBapti/give/now>
    - Choose “Hot Meal Program” in the dropdown
- To volunteer or donate meatloaf or cookies, scan this QR code:



## **WINDOW PROJECT UPDATE**

The window project has been completed, to include the sanctuary windows and doors around the building. **We thank everyone for the generous donations to get this project completed.**

As many of you know, we added on the sanctuary windows at a special price of **\$6,600** while they were here painting the annex windows. **To date we have collected \$2,810.** If you would like to make a donation towards the Sanctuary windows, please send in a check to the office with “Sanctuary Windows” in the memo.

## **AED/CPR TRAINING**

We are looking for individuals who would be willing to take an AED/CPR course in the near future so that we have several people who are able to administer CPR and are trained in using one of our AEDs in case of an emergency. If this is something you would be willing to do, please contact the office to be added to the list and we will coordinate a date. [fbcoffice@flemingtonbaptist.org](mailto:fbcoffice@flemingtonbaptist.org)

## **YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Catechist Commission is announcing that it is once again “Scholarship Season” at FBC! FBC youth members that will be attending post-high school institutions and that are participating at FBC Church are invited to apply for the 2024-2025 school year. Applications will be available in the plexiglass case outside of the church office. Please note that applications to be considered must be completed and returned on or before **May 9, 2024.**

## **SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE**

The Catechists and kids are teaming up with Sleep in Heavenly Peace - Rochester, NY Chapter to provide beds to kids who sleep on floors. This is a program in the United States that is 10 years old with 380 chapters throughout the USA. The Rochester Chapter has been in existence for 4 years and this year will deliver their 1000th bed!

We will be selling \$10 paper quilt squares to raise money to donate for our spring project. Our goal is to collect \$500 to purchase bunk beds including mattresses, sheets and pillows. We will also have instructions to make tie blankets for families to put together for anyone interested in making one. Many of the children of these programs do not have blankets or pillows much less a bed.

Please see web links below for more information. Any questions, please see Christine, Colleen or Cheri. weblinks:

**Returning the Favor with Mike Rowe**

**CNN Heroes All-Star Tribute**

**NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt**

## **YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Youth Sunday School for children is open for those ages three to 8<sup>th</sup> grade every Sunday at 9:30 AM in the upstairs classrooms. This year the 10 Commandments is the overarching focal point as we learn about the Bible stories through books and videos, crafts, songs & music, discussions, and some games. This year we are offering a once a month “Breakfast Club” to teenagers to be held at neighboring cafes. Breakfast meetings will be posted separately. Youth Sunday School and the Breakfast Club will conveniently run at the same time as the Adult Sunday School class. All are welcome to come join us!

## **ADULT SUNDAY**

The Adult Sunday School program switches gears in our study of the book of Exodus as we will be viewing the new Netflix series “Testament: The Story of Moses” for the remaining Sunday School sessions this year. This series includes reenactments of some of the most famous bible scenes using the latest special effects and expert commentary from the three Abrahamic faiths to really make the message come alive. We will pause the video periodically to allow discussion on our faith and how these messages affect us as members of FBC and how we represent Christ in the world. We meet each Sunday at 9:30 in the Parlor. Hope to see you there!

## **FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION:**

We are collecting the below items for the Flemington Food Pantry. Please place donations in the box underneath the mailboxes.

THANK YOU!

- Cooking Oil
- Instant hot oatmeal
- Canned pineapple or peaches
- Cream soups (chicken or mushroom)
- Beef/vegetable soups
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- Salad Dressing
- Lower Sodium Soup
- Crackers (saltines/wheat thins, etc.)
- Family sized pasta or rice side dishes
- Scalloped potato mix
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- Dried beans (1-2 lb bags)
- Shaving cream
- Skin Lotion
- caffeinated coffee/instant coffee
- Diapers size 4, 5 or 6
- Sanitary Pads
- Adult hygiene wipes
- Disposable razors
- Dish Soap
- Toilet Paper (2 ply)
- Baby Formula -yellow Enfamil powdered form
- Tampons
- Baby wipes
- Food Store Gift Cards

### *Prayer List*

- Sarah Williamson's infant great grandson, Drew was supposed to have surgery on April 19<sup>th</sup>, but is now sick and has been losing weight, so the surgery is postponed. Please pray for healing so that he may have the surgery.
- Carl Wild – Praying for Carl as he fights bone marrow leukemia.
- Boyden Stretch, currently having health issues.
- Tara (Renee's aunt) who is fighting an aggressive form of cancer.
- Ben (Lois' friend) fighting cancer. Update: Doctors have said he is free of cancer. Give thanks to God for his goodness.
- George – Lois' friend who had a stroke is now home and recovering.
- Marvin – Lois' 91 year old friend who fell and broke bones. He is home now with a full time caregiver. Prayers for healing.
- Prayers for Cheri and Steve's family, whose niece, Claire passed on April 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Jack, Cheri's uncle who fell and is in ICU after skull surgery.
- Lorelei (Sue's daughter) who has some medical concerns.
- Ted (Jim S's brother) who had a cardiac issue
- Thanksgiving for the many ways the church building is used weekdays and weekends
- Thanksgiving for all the children and their many activities
- Thanksgiving for families who've traveled and are now safely home
- Thanksgiving for answers to prayer

### **Here I Am, Lord**

I, the Lord of sea and Sky,  
 I have heard my people cry.  
 All who dwell in dark and sin,  
 My hand will save.  
 I, who made the stars of night,  
 I will make their darkness bright.  
 Who will bear my light to them?  
 Whom shall I send?

(Refrain)

Here I am, Lord.

Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
 I have borne my people's pain.  
 I have wept for love of them.  
 They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,  
 Give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my words to them.

Whom shall I send?

(Refrain)

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
 I will send the poor and lame.  
 I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide,

'Til their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them.

Whom shall I send?

(Refrain)