

The First Baptist Church of Worcester
MORNING WORSHIP IN GORDON HALL
COMMUNION SUNDAY

We are a community of believers who seek to grow in our faith and understanding as we live the Way of Jesus Christ



August 7, 2011 10:00 AM

PRELUDE *Impromptu No. 2 in A-Flat Major, Op. 142*..... Franz Schubert 1797-1828

CALL TO WORSHIP **Donald H. Crosby**

Leader: Our help is in the name of God, who made heaven and Earth.

People: Come, let us sing to God; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise! Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

* **HYMN 87** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*..... Madrid

***INVOCATION (Unison)**

O God, we gather in your presence and reach out to you in prayer. We thank you for your constant love and boundless wisdom. We praise you for the glory of creation and the joy of our faith. So be with us now in this hour of worship, for it is in answer to your call that we gather. In the spirit of Christ who taught us to pray: Our Father....

***GLORIA PATRI 734** Creatorex

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

DUET *Andante, Sonata in D Major, K. 381*W. A. Mozart 1756-1791

* Those who are able may stand.

Please turn pagers and cell phones to silent mode.

Nursery care is available for children during the worship service.

Please speak with an usher for assistance.

HYMN 484 O Lord, Hear My Prayer Les Presses de Taizé

THE OFFERING OF OUR PRAYERS

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Offertory Solo *Prelude No. 15 in D-Flat Major, Op. 28* Frederick Chopin 1810-1849

* **Doxology** Old Hundredth
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.*

* **Prayer of Dedication**

CELEBRATION OF CHILDREN

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE Matthew 11: 25-30 (p. 792)

HYMN 665 Break Now the Bread of Life Bread of Life

COMMUNION MEDITATION *The Inside Story* Donald H. Crosby

A SERVICE OF COMMUNION

HYMN 697 Eat this Bread, Drink This Cup Taisé Community

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Passing of the Bread* and Wine

Song Without Words, Op. 30, No. 3 Felix Mendelssohn 1809-1847

Song Without Words, Op. 19, No. 4

The Passing of the Peace and Blest Be the Tie

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Waltz in D-Flat Major, Op. 64, No. 1* Frederick Chopin

Sue Wen, Piano
Pat Czerny, Piano

* *Gluten-free communion wafers are now provided for those who require an alternative to traditional bread.*

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH VALUE STATEMENTS

INCLUSION *We welcome all in Christ's love.*

FREEDOM OF FAITH *Individual interpretation of God's Word and freedom of expression are cornerstones of our faith.*

SERVICE *We seek to be a Christ-like presence in the world.*

SPIRITUAL GROWTH *We encourage all to seek Christian growth.*

WE WELCOME YOU...to the Morning Worship of the First Baptist Church. If you are a guest, we express a special word of welcome and invite you to fill out a Welcome Card and place in the offering plate or give to an usher. We believe that God's unbounded love and grace are offered to all persons, of any age, race, sexual orientation, denomination, cultural background, and economic means as integral members of God's family.

IF YOU ARE VISITING FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY... Please join us for fellowship and refreshments here in Gordon Hall following the service. If you are searching for a church home, we would love to get to know you. Please speak with a Minister or call during the week at 508-755-6143. Those with infants and children up to age 5 may take them to the Nursery/Preschool class. An usher will be happy to assist you with directions to rooms in the church building, and with any special needs.

OUR PREACHER TODAY is Rev. Dr. Donald H. Crosby who is minister of visitation with our members in long term care centers and older members in their homes. He has been in American Baptist Ministries & Missions since 1955. After serving Rhode Island Baptists as executive minister for 13 years he retired in 1996. In 2008 Don and Marilyn became residents at Briarwood Retirement Community and members of First Baptist Church.

PASTORAL CARE REMINDER ... Rev. Don Crosby is available for pastoral care through the end of August. His home phone number is 508-459-0210. He may also be reached via e-mail: maridon@aol.com.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE for Richard Bjork will be held on August 25th followed by a collation.

AUGUST 14th, next Sunday, will be the last Sunday William Ness is with us at First Baptist until he returns from his sabbatical in December. We wish him interesting adventures, safe travels, educational experiences and a well deserved time for rest and rejuvenation.

This Week at First Baptist Church

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TODAY, Aug 7	9:45 AM	Nursery & Preschool childcare open
	10:00 AM	Worship; Summer Church School
	11:00 AM	Fellowship & Refreshments in Gordon Hall
Mon., Aug 8	1:00 PM	Staff Meeting
Thurs., Aug 11	3:00 AM	milk Support Group
	8:00 PM	AA
Sun., Aug 14	9:45 AM	Nursery & Preschool childcare open
	10:00 AM	Worship in Gordon Hall; Summer Church School
	11:00 AM	Fellowship & Refreshments

HOPE FOR HOUSING GROCERY CARDS... Stop by the table in Gordon Hall following morning worship service to purchase **Hope for Housing Homeless Prevention Cards** to use for your grocery shopping and help to prevent homelessness in Worcester.

FBC SUMMER WEEKDAY SCHEDULE Through the end of August: The Church Office is open 9 AM to 4 PM Monday through Friday. After Labor Day, office hours return to 9-5. A custodian will be on duty Tuesday and Thursday evenings for meeting coverage and for building cleaning and maintenance. On Wednesday evenings, the church is closed.

FLOWERS FROM THE GARDEN... During the month of August, we invite our congregation members to bring a vase of flowers from their garden. We welcome any arrangement.