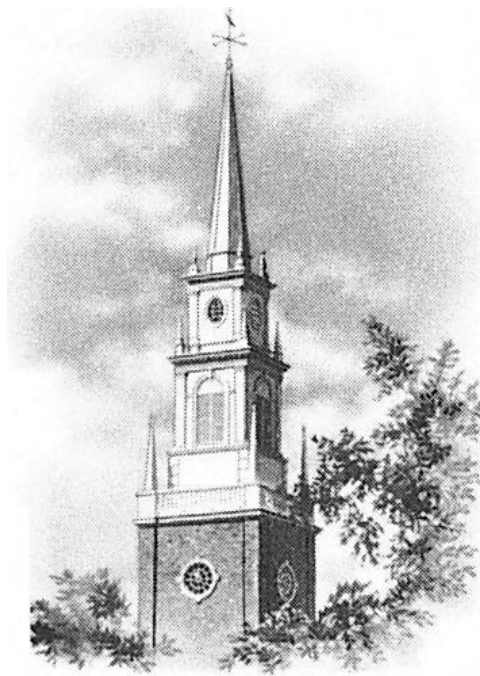


First Baptist Church

August 17, 2008



Worcester, Massachusetts
A Welcoming and Affirming Church
Mission Statement

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

Morning Worship in Gordon Hall

August 17, 2008 10:00 AM

*Please turn pagers and cell phones to silent mode.
Nursery care is available for children during the worship service.
Please speak to one of the ushers for assistance.*

PRELUDE Sonata in A Major, K.113 Domenico Scarlatti
1685-1757
On the Seashore, Op. 53, no. 1 Felix Mendelssohn
1809-1847
Morning Song, Op. 62, no. 4 Felix Mendelssohn

***HYMN 342** Rejoice, the Lord Is King! Darwall's 148th

***CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 24)**

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!

**People: And be lifted up, O ancient doors!
That the King of Glory may come in.**

Leader: Who is the King of Glory?

People: The Lord, strong and mighty.

Leader: Lift up your heads O gates!

And be lifted up, O ancient doors!

People: That the King of Glory may come in.

Leader: Who is this King of Glory?

ALL: The Lord of hosts, He is the King of Glory!

***INVOCATION (Unison)**

O God, we thank you for your unchanging love; and we thank you for giving us one another, so that in the love we give and receive among the people of God, we can learn to understand your love. We thank you that your love was most perfectly seen in Jesus. We pray for his spirit now among us, in his name, Amen. Our Father...(debt).

***GLORIA PATRI 734.....** Greatorex

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Call to Giving

Offertory A Mighty Fortress Johann Walther
1684-1748

***Doxology 34**.....Old Hundredth

***Prayer of Dedication**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....David Goff & Mark Hecox
(Children who would like to participate in Summer Sunday School are invited to join the group in the Lee Room following the Message.)

***HYMN 464** May the Mind of Christ, My Savior St. Leonards

SOLO Concertino da camera for Alto Saxophone Jacques Ibert
Mvt. II *Larghetto* 1890-1962

SCRIPTURE Philippians 3:12-14 (p. 955)

SERMON *No Wind? Row!* Ken Swenson

***HYMN 740** The Lord's PrayerMalotte

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Faith, Op. 102, no. 6 Felix Mendelssohn

**Those who are able may stand.*

*Mark Hecox, saxophone
William Ness, Minister of Music & Arts*

ABOUT OUR GUEST MINISTER:

The Rev. Dr. Kenneth E. Swenson is no stranger to the congregation of The First Baptist Church, Worcester. As of January 2006, he serves as Director of World Mission Support for The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts. He has been involved in hands-on mission work since his first pastorate in Nebraska, and has been on eight mission trips around the world. Ken has been engaged in pastoral ministry for nearly 30 years, including pastorates in North Andover, Worcester, and Lexington, Massachusetts. He received a BA from Gordon College, a Master of Divinity from Bethel Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry from San Francisco Theological Seminary. Ken and his wife Edie have two children and four grandchildren.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH VALUES 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.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE & PROGRAMS

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 the Welcome Card found in the pew rack. We are honored by your presence and hope you will return whenever you are able. The congregation of First Baptist Church, believing that God's unbounded love and grace are offered to all and meant to be shared and celebrated by all, embraces persons of every age, race, sexual orientation, denomination, cultural background, and economic means as vital and integral members of God's family. We welcome everyone to participate in the membership, life, worship, and activities of this church.



*Make Our Guests
Welcome*

REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP...Join your friends and be sure to welcome our visitors following the morning service in Gordon Hall.

PRAYER...The Prayer Pyramid will pray for your prayer requests in the summer interim when the Prayer Fellowships are not in session. You may place Prayer Request cards in any of the Prayer Mail Boxes. You may also call the Church Office (508-755-6143) or Eleanor Brockway (508-753-7827) with any prayer requests you may have.



SUMMER WORSHIP...Our Sunday Worship Service will be held in Gordon Hall through the month of August, providing greater comfort during the warmer months, and permitting routine cleaning and maintenance of the narthex and sanctuary areas. Sunday Worship will continue to meet at 10:00 AM.

GARDEN FLOWERS FOR THE CHANCEL...The Floral Arts Committee encourages the gardeners among us to consider sharing the beauty of their gardens during the summer months. We welcome any arrangement, and ask that you use your own vase and bring it with you on Sunday before worship, and place your vase in Gordon Hall.

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2008:

☞ **August 24, 2008** **Ken Swenson**

☞ **August 31, 2008** **Leah Grace Goodwin**

SOCIAL ACTION & HOPE FOR HOUSING...Food cards are still available for purchase in Gordon Hall every Sunday throughout the summer. Please stop by our table to pick up our "homeless prevention food cards" for local shopping, and consider buying extra cards to take along on your vacation. Both Shaw's and Stop & Shop have locations all over the Cape and elsewhere in New England; Big Y markets have locations in western Massachusetts. Thank you for helping to prevent homelessness!

YOUTH ACTIVITY TODAY...A Nature Walk! After church, we will have a bite to eat in the Lee Room (12:00 PM), and then head off to the Holden wild, where green foliage and rushing brooks abound at the Mass Central Rail Trail. Following our exploration, we will stop for ice cream. ETA back at FBC, 3:00 PM. **Please bring \$5.00 to cover the cost of ice cream.** Anne Goff will accompany the group.



Mass Central Rail Trail

PARKING LOT REPAVING RESCHEDULED!



Jolin Paving and Excavating will begin the work of repaving the parking lot starting on **Monday, August 18, 2008**. Alternate parking for those who use the building will be in the adjacent WPI parking lot. Someone from Jolin will help to direct individuals using the WPI parking lot through the FBC parking area each day during the repaving. We will do our best to minimize the inconvenience to everyone during this time, while also ensuring the safety of the staff and clients of First Friends Day Care. Many thanks in advance to everyone for their cooperation and patience during this repaving project.

COFFEE CREW NEEDED...for the “Coffee and...” time following Sunday Worship, in Gordon Hall. We need folks willing to set up, some willing to clean up, and others to bake “goodies”. All can be accomplished by one person per Sunday, or you may opt to tackle any one of the three areas of need. **Look for Kitchen**



Administrator Emily Smith in Gordon Hall, wearing her chef’s hat—she will have the sign-up sheets for September, October, and November. It’s really simple, doesn’t take long, and...YOU’RE ALREADY HERE! Thanks in advance for your help!

ARE YOU COMING TO THE FALL PICNIC?...Will you need a ride?



Can you give a ride? We will have a van (and possibly a minibus) to provide rides for those who













need to get to the picnic on **Sunday, September 7, 2008** (departure time from FBC 11:30 AM). We are also asking everyone to carpool, and in doing so starting our time of fellowship on the way!

Sign-up sheets for riders AND drivers are available today following the service in Gordon Hall. Please sign up to ride in the van or minibus, and if you are willing to take riders, please write your name and the number of seats available in your vehicle. Please see the poster in Gordon Hall or pick up a flyer in the Church Office if you need additional details about this event!



PICNIC A First Baptist Church "POT LUCK"

FALL MUSIC SCHEDULE—SEPTEMBER 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Labor Day			Chancel Choir 7:30 PM		
Chancel Choir		Children's Choir 4:00 PM		6: 15 PM First Handbells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir		
Festival Sunday Chancel Choir		1 PM Salisbury Bells 4 PM Childs Choir 4:45 PM Orff		6: 15 PM First Handbells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir		
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HEALTH FAIR...at First Baptist Church on October 18, 2008, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM! Sponsored by the FBC Health Cabinet. **REMINDER:** HeartScreen America is providing a free screening for six to eight children or teens on a first-come, first-served basis. **Pre-registration is necessary.** E-mail Robin McFee [tweetydoctor@aol.com] or call Jinny Smith [508-393-8659].



ANNUAL CLEANING OF THE PEWS!...Head Custodian John Belanger needs **FOUR VOLUNTEERS** to assist with the annual cleaning of the Sanctuary pews during the month of August. So far, no volunteers have called. If you could help, please contact John directly by calling the Church Office or leaving a note with your contact information in his mail slot.



