

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

The First Baptist Church
A Welcoming and Affirming Church
Worcester, Massachusetts
August 1, 2010

MORNING WORSHIP in GORDON HALL



August 1, 201010:00 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 *Prelude and Fughetta in D minor, BWV 899*J.S. Bach
1685-1750

***OPENING HYMN 569** *God of Grace and God of Glory*CWM Rhondda

***CALL TO WORSHIP**David Story

Leader: Get ready! The Lord needs you.

People: We are ready to serve God.

Leader: Be prepared to serve in ministries of justice and peace.

People: We are ready to serve God by helping others.

Leader: Open your hearts, your souls, your minds to God's mercy and love.

ALL: Prepare us for service to you, O loving God!

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Forgiving God, you know how easy it is for us to celebrate with joy the wonders of your love. We create wonderful art to represent the joy we feel. Our music soars to the heavens in praise of you. Yet how often we have left our service to you as mere thoughts and intentions without fulfillment. You ask us to be ready to serve you at any time, but we place our commitment on the "to do" list of life; we will do these things when we get to them. Forgive our hesitancy and our self-serving ways, O Lord. Heal us of the disease of seeking first our own comfort before we engage in acts of justice and mercy. Open our eyes and ears to the cries of those in need. Help us to give and also to receive ministries of love and reconciliation as we serve you with our whole hearts. Then our music, our art, our worship will truly reflect your awesome and abundant love for us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray: Our Father (debts)...

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERING OF OUR PRAYERS

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Offertory *Serenade* Franz Josef Haydn
1732-1809

***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**

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE Hebrews 8:6-13 (pg. 975) Jess Landry

SOLO *Adagio and Minuet from Sonata IV in C Major* J.S. Bach

LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING Children Praying
*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

AFFIRMATION OF THE CHILDREN David Goff & Mark Hecox
(Children who desire to participate in Summer Church School are invited to join their worship leader following the Children's Message.)

SERMON *Taking It All In* Rev. Heather Kattan

***COMMUNION HYMN 461** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* Trentham

A SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Heather Kattan & David Story
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

The Passing of the Bread and Wine
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us Lloyd Larson
b. 1954

The Passing of the Peace, and Blest Be the Tie

***CLOSING HYMN 466** *Take My Life and Let It Be* Hendon

***BENEDICTION** Heather Kattan

POSTLUDE *Prelude in A flat Major, BWV 862* J.S. Bach
From Das Wohltemperierte Klavier

**Those who are able may stand.*

(Continued)

Sarah Sams, flute
William Ness, Minister of Music & Arts
CCLI #2763143

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PASTORAL CARE REMINDER:

Rev. Don Crosby will be available for pastoral care emergencies during Tom's sabbatical. His home phone number: 508-459-0210; cell phone number: 508-723-2600.

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 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.

IF YOU ARE VISITING FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY:

Please join us for fellowship in the Lee Room following the service. You can enjoy refreshments, meet members of the congregation, and learn about the many programs of this church. The Lee Room is located one flight down by exiting Gordon Hall through the rear door, and taking the staircase exit next to the bubbler (or enter the elevator and press BR). Turn left through the glass doors at the bottom and enter the Lee Room by the first door on the right in the hallway. **If you are searching for a church home,** we would love to get to know you. Please speak with one of our Ministers, or call to speak with them during the week at 508-755-6143.

Those with infants and children ages up to age 5 are welcome to take them to the **Nursery/Preschool class (located in the Caboose).** Please ask one of our ushers to assist you.

Hearing Aids, Large Print Bulletins, and Children's Bulletins are available... Please speak with one of our ushers for assistance.

FLOWERS FOR THE CHANCEL...During the month of August, the Floral Arts Committee encourages the gardeners among us to consider sharing the beauty of their gardens! We welcome any arrangements, and ask that you bring them with you on Sunday before Worship and place them at the front in Gordon Hall. 🌸

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:45 AM: Nursery & Preschool Room Opens (@ Caboose)

10:00 AM: Morning Worship; Summer Church School

11:00 AM: Refreshments and...

Youth Group: See bulletin announcements or the posted schedule.

SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL...Children will be dismissed following the Children's Affirmation, and have class in the Green Room on the second floor. Parents may pick up their children following Morning Worship. For directions to the Green Room, please speak with one of our ushers for assistance.

REFRESHMENTS AND...Join with the family and friends following this morning's service in the Lee Room. Be sure to take time to reach out to those among us who are new at the First Baptist Church!

THE PRAYER PYRAMID will assume the responsibility for your prayer needs while the prayer fellowships are not meeting. Please contact the Church Office (508-755-6143) or Eleanor Brockway (508-753-7827) with any prayer requests.

PREACHING THIS MONTH

August 8 Rev. George McDermott

August 15 Rev. Adrienne Berry-Burton

August 22 Rev. Gordon Swan

August 29 Rev. Paul Ferrin

THIRD ANNUAL CHURCH POTLUCK PICNIC is COMING SOON...to Barre Falls Dam in Hubbardston, MA on **September 12, 2010**. We look forward to another wonderful day, departing immediately following Morning Worship and enjoying the beautiful picnic grounds as long as we like. Pick up a copy of the flyer TODAY!

NEWSLETTER: GOING "GREEN"...Beginning with the September, 2010 issue, we will send an e-mail notice when our monthly newsletter is available online at www.fbc-worc.org (where is it already posted each month!). Hard copies will continue via U.S. Mail, unless you opt out by contacting the Church Office at 508-755-6143 or patc@fbc-worc.org.

DONATIONS FOR REFUGEE FAMILIES NEEDED...Warren Jones continues to coordinate pick-up and delivery of much needed household items for arriving refugee families. **Please contact Warren to arrange pick-up items you wish to donate: 978-368-1310.** Current needs include:

- Crib and/or infant bed
- Single, double, and/or bunk beds (or any parts of one)
- Two-seat sofa
- Dining table and chairs
- Washers
- Juicer/blender
- Microwaves
- Computers
- DVD players


DRIVER NEEDED...A volunteer is needed to transport refugee children who are members of the Chorister Choir to rehearsals on Tuesday afternoons, beginning in September. Any individual available to assist with this effort should contact Warren Jones at the above telephone number.

YOUTH GROUP T-SHIRTS...Love the t-shirts worn by the Youth on Youth Sunday and wish you owned one? You're in luck—we are now taking orders for those interested in making a purchase! Place your name, number and shirt size you desire on the sheet outside of Rev. Heather Kattan's office. Pricing determined by the size of the order, so place your order today!

HOPE FOR HOUSING...Remember to stop by our table in Gordon Hall each week to purchase your food shopping cards! When used, 5% of your total purchase goes toward the prevention and early intervention assistance to those who are at risk of homelessness.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE...Submissions for the SEPTEMBER issue of the monthly newsletter are due by **Monday, August 9, 2010.** Please submit to Cindy Johnson at cindyj@fbc-worc.org. *Thank you!*

OUR CALENDAR—YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

	TODAY, Aug. 1, 2010	9:45 AM	Nursery & Preschool Opens (@ Caboose)
		10:00 AM	Morning Worship in Gordon Hall; Summer Church School
		11:00 AM	Refreshments and...in the Lee Room
	Mon., Aug. 2, 2010	1:30 PM	Weekly Staff Meeting
	Tue., Aug. 3, 2010	6:30 PM	Habitat
		7:30 PM	Compassionate Friends
	Wed., Aug. 4, 2010	9:00 AM	Jericho Road
		7:00 PM	Food Addicts in Recovery
	Thu., Aug 5, 2010	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous
	Sun., Aug. 1, 2010	9:45 AM	Nursery & Preschool Opens (@ Caboose)
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Fall POTLUCK Picnic @ Barre Falls Dam
Festival Sunday/BRUNCH
New Directory Photos
Laity Sunday

...and much MORE!