



*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 29, 2010

MORNING WORSHIP in GORDON HALL

August 29, 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 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* Ron Baud

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus..... William Ehrke
b. 1943

***OPENING HYMN 320** *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!* Hyfrydol

***CALL TO WORSHIP**Heather Kattan

Leader: Come, bring your hopes and dreams to Jesus.

People: We come to him, wanting to follow his ways.

Leader: The way of God is Love.

People: The way of Christ is Peace and Hope.

Leader: Open our eyes, Lord, to see the wondrous ways in which you touch our lives.

ALL: Open our spirits, Lord, to discern what you would have us do to serve you.

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

God of wind and fire, blow through our lives and release us from the baggage that clings to us and holds us back from being your people. Lay waste to the burdens that impede us. Wash away all that weighs us down. Free us to follow your path, straight and true. Guide us into the company of the righteous, that we might be a refuge to the poor, a deliverer to the captives, and a friend to those who are alone. In Jesus' name we pray together: Our Father (debts)...

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER**..... Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

*Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided—
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

SOLO *Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee* John Dykes
1823-1876

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE Hebrews 1:1-8 (pg. 970)..... Dina Martinelli

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 CHILDRENDavid Goff and Mark Hecox
(Children who desire to participate in Summer Church School are invited to join their worship leader following the Children's Message.)

SERMON *Keeping Jesus Alive* Rev. Paul Ferrin

***HYMN 341** *Jesus Shall Reign* Duke Street

THE OFFERING OF OUR PRAYERS

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Offertory *Steal Away to Jesus* Christina Shehi
b. 1960

***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**

***CLOSING HYMN 600** *In Christ There Is No East or West*McKee

***BENEDICTION** Paul Ferrin

POSTLUDE *Allegro vivace* Franz Schubert
1797-1828

**Those who are able may stand.*

Donald Mentzer, tenor
William Ness, Minister of Music & Arts

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TODAY'S GUEST MINISTER:

Beginning his pastoral ministry in 1950, the Rev. Paul Ferrin served American Baptist Churches in all New England states except Connecticut. He was the Protestant Chaplain during the 1980's at Clark University, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and Worcester State College. Paul, together with his wife Erma joined the First Baptist Church, Worcester, in 1989.

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 five 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.

MORNING WORSHIP RETURNS TO THE SANCTUARY...next Sunday, September 5, 2010 at 10:00 AM. The "Coffee and..." fellowship after worship will return to Gordon Hall

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP...resumes monthly schedule on Saturday, **September 11, 2010**, 8:00 AM at the Parkway Diner, 148 Shrewsbury Street, Worcester. Questions? Contact Tom Ward [tward@oxps.org].

THIRD ANNUAL CHURCH POTLUCK PICNIC...at 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 for details and a map!

FESTIVAL SUNDAY...is **September 19, 2010!** Please join us for our FRONT LAWN FESTIVAL. There will be games, food, and tons of fun! You can pick up a copy of our new Fall Schedule, take a tour of the newly painted Education Wing, and help suggest new names for our classrooms. See you there!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU...To Edith and Gordon Swan for their lovely floral donation last Sunday.

HANDBELL CONCERT...Kathie Fink will present *Legacy*, a solo handbell concert and tribute to her father, Larry Fink Sr., and the Fink Family Handbell Ringers in Gordon Hall at 3:30 PM on Sunday, **September 26, 2010**. She will be accompanied on the piano by her friend Linda Maloney. Kathie's solo ringing musicality will refresh your spirit with the timeless classics of faith. A offering will be taken. For more information about her tour, visit www.kathiefink.com.

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.**

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 should contact Warren Jones at the above telephone number.

YOUTH GROUP T-SHIRTS...just a reminder that we are 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.

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.

YOU ARE INVITED...to a buffet luncheon at *Briarwood Continuing Care Retirement Community* on Sunday, **October 3, 2010**, 12:30—1:30 PM. Please RSVP to Judy Desrosiers at 508-852-2670 no later than Tuesday, September 27, 2010. Details available in our current Newsletter or on our website at www.fbc-worc.org.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 30035...invites any interested girls entering second and third grade to join their weekly meetings in the Lee Room at 3:15 PM. Please contact troop leader Margery Miller at 508-754-7378 to discuss the details!

OUR CALENDAR—YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY, Aug. 29, 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
	11:15 AM	Church School Teacher's Meeting
Mon., Aug. 30, 2010	9:00 AM	Literacy Volunteers
	1:30 PM	Weekly Staff Meeting
Wed., Sept. 1, 2010	8:30 AM	First Friends
	9:00 AM	Jericho Road
	4:30 PM	Habitat
	7:00 PM	Food Addicts in Recovery
Thu., Sept. 2, 2010	8:00 AM	First Friends
	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous
Fri., Sept. 3, 2010	8:30 AM	First Friends
Sun., Sept. 5, 2010	9:45 AM	Nursery & Preschool Opens (@ Caboose)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship returns to Sanctuary; Summer Church School
	11:00 AM	Coffee and...in Gordon Hall

Mon., Sept. 6, 2010—LABOR DAY, OFFICE CLOSED



Fall POTLUCK Picnic @ Barre Falls Dam
 Festival Sunday FRONT LAWN FESTIVAL
 Solo Handbell Concert
 New Directory Photos
 Laity Sunday

...and much MORE!

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