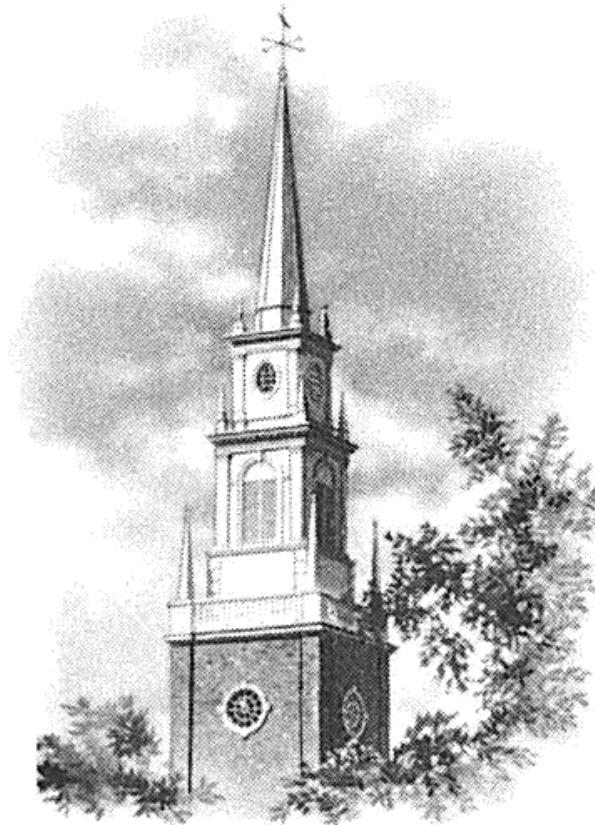


# *First Baptist Church*

*August 2, 2009*



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

## COMMUNION SUNDAY

August 2, 2009.....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 Adagio, D. 178 .....Franz Schubert  
1797-1828

\*HYMN 21 This Is My Father's World .....Terra Beata

\*CALL TO WORSHIP..... Heather Kattan

Leader: Come, let us worship together

People: Let us open our minds to the challenge of reason, open our hearts to the healing of love, open our lives to the calling of conscience, open our souls to the comfort of joy.

Leader: Astonished by the miracle of life, grateful for the gift of fellowship, confident in the power of living faith, we are gathered here.

ALL: Come, let us worship together!

\*INVOCATION (Unison)..... Heather Kattan

Generous giver of life, we pause from our hurrying, we rest from our scheduling, and we hold still our anxious minds. For in your calming presence, and open to your Spirit, we seek another way of being, another way of doing. May we simply be people who in our stumbling humanity, mirror your love and goodness with joy, purpose, and passion. As Jesus taught, we pray: Our Father...(debt)

\*GLORIA PATRI 734 ..... Creatorex

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Heather Kattan

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE..... Heather Kattan

Exodus 3:1-2, 7-8 (pg. 44)

Matthew 23:37 (pg. 804)

SOLO Sonata in F Major—Siciliana and Giga .....George Frederick Handel  
1685-1759

LITTLE CHILDREN, WELCOME.....Koleda

Little children, welcome! Earth is yours to live in; arms of love protect you, little children, welcome!

We, the church of Jesus, we will help your growing, Jesus' love enfolds you, little children, welcome!

**AFFIRMATION OF THE CHILDREN** .....Kenneth E. Swenson  
*(Children who desire to participate in a Children's Worship Experience are invited to join their worship leader following the Children's Message.)*

**THE OFFERING OF OUR PRAYERS** ..... Kenneth E. Swenson

**THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS** ..... Heather Kattan  
**Offertory** Adagio cantabile from Sonata, Op. 13..... Ludwig van Beethoven  
1770-1827

**\*Doxology 34** ..... Old Hundredth  
**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**SERMON** *Does Jesus Care?* ..... Rev. Kenneth E. Swenson

**\*COMMUNION HYMN 83** Children of the Heavenly Father.....  
Tryggare Kan Ingen Vara

**A SERVICE OF COMMUNION** ..... Kenneth E. Swenson & Heather Kattan  
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

The Passing of the Bread and Wine

The Passing of the Peace, and *Blest Be the Tie*

**\*CLOSING HYMN 621** For the Healing of the Nations ..... Regent Square

**\*BENEDICTION** .....Kenneth E. Swenson

**POSTLUDE** Let All Things Now Living.....Michael Larkin  
1951-

*\* Those who are able may stand.*

*Sarah Sams, Flute*  
*William Ness, Minister of Music & Arts*

*(Continued on next page)*

## 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 nine 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.✚

***HEARING AIDS AVAILABLE DURING THE SERVICE...***If you would like to take advantage of our hearing aids, please speak with one of our ushers, who will explain this simple yet effective device.

***LARGE PRINT BULLETIN AVAILABLE...***with the Order of Service. Please speak with one of our ushers to receive a copy!

***CHANCEL FLOWERS...***We appreciate today's donation from one of the gardeners among us! ✨

***SUNDAY EDUCATION...***Following the Children's Message, children are invited to attend a Children's Worship session upstairs in the Green Room. For more information, please speak with one of our ushers.☺

***REFRESHMENTS AND...***Fellowship with the family and friends following the service today. Be sure to take time to reach out to those among us who are new at the First Baptist Church!

***PASTORAL CARE REMINDER...***Rev. Don Crosby will be available for pastoral care through the end of August. His home phone number: 508-459-0210; cell phone number: 508-723-2600. You may also reach him via E-mail: maridon@aol.com.

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP BEGINS TODAY...** Experience & Discover God Everywhere during **CAMP E.D.G.E.**, **August 2—5, 5:30—8:30 PM** at FBC! There is something for EVERYONE—ages four to adult! VBC is not your typical stroll through the woods; it's an action-packed expedition that teaches kids and adults that their might and strength come from God! Plan to join the adventure. If you are interested in helping “behind the scenes”, please speak with Heather.



**YOUTH TRIP TO CANOBIE LAKE PARK (Salem, NH)...**Saturday, **August 15th!** We will leave FBC at 10:00 AM to arrive at the park at 11:15 AM. Departure time is 5:00 PM, arriving back at FBC at 6:15 PM. Cost is \$30 (\$21 if under 48” tall).



**Sign-up by Sunday, August 9 to secure a spot in the car. A COMPLETED permission slip is required for this event.**

**THEATRE WORKSHOP...**Do you enjoy acting, or are you curious about what it is like to be on the stage? Please join us for an afternoon of fun and theatrics on Sunday, August 23! The workshop will begin at 11:45 AM, and will run until 2:00 PM. **Please SIGN-UP, and be sure to bring a bag lunch!** Contact Heather Kattan if more information is desired.



**TELL US ABOUT YOUR SUMMER...**How did you spend time this summer? We want to hear about it! Please send ONE photo representing a favorite moment from the summer, with a short description. Depending on how many photos we receive, we will share them via the next newsletter, in a photo display, or on the church website. Please send photo and description to Cindy Johnson via web link (preferred) or attachment in an e-mail [cindyj@fbc-worc.org], or drop off a hard copy in her mail slot. Many thanks!

**2nd ANNUAL CHURCH POTLUCK PICNIC...**at Barre Falls Dam in Hubbardston, MA on **September 13, 2009**. We look forward to another wonderful day, departing immediately following Morning Worship and enjoying the beautiful picnic grounds as long as we like.

**CHURCH CLEAN-UP & PICNIC...**“All hands on deck” for a Saturday morning clean-up to make the interior of the church shine! **September 12, 2009, 9am—noon**, A picnic lunch will be provided. Call the church office to sign up: 508-755-6143

**FESTIVAL SUNDAY & REDEDICATION OF THE SANCTUARY...**on **September 20, 2009**. What a wonderful day this will be as we celebrate 70 years since the sanctuary was dedicated, with a homecoming and recreation of much of that original *Service of Dedication*. In addition, *Festival Sunday* will feature Church School registration and highlight an array of year-round church participation opportunities!

***GARDEN FLOWERS FOR THE CHANCEL...*** During 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, to be placed at the front of Gordon Hall.

***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.

***THE PRAYER FELLOWSHIPS...*** The Women's Prayer Fellowship and the Evening Prayer Fellowship will resume their 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM schedule on Wednesday, September 23, 2009.

***WANTED!...Sunday School Teachers and Children's Worship Leaders!*** At First Baptist Church we strive to have the highest quality programs for our children and youth. We are in need of people who would be willing to help out with our Sunday Morning programming. Previous experience is not necessary and you can make any sort of time commitment. If you have questions or would like more information please contact Heather Kattan at [Heatherk@fbc-worc.org](mailto:Heatherk@fbc-worc.org) or 508-755-6143 x228.

***HOPE FOR HOUSING...*** Remember to stop by our table in Gordon Hall each week to make your food shopping card purchases! When used, 5% of your total purchase goes toward prevention and early intervention assistance to families and individuals who are at risk of becoming homeless.

***INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK AT UCC..*** United Congregational Church located at 6 Institute Road in Worcester will be hosting homeless families for the IHN week of September 6-13th. Volunteers are needed to cook dinner, serve as Evening Hosts from 5:15 to 9:30, and to sleep overnight at the church. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact UCC's IHN Coordinator, Tim Camp at 508-798-6997.

***DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS SUNDAY...*** October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and our church will hold a special thematic worship service, followed by educational events and opportunities for the entire day on **Sunday, October 4, 2009**. Stay tuned for more information regarding our special guests and a schedule of the events for the day.

***ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER...*** Consistent with our ongoing efforts to be environmentally responsible and eliminate excess paper, we are now offering the option of receiving the monthly newsletter electronically. If you prefer to receive the newsletter electronically rather than by postal mail, simply call the Church Office at 508-755-6143 or send e-mail to [info@fbc-worc.org](mailto:info@fbc-worc.org) with the subject line: Newsletter Request. A copy is also available for viewing at [www.fbc-worc.org](http://www.fbc-worc.org).

## OUR CALENDAR—YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY, Aug. 2, 2009	9:45 AM	Nursery & Preschool Open
	10:00 AM	Worship in Gordon Hall (Communion)
	11:15 AM	Refreshments and...
	5:30 PM	Camp E.G.D.E. Vacation Bible Camp starts!
Mon., Aug. 3, 2009	1:30 PM	Full Staff Meeting
Tue., Aug. 4, 2009	7:00 PM	Compassionate Friends
Wed., Aug. 5, 2009	9:00 AM	Jericho Road
	7:00 PM	Food Addicts in Recovery
Thu., Aug. 6, 2009	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous
Sun., Aug. 9, 2009	9:45 AM	Nursery & Preschool Open
	10:00 AM	Worship in Gordon Hall
	11:15 AM	Refreshments and...



**The First Baptist Church**  
111 Park Avenue — Worcester, MA 01609  
508-755-6143  
[www.fbc-worc.org](http://www.fbc-worc.org)

\*\*\*

## SUMMER PREACHING SCHEDULE

**Morning Worship moves to Gordon Hall on August 2, 10:00 AM**

August 2	Rev. Ken Swenson—Midsummer Communion
August 9	Rev. Ken Swenson
August 16	Rev. Heather Kattan
August 23	Rev. Nick Carter
August 30	Rev. Thomas R. McKibbens

