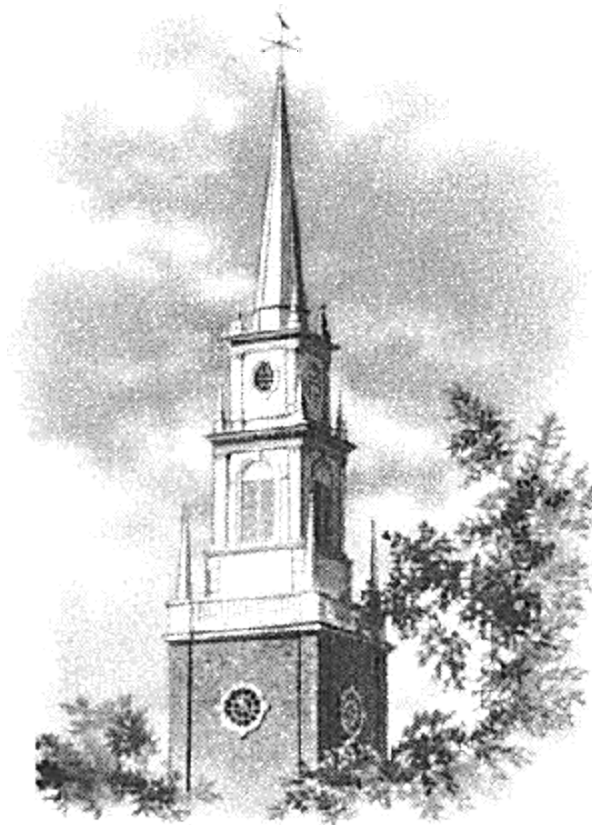


First Baptist Church

August 30, 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

August 30, 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 Consolations I and II Franz Liszt
1811-1886

***HYMN 40** For the Beauty of the Earth Dix

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Heather Kattan

Leader: Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above...

People: Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

Leader: For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in the mirror;

People: For they look at themselves, and on going away, immediately forget what they were like.

ALL: But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget, but doers who act — they will be blessed in their doing.

***INVOCATION (Unison)**

Eternal God, we praise you for this day of worship, when we re-gather from the work of the week and offer our genuine expressions of thanks and praise. Lead us to live lives of deep reflection and practical caring. Help us to be doers of the word and not hearers only. May we find ways to be peacemakers in a society and world that is enamored with war. Help us to be hopeful people wherever we find despair. Grant that we may never flag in our faithfulness or become weary in well-doing. Help us to be a presence and hope in all those places where you still call us through the cries of your children. In the spirit of Christ we offer the prayer he taught: **Our Father...(depts)**

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOLO *Come, Ye Blessed of My Father* John Prindle Scott
1877-1932

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE..... Heather Kattan
James 1:17-27 (pg. 980)

LITTLE CHILDREN, WELCOMEKoled a
 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..... Heather Kattan
(Children who desire to participate in an activity time are invited to join their leader following the Children's Message.)

SERMON *Doers Who Act* Thomas R. McKibbens

***HYMN** O Brother Man, Fold to Thy Heart (on screen)..... Intercessor

THE OFFERING OF OUR PRAYERS

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Offertory *Have You Not Known?*..... Austin Lovelace
 b. 1919

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***CLOSING HYMN 72** Great Is Thy Faithfulness..... Faithfulness

***BENEDICTION**..... Thomas R. McKibbens

POSTLUDE Intermezzo, Op. 117, no. 1 Johannes Brahms
 1833-1897

**Those who are able may stand.*

Abigail Ayres, soprano
William Ness, Minister of Music & Arts

*Be Doers
 of the Word...*

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 an activity 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!



**MORNING WORSHIP RETURNS TO THE SANCTUARY,
September 6, 2009 at 10:00 AM**



WANTED...Church School Teachers and Children's Worship Leaders! We are in need of individuals willing to assist with our Sunday Morning Programming. Previous experience is not necessary, and you may make *any* sort of time commitment. Contact Heather Kattan at heatherk@fbc-worc.org OR **508-755-6143 x228**.



HAVE YOU SIGNED-UP FOR CHURCH CLEANUP DAY? It's "all hands on deck" for a Saturday morning cleaning day to make the interior of the church shine! **September 12, 2009, 9:00 AM—Noon.** Lunch will be provided. **PLEASE sign-up on the clipboard** available during the fellowship hour, or call the Church Office to sign-up [508-755-6143].



SECOND 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. **NEED A RIDE? WOULD YOU GIVE A RIDE?** Please write your name on the clipboard sign-up sheet during the fellowship hour, or call the Church Office [508-755-6143].

Be sure to pick up a flyer with POT LUCK PICNIC details at the display!

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 re-creation of much of that original *Service of Dedication*. In addition, *Festival Sunday* will feature Church School registration with an array of opportunities to join in all of the action our church participates in during the year!



THE PRAYER FELLOWSHIPS...resume their 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM schedule on **Wednesday, September 23, 2009**.

ADULT FORUM RESUMES...On **Sunday, September 27**, with Tom McKibbens reporting on the American Baptist Biennial. Please plan to attend this informative session at 11:20 AM in the Whitney Room.



THE "SECOND" NORTHEAST GATHERING...Friends and Members of the Alliance of Baptists on **Saturday, September 19, 2009 at First Baptist Church, Newton** (848 Beacon Street, Newton, MA) 9:30 AM—2:30 PM. Registration is \$10.00 and includes a light continental breakfast and lunch. See our bulletin board for details.



WORCESTER CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY...presents, *Vienna*

Serenade featuring compositions by Beethoven, Schumann, Schubert, and Mozart on Saturday, September 26, 2009 at 7:30 PM. Members include Tracy Kraus, flute; Krista Buckland Reisner, violin; Peter Sulski, violin; Mark Berger, viola; David Russell, cello; William Ness and Ian Watson, piano. With guest Douglas Metcalf, clarinet. **TICKETED**. Visit worchesterchambermusic.org for more information.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS SUNDAY...Our church will hold a special thematic worship service, followed by educational events and opportunities for the entire day on **Sunday, October 4, 2009**. Special guests will include Lieutenant Governor Tim Murray, Ginger Navikas of New Day, Vinny Gorglioui of the Worcester Police Department, and Ann Early from the Batterer's Intervention Office. A panel discussion will highlight the Adult Forum, and there will be a showing of the film, *Broken Vows* at 5:00 PM.



SCROGIN BOOK FORUM RESUMES OCTOBER 11, 2009...Read and then join us to discuss *Tortilla Curtain*, by T.C. Boyle. We convene in the Roy Room at 11:20 AM.

FALL BUSINESS MEETING...will take place on **Sunday, October 18, 2009** immediately following the Morning Worship service. Please plan to attend.



SYNERGY... will present **Organ Plus!**, a concert in celebration of the completion of the extension to the FBC Chancel Organ on Sunday, **October 18, 2009** at 4:00 PM. The members of Synergy are Debbie Franks, flute; Lira Cady, harp; and William Ness, organ.



WORCESTER INTERFAITH PRESENTS...*The Beggar's Bowl*, a fundraiser and arts event on Tuesday, **October 20, 2009**, 5:30 PM in Gordon Hall at FBC. Please come and enjoy a bowl of homemade soup served in a hand-thrown stoneware bowl which you will take home. Donation \$50.00. For more information, call 508-754-5001.

THE 22ND ANNUAL ELISABETH BLANCHARD CASWELL MEMORIAL CONCERT...Friday, **October 23, 2009**, 8:00 PM presenting Paul Bisaccia, concert pianist. Please save this date and come to hear Paul play some of his favorite Gershwin and other favorites by American composers. Free to all!



WALK FOR HUNGER...The 35th Annual Worcester CROP Walk will be held on October 25, starting from Trinity Lutheran Church. As this is a special anniversary, they are hoping to raise \$35,000, and will need lots of prayers, donations, and workers to pull this off. **SAVE THE DATE** and then **PLAN TO WALK** for hunger.

THE PHOENIX PLAYERS PRESENTS...JENNY JONES — *Spy Catcher*, directed by Brian Hayes on **November 6 & 7, 2009, 7:30 PM** in Gordon Hall. This short thriller will be augmented with a bit of musical theatre by the Chancel Choir. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults/\$6.00 for children, and will be available in the Church Office!



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.

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 the prevention and early intervention assistance to families and individuals that are at risk of homelessness.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR SUMMER...Please send us 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 newsletter, in a photo display, or on the church website. Please send your 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!



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE...The deadline to submit items for the OCTOBER issue is Tuesday, **September 8, 2009**. Please send to Cindy Johnson via e-mail [cindyj@fbc-worc.org], fax [508-755-6143] or place a hard copy in her mail slot in the Church Office, clearly marked as an item for the newsletter. Thank you!



**Men of all ages—Mark your calendars for:
MEN'S SATURDAY BREAKFAST DATES 2009-2010**
September 12, October 3, November 7, December 5, January 9,
February 6, March 6, April 10, May 1, June 5
8:00 AM @ KP's Breakfast & Lunch on Main Street in Holden
(across from Wachusett Regional High School)
Questions? Contact Tom Ward [tward@oxps.org]



OUR CALENDAR—YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY, Aug. 30, 2009	9:45 AM	Nursery & Preschool Open
	10:00 AM	Worship in Gordon Hall
	11:00 AM	Park UCC Council (Roy Room)
	11:15 AM	Refreshments and...
Mon., August 31, 2009	6:30 PM	Phoenix Players Auditions
	7:00 PM	Music & Arts Committee
Tue., Sept. 1, 2009	10:00 AM	Full Staff Meeting
	7:00 PM	Social Action Committee; Compassionate Friends
Wed., Sept. 2, 2009	9:00 AM	Jericho Road
	7:00 PM	Park Congregational; Food Addicts in Recovery
Thu., Sept. 3, 2009	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous
Fri., Sept. 4, 2009	3:15 PM	Girl Scouts
Sun., Sept. 6, 2009	9:45 AM	Nursery & Preschool Open
	10:00 AM	Worship returns to the Sanctuary
	11:15 AM	Refreshments and...

Mon., Sept. 7, 2009 — LABOR DAY, Office Closed



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