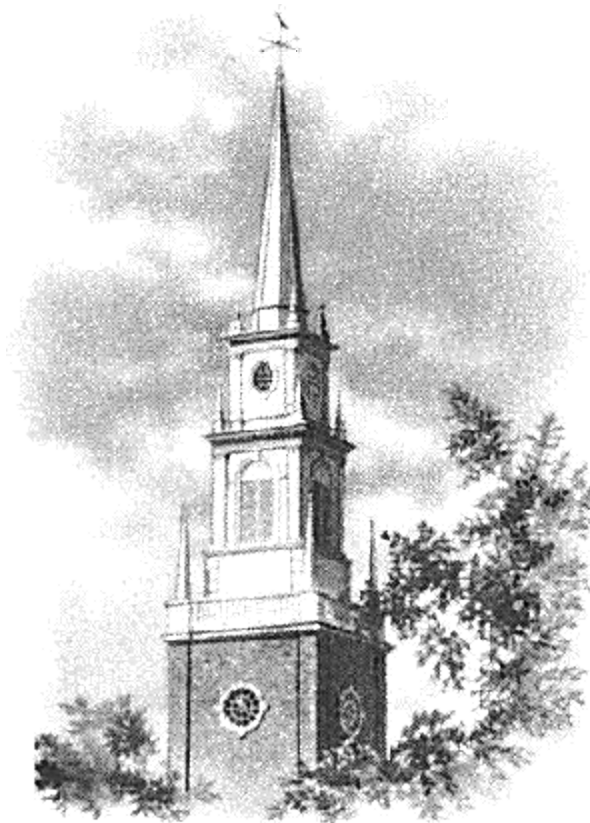


First Baptist Church

August 9, 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 9, 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 Pavane, Op. 50..... Gabriel Fauré
1845-1924

***HYMN 66** To God Be the Glory..... To God Be the Glory

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

Leader: It is time to stop rushing; to rest our lives in the love of God.

People: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in God's word do I trust.

Leader: It is time to let go of frustration or fear, to let go of doubt or despondency.

People: My soul waits for the Lord, more than night watchmen wait for the morning.

Leader: Let all people put their hope in the Lord!

ALL: For with the Lord there is faithful love, with God there is plentiful redemption.

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

Lord, we come to you this day with so many things going on in our lives. Some of these things are wonderful, and cause us to rejoice. However, there are far too many things that cause us fear and anxiety. Humbly we wait for your presence with us. We need your healing touch. Feed us with the bread of life, that we may hunger no more. Strengthen us to do your will. Help us to be courageous enough to accept the love that you have for us, and the power you have to forgive and heal our souls. We live in a time of great hostility, fear, and strife. It is easy for us to succumb to the terrors and forget that you are with us at all times, seeking peace and hope. You have asked us to be instruments of peace and justice. To do this, we need to change our attitudes and practices to reflect your love and compassion, and not be the vehicles for greed or the need for approval. Open our lives this day and pour your healing mercies into them, that we may be messengers of hope to all whom we meet. We pray in the words that Jesus taught us: **Our Father...(debts)**

***GLORIA PATRI 734**.....Creatorex

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Heather Kattan

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE..... Heather Kattan
Acts 16:6-10 (pg. 900)

SOLO *Vocalise*, Op. 34, no. 14.....Sergei Rachmaninoff
1873-1943

LITTLE CHILDREN, WELCOMEKoleda
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 a Children's Worship Experience are invited to join their worship leader following the Children's Message.)

SERMON *Come Over and Help Us!* Rev. Kenneth E. Swenson

***HYMN 505** All the Way My Savior Leads MeAll the Way

THE OFFERING OF OUR PRAYERSKenneth E. Swenson

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS..... Heather Kattan
Offertory *Andantino from Oboe Sonata in D major, Op. 166*Camille Saint-Saëns
1835-1921

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***CLOSING HYMN 575** Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service .Beach Spring

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

POSTLUDE *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* Michael Larkin
b. 1951

**Those who are able may stand.*

*Tyler Rand, oboe
William Ness, Minister of Music & Arts*

Vocalise was originally published in 1912 as the last of Rachmaninoff's *Fourteen Songs*, Op. 34. Written for voice (soprano or tenor) with piano accompaniment, it contains no words, but is sung using any one vowel (of the singer's choosing). It was dedicated to soprano Antonina Nezhdanova. It has been arranged/transcribed for many instruments accompanied by either piano or orchestra. This work loses none of its original intent of tonal color or meaning since there were never any words employed; only an open vowel was intended.

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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.



BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING will take place **NEXT SUNDAY**, August 16, 2009 beginning at 11:15 AM in the Library. **FREE**, no appointment necessary. Sponsored by the Health Cabinet.

The PHOENIX PLAYERS will meet on **Monday**, August 17, 2009 at 6:30 PM in the Lee Room to discuss our latest production. We need **YOU**, if you can act, manage lighting or scenery, collect or make costumes, construct or find props, or generally assist backstage. Please come to this meeting for your opportunity to be a part of the **PHOENIX PLAYERS**. Speak with Lynne Carroll for full details!

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.

YOUTH TRIP TO CANOBIE LAKE PARK (Salem, NH)...Saturday, August 15, 2009! We will leave FBC at 10:00 AM to arrive at the park at 11:15 AM. Return time is 5:00 PM to arrive back at FBC at 6:15 PM. Cost is \$30 (\$21 if you are under 48" tall). **Deadline to sign-up is TODAY, 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.



WANTED...Church 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 assist with our Sunday Morning programs. Previous experience is not necessary, and you can make any sort of time commitment. Contact Heather Kattan at heatherk@fbc-worc.org OR **508-755-6143 x228.**



COMING IN SEPTEMBER



CHURCH CLEANUP DAY..."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 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. **Be sure to pick up a flyer with the details at the display in Gordon Hall!**

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 with an array of opportunities to join in all of the action our church participates in during the year!

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 next newsletter, in a photo display, or on the church website. Please send your photo and description to Cindy Johnson [cindyj@fbc-worc.org], or drop off a hard copy in her mail slot. Many thanks!

GARDEN 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, 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 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.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER... Consistent with our ongoing effort to eliminate excess paper, we are now offering the option to receive the newsletter electronically. Readers may request this option by contacting the Church Office at 508-755-6143, or sending an e-mail message to [info@fbc-worc.org] with the subject line: Newsletter Request. A copy is also available to download on our church website [www.fbc-worc.org].

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.

COMING IN OCTOBER



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.

OUR CALENDAR—YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY, Aug. 9, 2009	9:45 AM 10:00 AM 11:15 AM	Nursery & Preschool Open Worship in Gordon Hall Refreshments and...
Tue., Aug. 11, 2009	5:30 PM	Habitat
Wed., Aug. 12, 2009	5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Habitat Park Congregational; Food Addicts in Recovery
Thu., Aug. 13, 2009	12:00 PM 8:00 PM	Hope for Housing Alcoholics Anonymous
Fri., Aug. 14, 2009	12:00 PM	Hope for Housing
Sat., Aug. 15, 2009	10:00 AM	Depart for Canobie Lake Park
Sun., Aug. 16, 2009	9:45 AM 10:00 AM 11:15 AM	Nursery & Preschool Open Worship in Gordon Hall Refreshments and...; BP Screening



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SUMMER PREACHING SCHEDULE

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

