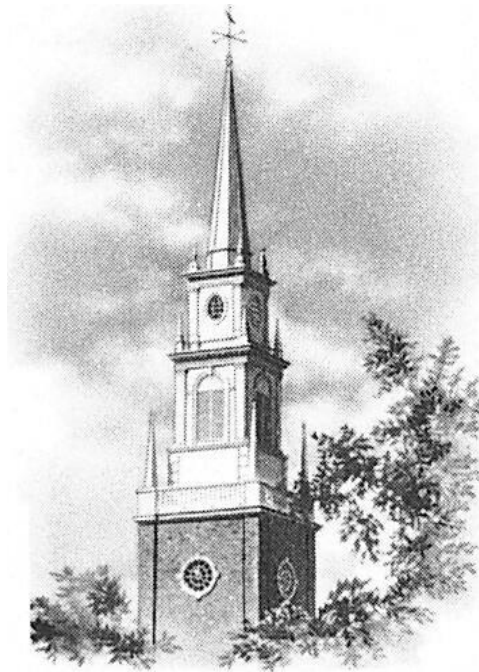


First Baptist Church

February 1, 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



February 1, 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 Sonata II Felix Mendelssohn
Grave — Adagio — Allegro maestoso e vivace 1809-1847

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 547** We Are God's People Symphony

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Heather Kattan

Leader: Luke, the evangelist, wrote of our risen Savior,
who at the table with two of the disciples
took bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them.

**People: Their eyes were opened,
and they recognized the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.**

Leader: In community with all believers in every time,
on every continent, across history,
and in celebration of the beauty of the differences
that link us in a common hope that all might be well,
we come together in worship.

**All: In every season, may we be held together in Christ,
through the blessing of this table
where we celebrate the risen Christ
in the sharing of this bread.**

***INVOCATION (unison)**

**Eternal God, once more we gather and seek to be aware of your
moving among us. Let your Word become flesh once more, showing
us again the depth of your mercy, the height of your grace, and the
breadth of your forgiveness. Open our hearts to be revived and
renewed, so that we may be sent forth from this place as messengers
of peace and hope in our world. We pray the prayer Jesus taught:
Our Father...(debt).**

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Brenda Baker

THE OFFERING OF OUR PRAYERS..... Thomas R. McKibbens

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Offertory See What Love, from *St. Paul* Felix Mendelssohn

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Singing the Psalter—Psalm 111 Unison Response:

Psalm 111

Hal H. Hopson

Hal H. Hopson

Refrain

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Hal - le -
*Sing it o-ver.
lu - jah! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord! Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the Lord!

*A few voices

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Music: Tune: an African-American spiritual (PD).

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Mark 1:21-28 (pg. 812)..... Heather Kattan

Jesus appears at the synagogue at Capernaum and heals a disturbed man, evoking "amazement" from the gathered congregation.

LET THE CHILDREN COME..... China

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so!

Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

AFFIRMATION OF THE CHILDREN..... Heather Kattan

(Children who would like to participate in a Children's Worship Experience are invited to join their worship leader following the Message.)

COMMUNION MEDITATION *Don't Give Up on the Institution!*.....

Thomas R. McKibbens

***COMMUNION HYMN 695** As We Gather at Your Table.....Beach Spring

A SERVICE OF COMMUNION.....Thomas R. McKibbens & Brenda Baker
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Sanctus Herbert Sumsion
1899-1995

The Passing of the Bread and Wine

Lord Have Mercy Herbert Sumsion

The Passing of the Peace and “Blest Be the Tie”

***CLOSING HYMN 546** Built on the RockKirken Den Er Et

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

POSTLUDE Sonata II Felix Mendelssohn
Fugue

**Those who are able may stand.*

*Chancel Choir
Marjorie Ness, organist
William Ness, Minister of Music & Arts*



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. #11

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...Today's arrangements are given in memory of the Rev. Dr. Gordon M. Torgersen. ✨

SUNDAY EDUCATION...We offer a variety of worship and learning opportunities for children and youth. Following the Children's Message, all children are invited to attend a Children's Worship session upstairs in the Green Room. At 11:15 AM, we have Sunday School classes for all ages on the second floor. For more information, please speak with one of our ushers, or the Rev. Heather Kattan.

COFFEE AND...Join with the family and friends following the service today in Gordon Hall. Be sure to take time to welcome those among us who are new!

THE ANNUAL MEETING IS NEXT SUNDAY, February 8, 2009, in Gordon Hall. Lunch will be served at 11:30 AM at the cost of \$5.00 per person, with the meeting following. If you plan to attend lunch, please call the Church Office to make a reservation [508-755-6143]. Thank you!

SCROGIN GREAT ISSUES BOOK FORUM...The theme this month is "America's Best" as we explore the writing of W.E.B. DuBois, and review his groundbreaking group of essays, The Souls of Black Folk. Please meet in the Roy Room at 11:15.

YOUTH GROUP ROLLER SKATING TODAY...Bring a completed permission slip and meet at 12:30 PM outside the Lee Room to go to Skylite Roller Skating Center, 648 Park Avenue (see Heather Kattan for details)!

MEN'S SATURDAY BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP...Join us at a **NEW LOCATION** on Saturday, February 7, 2009, 8:00 AM at:



KP'S BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

1392 Main Street (across from the high school)
Holden, MA 01520



Please contact Tom Ward for any details [tward@oxps.org]

ALL-COMMITTEE NIGHT! Following tradition, all newly elected FBC committee members meet with their committee for the first time on the Tuesday following the Annual Meeting. This will take place on **February 10, 2009**, beginning with a light dinner at 6:00 PM (donation requested), followed by a briefing with the Moderator, and then breaking out into meetings by committee. If your name appears on the posted ballot for 2009, please mark your calendar and plan to be present at your **FIRST** meeting of the year!

****CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM...**Classes to prepare candidates for baptism will begin on **February 22, 2009 at 9:00 AM** in the Youth Lounge. Families having a candidate for baptism should speak with Tom McKibbens. The classes will run for six weeks, culminating with baptism on Palm Sunday. Mark your calendars, and see you then!



WONDERFUL
WEDNESDAYS!
FEBRUARY 25, 2009

PARK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

(from our heart to yours!)...A Delicious SPAGHETTI SUPPER on Saturday, February 21, 6:00 PM in GORDON HALL. Cost: ADULTS—\$8.00, CHILDREN 3-12 yrs.—\$5.00; under 3 yrs. Free. There will be a BASKET RAFFLE (each basket promises to be filled with LOVE)!

Tickets are available at the FBC Church Office. Please sign up on the bulletin board, stop by the Church Office or call 508-755-6143.

***FOR PROPER PLANNING, RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 2/14.**

ALL ARE WELCOME!



VALENTINE REMBRANCES...Please help us continue the tradition started by The Graduates of giving homemade cookies and fruit to our nursing home and shut in church members for VALENTINE'S DAY! We are looking for some CARING INDIVIDUALS who would be willing to bake cookies, donate money for fruit, help to package these items, or help to deliver them to one or two of our 35 shut-ins. If you are willing to help in any of these ways, please sign-up in the Church Office OR contact Jean Tait or Jean Mills to let us know. **We will package these items on Friday, February 13 at 10:00 AM**, and they will be delivered after that time. Thanks in advance for your participation!

[Jean Tait (508-852-4629)/Jean Mills (508-829-4551)]

HOPE FOR HOUSING...Remember to stop by our table in Gordon Hall each week to continue making your food shopping card purchases!

*****SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRET FRIENDS*****

By popular demand, this springtime tradition resumes at FBC! Sunday School Secret Friends will run from March 15 through April 19, 2009, with a small party at the end for the big REVEAL. If there are any Sunday School children interested in participating, please write your name on the sign-up sheet posted outside Heather's office. Adults who are interested in participating should contact Heather Kattan via e-mail or phone, so she may keep your name a secret and enhance the surprise.



[heatherk@fbc-worc.org] [508-755-6143 x228]

Details to follow in the mail...☺

The World Vision logo, consisting of an orange curved shape with a white starburst in the upper right corner, and the text 'World Vision' in a sans-serif font below it.

World Vision

Our Youth Are Going To... Starve for Food

Chris was lucky. He got to eat breakfast this morning. A brown and white mushy breakfast will be the only meal he'll eat today. And in Zambia, where almost half the population – more than 5 million people – is hungry, Chris is blessed to have that mush.

But some kids won't get anything to eat—all day. And you won't see them on the TV or hear their stories on the radio. In fact, before this day is over, 26,000 children under age 5 will die because of hunger, disease and poverty.

Fourteen thousand of them will die from causes linked to malnutrition alone. Today... tomorrow...and the next day.... That's one every seven seconds.

But here's the good news. Students in our congregation are choosing to make a difference. They are getting ready to take part in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. They're going to raise money by not eating for 30 hours so that kids like Chris can eat every day.

In the coming weeks you'll hear more about the 30 Hour Famine. So here's where you come in: please pray for the Famine participants, and then prayerfully consider how you can offer your financial support to help save kids' lives.

World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. Motivated by faith in Jesus Christ, World Vision serves alongside the poor and oppressed as a demonstration of God's unconditional love for all people.

For more information about World Vision's 30 Hour Famine, call **1-800-7FAMINE** (1-800-732-6463), or visit www.30hourfamine.org.

Prayer...

May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.

~II Thessalonians 3:5

Please include in your prayers...

- The Church School and the Youth Group
- The Social Action Committee and Building & Grounds Committee
- The Literacy Volunteer Reading Program
- The Men's Breakfast Fellowship
- Margaret Crombie, Didi Oprenova, Dorothy Latuga
- Students beginning their Second Semester
- Thanks for organizations that offer quality products and practice ethical and social responsibility
- Those recovering from surgery or medical intervention
- Those on our Church Visitation List
- Individuals who are chronically ill
- President Obama, his cabinet, and Congress




PRAYER REQUEST CARDS may be posted in any of the three Prayer Mail Boxes for prayer by the Prayer Fellowship and Rev. Thomas R. McKibbens.



MORE "TEA"... Three Cups of Tea author Greg Mortenson is scheduled to speak on Saturday, February 7, 2009 at the Nevins Hall Memorial Building, 150 Concord Street in Framingham. Doors open at 9:30 AM and the program begins at 10:30 AM. Free and open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. In case of inclement weather, call 508-532-5570 after 7:30 AM for cancellation information [www.framinghamlibrary.org].

OUR CALENDAR—YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

- Today, Feb. 1, 2009 8:00 AM & 9:00 AM Bible & Bagels
10:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Park Congregational
11:15 AM Sunday School; Scrogin Forum; Passages
12:30 PM Youth Group
- Mon., Feb. 2, 2009 7:00 PM Habitat
- Tue., Feb. 3, 2009 9:30 AM Literacy Volunteer Reading
10:00 AM Full Staff Mtg.; First Friends
1:00 PM Salisbury Belles
4:00 PM Children's Choir
5:00 PM Habitat
7:00 PM Social Action; Compassionate Friends
- Wed., Feb. 4, 2009 — NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR MARCH EDITION
9:00 AM Women's Prayer; Jericho Road
7:00 PM Park Cong.; Food Addicts in Recovery;
Intercollegiate Bible Study
7:30 PM Evening Prayer Fellowship
- Thu., Feb. 5, 2009 9:00 AM Literacy Volunteers; Literacy Vol. Reading
6:15 PM First Handbells
7:30 PM Chancel Choir; Alcoholics Anonymous
- Fri., Feb. 6, 2009 9:00 AM NAEP
3:15 PM Brownies
- Sat., Feb. 7, 2009  8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Fellowship @ KP's in Holden
- Sun., Feb. 8, 2009 8:00 AM & 9:00 AM Bible & Bagels
10:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Park Congregational
11:15 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM ANNUAL MEETING (luncheon)
12:30 PM Youth Group
5:00 PM Habitat

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