



*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  
111 Park Avenue  
Worcester, Massachusetts 01609  
February 20, 2011

# MORNING WORSHIP

February 20, 2011..... 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** Partita on *Duke Street*.....Charles Callahan  
Carillon-Chorale-Quatuor-Trio-Larghetto-Finale b. 1951

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 63** Give to Our God Immortal Praise .....Duke Street

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** Come, all you who are weary and hurting; all you who are confused and anxious; all you who are fearful and troubled.

**People:** **Here, let us find rest for our souls.**

**Leader:** Come, all you who are happy and satisfied; all you who are confident and assured; all you who are successful and courageous.

**People:** **Come, let us find rest for our souls.**

**Leader:** Come, from furrowed brows and tightened jaws, from troubling prayers and misting eyes, from questions with no answers and problems with no apparent solutions.

**People:** **Let us find here a stillness, like being led to green pastures.**

**Leader:** And let us experience music that lifts us to the divine.

**People:** **And prayers that ease the wrinkles of our souls.**

**ALL:** **Let us worship God our Creator, our Guide, and our Redeemer!**

## **\*INVOCATION (Unison)**

**You, O God, are the ever-faithful One. We confess our lack of faith in your promises. Break through our fear that separates us from one another. Empower us to respond to your call, and, like Jesus, to meet the future with courage and confidence. Receive the worship that we bring in the confidence that you do hear us, and are even now responding in your love. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray: Our Father (debts)...**

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

## **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!*

**THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE** Luke 15:3-10 (pg. 850) [updated]

**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** *What Does it Mean 'to be Saved', and Why is it Important?*

Thomas R. McKibbens

**\*HYMN 439** Jesus, Lover of My Soul.....Aberystwyth

**THE OFFERING OF OUR PRAYERS**

**THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS**

**Offertory Anthem** *Teach Me, O Lord*..... Thomas Attwood  
*...the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.* 1765-1838

**\*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**

**\*HYMN 502** Be Thou My Vision ..... Slane

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Recessional*..... John Joubert  
b. 1927

*\*Those who are able may stand.*

Chancel Choir

William Ness, Minister of Music & Arts

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## **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 **Gordon Hall following the service.** You can enjoy refreshments, meet members of this congregation, and learn about the many programs of this church. Gordon Hall is located by exiting the Sanctuary through the double doors near the pulpit. Enter Gordon Hall by the first door on the left in the hallway. **If you are searching for a church home,** we would love to get to know you. Please speak with Senior Minister Thomas R. McKibbens, or call to speak with him during the week at 508-755-6143. Those with infants and children up to age five are welcome to take them to the **Nursery/Preschool class, in the Nursery.** Please ask one of our ushers to assist you.

### **HEARING AIDS, LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, AND CHILDREN'S BULLETINS...**

Please speak with one of our ushers for assistance.

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**CHANCEL FLOWERS TODAY...**are given in memory of Eleanor and Wendell Long, by Bruce Long. In addition, a "rosebud welcome" to celebrate the birth of Robert Thomas Werner, born February 6, 2011; son of Muffy (Davis) and Tim Werner, and the first grandson (among six granddaughters) of Sarah and Dix Davis. 🌸



Worldwide, more than 1 billion people—1 in every 6—don't get enough to eat. **But hunger doesn't have to have the last word.** Our students are going without food for 30 hours to help write a new story for hungry kids.

On **March 4-6**, our youth group will participate in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. We've already started raising money to help World Vision fight hunger.

If you haven't yet, please consider how you can support our efforts by donating to the 30 Hour Famine. Every \$30 we raise can help feed and care for one child for a month. **Visit our table in Gordon Hall to make a donation.**

Want to learn more about how you can help our group as we "love hungry"? Contact Rev. Heather Kattan at 508-755-6143 x228 or e-mail [heatherk@fbc-worc.org](mailto:heatherk@fbc-worc.org).

"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? **Is it not to share your food with the hungry ... ?**" —Isaiah 58:6-7 (NIV)

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### About Today's FORUM Speaker, Pamela Reidy, Th. M.:

Pam began traveling to Haiti in 1990 with students and has returned an average of once a year since that time. In Haiti, she has worked in a variety of settings including small group homes, schools, clinics, hospitals and orphanages. Her love of the Haitian people is strong and vibrant. She has developed enduring relationships with teachers, church people, and children in Haiti. Here in the United States, she fostered a Haitian son, John, who has since returned to Haiti.

After her ordination as an interfaith minister, Pam began an empowerment program for girls in Haiti. This was born from her deep concern for young restavics who are often mistreated. While that program no longer exists, she remains committed to the young people of Haiti working closely with Proje Espwa, an orphanage just outside of Les Cayes.

Following the January 12th earthquake, Pam reunited with many of her former students to form Spirit of Hope as she realizes that the lack of funding is one of the primary reasons many people are unable to travel to Haiti and help. *The rebuilding of Haiti will be arduous and long, and it will take many hands, she says, while countless Americans are out of work and able to go to help in the rebuilding, they cannot afford the trip.* She concludes, *It is my great hope, that this organization will support those who can and want to help by giving direct service in Haiti.*

Pam has a Bachelors' degree in English, a Masters degree in Theology and was ordained in 2007 at One Spirit Interfaith seminary in New York. For many years she taught high school and college theology and worked for a number of years in parish ministry. She is currently employed as Director of Mission Integration at Notre Dame Health Care, a campus providing elder care services in Worcester.

**We welcome Pam and Spirit of Hope to our Forum!**

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### **TODAY'S SCHEDULE**

8:30 AM: Breakfast; Childcare Opens

9:00 AM: Bible & Bagels; Church School

10:00 AM: Morning Worship; Children's Worship (approx. 10:20 AM)

11:00 AM: Coffee and...

11:20 AM: Forum; Bible Adventures; Youth Group

**Youth Group: See bulletin announcements or the posted schedule.**

**FORUM TODAY...**please join us at 11:20 AM to hear a presentation about the mission and accomplishments of ***Spirit of Hope, Inc.***, with Founder and President Pamela Riedy. Read the enclosed insert for more about Pam.

**YOUTH GROUP ROCK CLIMBING AT CENTRAL ROCK TODAY...**Meet at 11:20 AM in the lobby outside the Lee Room with a signed permission slip and \$20.00 to defer the cost of lunch and admission. We will then depart for Central Rock Gym in Worcester. Wear comfortable clothing! Lunch will be provided.

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING...**Uncontrolled high blood pressure can lead to stroke, heart attack, heart failure or kidney failure. It takes only five minutes to check your risk. A free screening is scheduled **TODAY** in the Library following Morning Worship. *Sponsored by the Health Cabinet.*

**FORUM: ASK THE YOUTH...**(update) During the Forum on **February 27, 2011**, the Youth Group will be answering any questions you may have for them about the **30 HOUR FAMINE**, or what they feel about church. Please submit any questions you may have in the box on the Gordon Hall stage, and then join us at 11:20 AM on February 27, when they will present their answers and talk with everyone about their place here at the First Baptist Church.

**THE FBC CHANCEL CHOIR PRESENTS...***A Wintry Mix and a Sunny Outlook: A concert of Words and Music to banish Winter and usher in the Spring!* **Friday, March 18, 2011** in Gordon Hall. **Supper at 6:00 PM, followed by the concert at 6:45 PM.** Tickets: \$15 donation and are available at the Church Office or via Lynne Carroll. *Proceeds to the Music & Arts Committee for Special events.*

**COPIES OF SERMON TEXTS** are available in the Narthex and online at [www.fbc-worc.org/sermons.html](http://www.fbc-worc.org/sermons.html). An audio version is also available online.

**ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING...**First Baptist Church is pleased to announce that we now offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular offering. Electronic giving is convenient for you, and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. To set up an electronic giving schedule, you can either complete a paper authorization form, or visit the church website at [www.fbc-worc.org](http://www.fbc-worc.org) and look for the “online giving” button in the **Resource Center** column. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Pick up a copy of the authorization form at the Church Office. Thank you!

**FORUMS SCHEDULED IN MARCH:**

- ☞ March 6 (Scrogin): *The Invention of Air: A Story of Science, Faith, Revolution, and the Birth of America*, by Steven Johnson
- ☞ March 13: Presentation on Nagaland, India by Rev. Mike Harvey
- ☞ March 20: Recognition of Heather Kattan
- ☞ March 27: Pain Management

**MYCHIP IS COMING TO FBC...**the Masonic Youth Child ID Program (MYChip) provides tools to aid law enforcement authorities to locate and ID a lost or missing child. This FREE program will be held at FBC on **Sunday, March 27, 2011, 11:30—3:30 PM in the Whitney Room** on a first-come, first-served basis. Available for infants through 21 years of age, tapes made in the past can be updated. The program provides a videotape, fingerprinting, tooth print, and cheek swab. This information is not duplicated, and all items are given to the child’s family. **For more information, visit [www.mychip.org](http://www.mychip.org), or contact Dean Stevens (508-885-9537).**

**YOUTH BAPTISM CLASS...**Senior Minister Thomas R. McKibbens will offer a class preparing youth for baptism on Sunday mornings, **March 20 & 27 and April 3 & 10, at 11:00 AM** in the Youth Lounge. Any youth in grade 7 or above is welcome to participate. Baptism is planned for **Palm Sunday, April 17, 2011.** *Please let Tom McKibbens know if you plan to attend.*

**E-MAIL THE HEALTH CABINET...**The Health Cabinet has a new e-mail:

[fbhealthcabinet@gmail.com](mailto:fbhealthcabinet@gmail.com)

We welcome ideas about potential adult education programs, the *Healthy News*, or other issues of health concern. [Robin McFee, chair]



**PRAYER...**

*Behold, my needs which I know not myself.*

~Francois Fenelon

**Please include in your prayers...**

- Our church as it transitions into a new program year
- The leaders of our Boards, Committees, and Fellowships
- Heather and David Kattan
- Those on the FBC Visitation List
- Those suffering from the complex maladies of aging
- Y.O.U., Inc.—a part of our church's local mission
- The unemployed, homeless, hungry, alienated
- Willard Rice, Elizabeth Minott, Belinda White, June St. Amand, George McDermott, Robert Prensner, Carleton Richards, Ruth Weber
- Celebrations for our newest church members
- Those undergoing medical testing
- Those dealing with water problems as result of snow/ice damage
- Populations try to free themselves from dictatorship

**HOPE FOR HOUSING GROCERY CARDS...**remember to stop by the table in Gordon Hall to purchase Hope for Housing Homeless Prevention Cards to use for your weekly grocery shopping and join the effort to prevent homelessness in Worcester.



...to everyone who made a gesture or expression of condolence following the passing of my mother. Your thoughts, prayers, and overall kindness is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Cindy Johnson  
Executive Assistant/Ministerial Support

## OUR CALENDAR—YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

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TODAY, Feb. 20, 2011

8:30 AM	Breakfast; Childcare opens
9:00 AM	Bible & Bagels; Church School
10:00 AM	Worship
11:15 AM	Coffee and...; BP Screening
11:20 AM	Forum; Bible Adventures; Youth Group

### Mon., Feb. 21, 2011—PRESIDENT'S DAY—*Office Closed*

Tue., Feb. 22, 2011

10:00 AM	Weekly Staff Meeting
1:00 PM	Salisbury Belles
6:30 PM	Habitat
7:00 PM	Park Congregational <i>Mustard Seed</i>

Wed., Feb. 23, 2011

9:00 AM	Women's Prayer
7:00 PM	Evening Prayer; Food Addicts in Recovery

Thu., Feb. 24, 2011

1:30 PM	Literacy Volunteers
3:00 PM	milc Support
6:15 PM	First Handbells
7:30 PM	Chancel Choir
8:00 PM	AA

Sun., Feb. 27, 2011

8:30 AM	Breakfast; Childcare opens
9:00 AM	Bible & Bagels; Church School
10:00 AM	Worship
11:15 AM	Coffee and...; BP Screening
11:20 AM	Forum; Bible Adventures