



*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 27, 2011

# MORNING WORSHIP

February 27, 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** Toccata on Community of Christ (Leoni) ..... Seth Bingham  
1882-1972

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 615** Community of Christ .....Leoni

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** We come together this Sunday with our hearts and our minds open to your Word.

**People:** **We come ready to nourish our spirits and renew our commitment to peace.**

**Leader:** We come together as peace-bearers and peacemakers.

**People:** **May we bear peace in our hearts and be peacemakers in our homes and community.**

**Leader:** Let us acknowledge God's presence among us.

**ALL:** **Praise be to God, who calls us to pursue peace for the benefit of all creation!**

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

**God of Life, you have taught us to walk in this world in a gentle way, always respecting the life you have given others. We come this morning with respect for all that is yours and all whom you love. Deepen our understanding and strengthen our wills, so that we may follow your way of peace in both word and deed. We pray in the spirit of Christ the words he taught: Our Father (debts)...**

**\*GLORIA PATRI 734** .....Greatorex

## **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!*

**ANTHEM** *Consider the Lilies* ..... Natalie Sleeth

*...how they grow, blossoming there in the field.* 1930-1992

*'Tis not for their labor they flourish so, flowers of beauty to yield.*

*Through the grace of God above, tending all in constant love.*

*Every want shall be supplied, for God the Lord will provide.*

*Consider the a moment the birds in flight, everywhere filling the air,*

*With never a worry they seek the height, nourished in bountiful share.*

*Store not up in great array treasure for the coming day;*

*In the Kingdom first believe, and all good things you shall receive.*

*For more than the lilies that bloom and grow, more than the birds of the air,*

*Your Maker forever your need will know and feed you with heavenly care.*

*God the Lord, the loving Lord, will every blessing provide.*

**THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE** Matthew 5:43-48 (pg. 787)

**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** *How Can We Say That Christianity is for Peace When So Much Violence Has Been Committed in the Name of Christianity?* ..... Thomas R. McKibbens

**\*HYMN 622** *When Will People Cease Their Fighting?* .....Rustington

**THE OFFERING OF OUR PRAYERS**

**THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS**

**Offertory Anthem** *Flowers of the Field* ..... Gary James

*We who bear the human name are like flowers of the field;*

*Without status, without fame, trampled down and made to yield,*

*Unprotected and exposed to the scorching wind that blows.*

*Let all the world now blossom as a field*

*Even Solomon of old, (said our Lord, the Man of peace)*

*With his glory and his gold could not match the flowers' grace.*

*We are weak but we recall how the mighty ones must fall.*

*Let all the world now blossom as a field.*

*We are people of the field, filling crowded city streets.*

*We are people called to build a community of peace.*

*We remember as we toil, hope is springing from the soil.*

*Let all the world now blossom as a field.*

**\*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.*

**Continued...**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*HYMN 614** Let There Be Peace on Earth..... Miller

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Pastorale and Aviary* .....Myron Roberts  
1912-2004

*\*Those who are able may stand.*

Sarah Sams, flute  
Chancel Choir

William Ness, Minister of Music & Arts

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In the developing world, 1 in 3 children—almost 200 million—do not get the nutrition they need. **But it doesn't have to be this way.** Our students are stepping up to help write a new story for hungry children and their families around the world.

**THIS COMING WEEKEND (March 4-6),** our youth group is participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine—going without food for 30 hours so others can eat. We'll experience real hunger for ourselves while raising funds to help hungry children and their families.

It's not too late for you to support us! Every \$30 we raise can help feed and care for one child for a month. **Be sure to stop by our table in Gordon Hall to make your contribution.**

**ALSO:** Please join us for the **ASK THE YOUTH Forum** in Gordon Hall today, when the Youth Group will answer any questions you have about the 30 Hour Famine or other questions you have submitted. They look forward to sharing with everyone how they feel about their place here at the First Baptist Church.

As this weekend approaches, please pray that God would bless and transform us as we "love hungry." Want to help with the Famine this weekend? Contact Heather Kattan [508-755-6143 x228] or e-mail [heatherk@fbc-worc.org].

**"We are fools for Christ ... to this very hour we go hungry." —1 Corinthians 4:10-11 (NIV)**

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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.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS TODAY...** are given by an anonymous donor. ✨

**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.

## 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: See bulletin announcements or the posted schedule.**

**TODAY'S FORUM: ASK THE YOUTH...** 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 join us at 11:20 AM in Gordon Hall, when they will present their answers and talk with everyone about their place here at the First Baptist Church.

**MEN'S SATURDAY BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP...meets at a new location this Saturday, March 5, 2011, 8:00 AM.** Please join us at Friendly's in the White City Shopping Plaza on Route 9 in Shrewsbury (near Panera Bread). See Tom Ward if there are any questions.

**SCROGIN FORUM NEXT SUNDAY...**Plan to join us in the Roy Room at 11:20 AM on **March 6, 2011**, for a discussion of *The Invention of Air: A Story of Science, Faith, Revolution, and the Birth of America*, by Steven Johnson.

**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.*

**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).**

**PRAYER...**

*Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.*

~Psalm 67:5 KJV

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

- Our ministers, staff, and volunteers
- Our Youth Group's participation in World Vision's 30 HOUR FAMINE
- The Men's Saturday Breakfast Fellowship
- The MA. Ministry Fund to which FBC contributes
- The families of Dr. Willard Rice and Eugene Fischer
- Richard McNally, Richard Bjork, Judith Morris Fugere, Elizabeth Minott, Usha Karki, Jasmita Samal, Bishal Bhujal, George McDermott
- The victims of the New Zealand Earthquake
- The unemployed
- Those in the military
- Nations which are in turmoil
- Those seeking deepening faith and God's direction
- The Rev. Warren Jones in his work with refugee families

**NOTE: THE PRAYER SHAWL COMMITTEE...**will not meet on March 1 as listed on the March Calendar in the newsletter. We will meet as listed on Tuesday, March 22.

**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.

**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.



For more information, call 978-448-1445. or visit:  
<http://www.tabcom.org/2011tag/welcome.html>

## OUR CALENDAR—YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

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TODAY, 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...;
	11:20 AM	Forum; Bible Adventures
Mon., Feb. 28, 2011	10:30 AM	First Friends
	1:30 PM	Weekly Staff Meeting
Tue., Mar. 1, 2011	8:00 AM	Worcester Interfaith Board
	9:00 AM	Montessori Rehearsal
	12:00 PM	Wachusett Greenways
	1:00 PM	Salisbury Belles
	4:15 PM	Chorister Choir
	6:30 PM	Habitat
Wed., Mar. 2, 2011	7:00 PM	Social Action; Compassionate Friends
	8:45 AM	TABCOM
	9:00 AM	Women's Prayer; Jericho Road Worcester
	10:00 AM	WCMS Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Evening Prayer; Food Addicts in Recovery
Thu., Mar. 3, 2011	7:30 PM	Denomination Affiliation
	10:00 AM	WCMS Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Habitat
	1:30 PM	Literacy Volunteers
	3:00 PM	milc Support
	6:15 PM	First Handbells
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir
	8:00 PM	AA
Fri., Mar. 4, 2011	10:00 AM	WCMS Rehearsal
<b>WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (March 4) — 30 HOUR FAMINE WEEKEND (March 4-6)</b>		
Sat., Mar. 5, 2011	8:00 AM	Men's Breakfast Fellowship (@ White City Friendly's)
Sun., Mar. 6, 2011	8:30 AM	Breakfast; Childcare opens
	9:00 AM	Bible & Bagels; Church School
	10:00 AM	Worship
	11:15 AM	Coffee and...;
	11:20 AM	Forum; Bible Adventures

