



*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

Worcester, Massachusetts

January 17, 2010

MORNING WORSHIP
Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend

January 17, 2010 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 *Go Down, Moses*.....David Hurd
b. 1950
Prelude and Fugue on *Go Down, Moses*Dennis Janzer
b. 1954

INTROIT *Make Me a Servant*..... Kelly Willard
b. 1956

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 112** You Servants of God.....Hanover

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from I Corinthians 12:4-7; 12)

Leader: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;

People: And there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;

Leader: And there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

People: To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

ALL: For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body...and we are all made to drink of one Spirit.

***INVOCATION** (unison)

O God, all people are your beloved, across races, nationalities, religions, and all the ways we are distinctive from one another. We are all manifestations of your image. *We are bound together in an inescapable network of mutuality and tied to a single garment of destiny.* You call us into your unending work of justice, peace, and love. Let us know your presence among us now. Let us delight in our diversity that offers a glimpse of the mosaic of your beauty. Strengthen us with your steadfast love and transform our hesitation into hope-filled action. In this hour, may we find rest and strength, renewal and hope, challenge and commitment. We ask this inspired by the example of your disciple, Martin Luther King, Jr., and in Jesus' name: Our Father...(depts)

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSHeather Kattan

ANTHEM *Laudate Dominum* (Psalm 117, KJV) Dan Davison

<i>Laudate Dominum omnes gentes</i>	<i>O praise the LORD, all ye nations:</i>
<i>Laudate eum. Omnes populi</i>	<i>Praise Him, all ye people.</i>
<i>Quoniam confirmata est super</i>	<i>For His merciful kindness is great toward us:</i>
<i>nos misericordia eius</i>	
<i>Et veritas Domini manet in aeternum</i>	<i>And the truth of the LORD endureth forever.</i>
<i>Alleluia</i>	<i>Praise ye the LORD.</i>

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER 650** (Philippians 4:4)Anonymous

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice! (repeat)
Rejoice! Rejoice! Again I say rejoice! (repeat)

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM *Little David, Play on Your Harp*J. Rosamond Johnson
1873-1954

JESUS LOVES ME.....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 CHILDRENHeather Kattan

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

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: John 2:1-11 (pg. 863)

SERMON *What To Do When the Wine Runs Out* Thomas R. McKibbens

***HYMN 669** *Jesus, Come, for We Invite You*Sicilian Mariners

THE OFFERING OF OUR PRAYERS

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Offertory Anthem *Climbin' Up the Mountain*Wayne Hooper
...children, didn't come here for to stay, 1920-2007
If I nevermore see you again, I'll meet you at the judgment day.

*Daniel in the lions' den, he began to pray,
Angel came down and shut the lion's jaw, that sho' was a mighty day, great day!*
*Joshua and the Philistines, he began to pray,
Joshua commanded the sun to stand still, that sho' was a mighty day great day!*
*Three Hebrew children in the fiery furnace they began to pray,
Angel came down and fanned the fire out, that sho' was a mighty day, great day!*

***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**

***CLOSING HYMN 500** Precious Lord, Take My Hand Precious Lord

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Steal Away* Gilbert, Martin
b. 1941

**Those who are able may stand.*

Chorister's Choir
Men's Choir
William Ness, Minister of Music & Arts

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.

IF YOU ARE VISITING FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY:

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 the pastor, Thomas R. McKibbens, or call to speak with him during the week at 508-755-6143.

*Those with infants are welcome to take them to the **Nursery**.
Please ask one of the ushers to assist you.*

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, LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, AND CHILDREN'S BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE... Please speak with one of our ushers for assistance.

CHANCEL FLOWERS...Today's arrangement is dedicated by Val and Steve Loring with thanks to William Ness and our choirs for the beautiful music throughout the Christmas season.

SUNDAY EDUCATION SCHEDULE



8:00 AM: Bible & Bagels I

8:45 AM: Continental Breakfast Served

9:00 AM: Bible & Bagels II, Church School

10:00 AM: Morning Worship

11:00 AM: Coffee and...

11:20 AM: Forum, AB Kids, Mini-Chorister Choir

Youth Group: Watch for bulletin announcements or see the posted schedule for meeting times and activity.

ADULT FORUM TODAY...will be facilitated by David Siddle, featuring **The Sermons of MLK, Jr.** All are welcome to join the session at 11:20 AM in the Whitney Room.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS...Senior Minister Thomas R. McKibbens will offer orientation and information sessions for those interested in membership at the First Baptist Church. These classes will take



place on three successive Sundays: **January 31, February 7, and February 14 at 11:15**, following Morning Worship. All interested individuals are welcome to attend!

SNOW TUBING AT SKI WARD TODAY...Youth and any interested parties are invited to join us on for the fun outdoor activity of snow tubing at Ski Ward in Shrewsbury, MA! Change into your WARM clothing after the service, and then we'll meet in the Lee Room at 11:45 AM to leave for the ski area. **Bring \$22.00 to help cover the cost of the trip** (includes lunch and a snack). **A COMPLETED Permission Slip is required for those under the age of 18.**



*****COMING UP IN ADULT AND FAMILY FORUM*****

January 24—The Children of Tibet: Living at the Roof of the World, with Ken Swenson. Join us and learn how the American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts are partnering with a school and orphanage in Lhasa, Tibet so that the physical, educational, and spiritual needs of orphan children are being met. You will be moved!



January 31—Family Forum: Our Renewable Nation, with Colin McCullough. During the months of May and June, 2009, Colin, his wife Jennifer, together with their two sons, toured the U.S. in their vegetable oil-powered VW Beetle as an eco-video travel project. Their goal is to inspire and empower kids and others to create a renewable and sustainable future. Come with your family and hear more about their exciting project!



ANNUAL MEETING...The Annual Meeting of the First Baptist Church is scheduled for Sunday February 7, 2010, beginning at 12:30 PM. Members and interested associates are encouraged to attend. **ALSO:** Following tradition, all newly elected FBC Committee Members will meet with their committee for the first time on **Tuesday, February 9**. We will begin with a light dinner at 6:00 PM (donation requested), followed by a briefing with the Moderator, after which we will break out into meetings by committee. If your name appears on the posted ballot for 2010, please plan to be present at your **FIRST** committee meeting of the year!



- **Wonderful Wednesdays**
- **30 Hour famine**

PRAYER...

O Come, let us worship and fall down; and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

~from Psalm 95

Please include in your prayers...

- The Bible & Bagels sessions
- The Scrogin Forum and AB Kids
- The Chorister Choir
- The Board of Christian Education; the Health Cabinet
- Our Church Library—its acquisitions and use
- John Belanger, Russell Weber, Roberta Fitch, Lily Lindstrom
- For the victims of Haiti's devastating earthquake
- The unsettled countries of the world
- Those in transition
- The unemployed
- Wisdom of the world leaders
- The commitment of voters to their civic responsibility

REMINDER... We receive and pray for your prayer request each week. Do use the cards in the pew racks and deposit them in the Prayer Mail Boxes just outside the Sanctuary doors.

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 who are at risk of homelessness.

ABOUT TODAY'S COMPOSERS

David Hurd is Professor of Church Music and Organist at the General Theological Seminary in New York City and the Director of Music at The Church of the Holy Apostles (Episcopal), New York City. He receives many commissions for compositions and is represented in our hymnal (no. 206). He is a graduate of Oberlin College where was a classmate of Marjorie Ness.

Dennis Janzer is active as composer, performer and is Senior Organist at Coral Gables Congregational Church, Coral Gables, FL. He is an annual recipient of ASCAP awards, his compositions range from organ miniatures to large symphonic works.

Gilbert Martin has been a successful composer of best selling organ and choral works from many publishers. For years he was a music editor at Lorenz Corporation, Dayton OH. He is a master of many styles and forms.

OUR CALENDAR—YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY, Jan. 17, 2010	8:00 AM	Bible & Bagels Session I
	8:45 AM	Continental Breakfast
	9:00 AM	Bible & Bagels Session II; Church School
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	11:20 AM	Adult Forum; AB Kids; BP Screening
	11:45 AM	Youth Group
	5:00 PM	MLK Jr. Service at Emmanuel Baptist Church



Mon., Jan. 18, 2010 — Martin Luther King, Jr., Day — OFFICE CLOSED

Tue., Jan. 19, 2010	10:00 AM	Weekly Staff Meeting
	1:00 PM	Salisbury Belles
	4:00 PM	Chorister Choir
	6:00 PM	MBIA
	6:30 PM	Health Cabinet
	7:00 PM	Mothers of Twins
Wed., Jan. 20, 2010	9:00 AM	Women's Prayer Fellowship
	7:00 PM	Evening Prayer Fellowship; Food Addicts in Recovery
Thu., Jan. 21, 2010	9:00 AM	Literacy Volunteers
	10:00 AM	Ministers
	6:15 PM	First Handbells
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir
	8:00 PM	AA
Fri., Jan. 22, 2010	3:15 PM	Girl Scouts
Sat., Jan. 23, 2010	10:00 AM	Board of Christian Education (offsite)
Sun., Jan. 24, 2010	8:00 AM	Bible & Bagels Session I
	8:45 AM	Continental Breakfast
	9:00 AM	Bible & Bagels Session II; Church School
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	11:20 AM	Adult Forum; AB Kids

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