



*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  
January 9, 2011

# MORNING WORSHIP

January 9, 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** Maestoso from *A Symphony of Light*.....Robert Hebble  
b. 1934

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 243** Songs of Thankfulness and Praise.... St. George's Windsor

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** When we hold tight to our past and are fearful of the future,  
you come, O God, and slip the latch on our fears and worries  
which keep us bound from following you.

**People:** **You stand with us, loving God, and we cry, GLORY!**

**Leader:** When our faith flickers in the shadows, you come, O Christ, full  
of grace, to teach us the way of peace and abundant life.

**People:** **You open our eyes and show us the way, and we cry, GLORY!**

**Leader:** When we are dubious about our faith, you come, O Holy Spirit,  
to journey with us and strengthen us.

**ALL:** **You anoint us with the oil of grace and reconciliation,  
and we cry, GLORY!**

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

**O God of all creation, you are the one for whom the world waits. Yet the way you make your presence known is often the sound of silence, the sound of a love so selfless, so noble, that we gasp in amazement. Speak to us now, O Lord, in the inner voice with which you spoke to Jesus at his baptism. Reassure us, as you did him, that we are your beloved children, that the living of your good news may be heard throughout the earth. In the spirit of Christ we pray the prayer he taught: Our Father (debts)...**

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

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE** ..... Tom Ward

**\*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** Matthew 3:13-17 (pg. 784)

**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 Do We Handle Burnout?* ..... Thomas R. McKibbens

**\*HYMN 241** *When Jesus Came to Jordan* ..... Munich

**THE OFFERING OF OUR PRAYERS**

**THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS**

**Offertory Anthem** *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* ..... Frederick Candlyn

*See Hymn 91 for text*

1892-1964

**\*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 428** *When Peace Like a River* ..... Ville du Havre

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *When Peace Like a River* ..... Emily Maxson Porter

b. 1942

*\*Those who are able may stand.*

*Chancel Choir*

*William Ness, Minister of Music & Arts*

*CCLI #2763143*

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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.



### **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: Scrogin & Adult Forum; Bible Adventures

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

**SCROGIN FORUM TODAY...**will feature a discussion facilitated by Anne Goff on *Schultz and Peanuts: A Biography*, by David Michaelis. Please join our discussion in the Roy Room at 11:20 AM.

**ADULT FORUMS...today and on January 16** will feature **CHAIR YOGA**, with Fern Lee returning as our Yoga instructor. Fern, the founder of Wellness Works Yoga, will lead us in movements we can do while sitting that can improve flexibility and reduce the stress held in the human body. *Sponsored by the Health Cabinet. Please sign-up in the Church Office.* Join us in the Lee Room at 11:20 AM. Donation \$7.50.

**MEMBERSHIP CLASSES...**Senior Minister Thomas R. McKibbens is holding orientation and information sessions for those interested in membership at the First Baptist Church **on January 16 & 23, beginning at 11:20 AM.** All interested individuals are welcome to attend. Meet outside the Pastor's office, across from Gordon Hall.

**THE MEN WILL SING...next Sunday.** If you would like to sing with us, please come to rehearsal this Thursday, January 13. Join us, we always have a great time!

**THE CASA PROJECT WORCESTER COUNTY...**an agency which recruits, trains, and supervises volunteers to serve in the Worcester County Juvenile Court on behalf of child victims of abuse and neglect will be the subject of our **Adult Forum on January 23, 2011.** Sue Ellen Scrogin, Esq., CASA Executive Director will be our speaker. Please plan to come and hear more about the work CASA performs. *Sponsored by the Benevolence Committee.*

**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 **next Sunday** in the Library following Morning Worship. *Sponsored by the Health Cabinet.*

**ANNUAL REPORT...**Annual reports from committee chairs and selected church staff are due no later than **Sunday, January 23, 2011**. Please submit reports to Cindy Johnson [cindyj@fbc-worc.org/508-797-3313 fax]. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, February 13, 2011**, following Morning Worship. Please save the date and plan to attend!

**COMING SOON IN ADULT FORUM...**on **January 30, 2011**, will feature a presentation from Robin Lunn, Council Chairperson on the board of the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists [AWAB]. Robin has been a member of AWAB since 2000 and sees the vision cast for AWAB as one that sustains her own understanding of God's radical welcome through historic Baptist principles. Please plan to attend and catch the ongoing vision of the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists.

**YOUTH GROUP ROLLER SKATING AT ROLLER KINGDOM...**on Sunday, **January 30, 2011**. Gather in the lobby by the Lee Room for our 11:45 AM departure. Make sure to dress comfortably for Roller Skating. The cost is \$8.00 per person. Lunch will be provided, and a **permission slip is required**. Please contact Rev. Heather Kattan if you have any questions!

**ALL COMMITTEE NIGHT...**Following tradition, all newly elected FBC Committee Members will meet with their committee for the first time on **Tuesday, February 15, 2011**. 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. *The Ballot for 2011 will be posted by January 30*. If your name appears on the ballot, please plan to be present at your FIRST committee meeting of the year!

**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 10:00 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.*



### **PRAYER...**

*O God, who hast been the Refuge of my fathers through many generations,  
be my Refuge today I every time and circumstance of need.*

~John Baillie (1886–1960)

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

- The Boards, Committees, and Fellowships meeting this week
- Our ministers and staff as they gather to plan for 2011
- Students returning to their studies after time away
- Spiritual growth in our congregation's community outreach
- The Scrogin and Adult Forums
- Don Welcom, Richard Bjork, Charles Young, Belinda White
- Those who are bereaved
- Michael Harvey as he ministers in Nagaland, India
- The Second Sunday Service at Briarwood this afternoon
- Donald Crosby, as he calls on members of our congregation
- The Prayer Card Ministry as it reaches out to those in care facilities and to persons for whom the Prayer Fellowships pray
- Children who are autistic, and their families
- Those undergoing surgery

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**THE SKEIN OF KNITTERS...**meets for the first time in 2011 this Tuesday, January 11, at 10:00 AM in the Krueger Room. All Prayer Shawl knitters are welcome to join this faithful fellowship. New knitters are welcome! We especially need knitters of Pocket Prayer Shawls.

**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.

**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.

## OUR CALENDAR—YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

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TODAY, Jan. 9, 2011	8:30 AM	Breakfast; Childcare opens
	9:00 AM	Bible & Bagels; Church School
	10:00 AM	Worship
	11:00 AM	Coffee and...
	11:20 AM	Scrogin Forum; Adult Forum; Bible Adventures
Mon., Jan. 10, 2011	1:30 PM	Weekly Staff Meeting
	4:30 PM	Hope for Housing
	5:45 PM	Buildings & Grounds
	6:00 PM	Music & Arts
Tue., Jan. 11, 2011	10:00 AM	Skein of Knitters
	1:00 PM	Salisbury Belles
	4:15 PM	Chorister Choir
	6:00 PM	Habitat
	7:00 PM	Governing Board; Finance; Park Cong.
Wed., Jan. 12, 2011	9:00 AM	Women's Prayer; Jericho Rd Worcester
	10:00 AM	First Friends
	5:30 PM	First Friends
	7:00 PM	Evening Prayer; Food Addicts in Rec.
Thu., Jan. 13, 2011	10:00 AM	CBMM
	12:00 PM	Hope for Housing
	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., Jan. 14, 2011	12:00 PM	Staff Holiday Outing
	3:15 PM	Girl Scouts
Sun., Jan. 16, 2011	8:30 AM	Breakfast; Childcare opens
	9:00 AM	Bible & Bagels; Church School
	10:00 AM	Worship
	11:00 AM	Coffee and...
	11:20 AM	Adult Forum; Membership Class; Bible Adventures; BP Screening
	11:45 AM	Youth Group