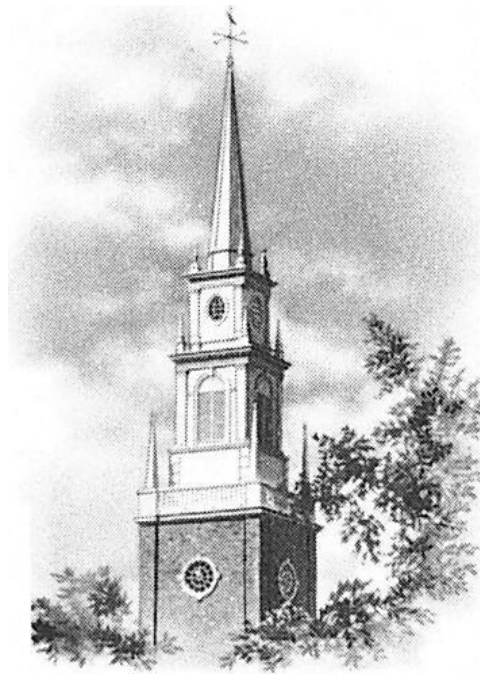


First Baptist Church

July 27, 2008



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 in Gordon Hall

Communion

July 27, 2008 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 Sarabande from *Suite in E minor*J.S. Bach
1685-1750

Invention 13 from *Two-part Inventions*J.S. Bach

***HYMN 25** Let All Creation Bless the Lord.....Mit Freuden Zart

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Why are we gathered in this place at this hour?

People: We are gathered as the people of God to offer praise and thanksgiving to God, to pray for the world, and to rededicate ourselves to follow the Way of Christ.

Leader: Then let us join together in the worship of God, to whom belongs wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might forever and ever.

People: Our help is in the name of God, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving. Let us pray:

*INVOCATION (Unison)

Great are you, O God, and greatly to be praised. Great is your love as shown in Christ Jesus. We would praise you without ceasing, both in our words and our actions, for you have made us for yourself, and our hearts find no rest until they rest in you. We pray the prayer Jesus taught: Our Father...(debts).

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Call to Giving

Offertory Solo Adagio ma non tanto from *Flute Sonata V in E minor*J.S. Bach

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....David Goff & Mark Hecox
(Children who would like to participate in Summer Sunday School are invited to join the group in the Lee Room following the Message.)

SCRIPTURE *Selections from the Gospel of Mark*

COMMUNION MEDITATION *No One Should Know This...* Bert Marshall
Meditations on Performing the Gospel of Mark

***COMMUNION HYMN 706** *I Come with Joy*..... Dove of Peace

A SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving in Preparation for Communion
The Passing of the Bread and Wine
The Passing of the Peace and "Blest Be the Tie"

***HYMN 712** *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* Ash Grove

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Allegro con brio from Sonata in G Major*.....Franz Josef Haydn
1732-1809

**Those who are able may stand.*

Sarah Sams, flute
William Ness, Minister of Music & Arts

ABOUT OUR GUEST MINISTER:

Rev. Bert Marshall is a graduate of Yale University Divinity School, where upon graduation he was awarded the top prizes in "religion and the arts" and in "the public recitation of scripture". Among his more important and highly-favored studies were two years of Biblical Hebrew and courses in the art of storytelling, narrative preaching, and the performance of Biblical texts.

Bert was pastor of the First Congregational Church UCC in Lee, MA, from Sept 1997 through Oct 2006, and is now Regional Director/Northern New England for Church World Service, the international disaster relief and economic development agency. A life-long singer/songwriter, he still writes songs and creates music for worship and other venues. He committed the Gospel of Mark to memory while on a three-month sabbatical in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 2003. He and his wife of 32 years raised two children who are now young adults.

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.

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.



*Make Our Guests
Welcome*

REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP...Join your friends and be sure to welcome our visitors following the morning service in Gordon Hall.

PRAYER...The Prayer Pyramid will pray for your prayer requests in the summer interim when the Prayer Fellowships are not in session. You may place Prayer Request cards in any of the Prayer Mail Boxes placed outside the Sanctuary doors or in the Church Office entry way. You may also call the Church Office (508-755-6143) or Eleanor Brockway (508-753-7827) with any prayer requests you may have.

SUMMER WORSHIP...Beginning today, our Sunday Worship Service will be held in Gordon Hall through the month of August, providing greater comfort during the warmer months, and permitting routine cleaning and maintenance of the narthex and sanctuary areas. Sunday Worship will continue to meet at 10:00 AM.

GARDEN FLOWERS FOR THE CHANCEL...The Floral Arts Committee encourages the gardeners among us to consider sharing the beauty of their gardens during the summer months. We welcome any arrangement, and ask that you use your own vase and bring it with you on Sunday before worship, and place your vase in Gordon Hall.

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2008:

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| ☰ August 3, 2008 | Paul Ferrin |
| ☰ August 10, 2008 | Janet Sandquist Skagerlind |
| ☰ August 17, 2008 | Ken Swenson |
| ☰ August 24, 2008 | Ken Swenson |
| ☰ August 31, 2008 | Leah Grace Goodwin |

SOCIAL ACTION & HOPE FOR HOUSING...Food cards are still available for purchase in Gordon Hall every Sunday throughout the summer. Please stop by our table to pick up our "homeless prevention food cards" for local shopping, and consider buying extra cards to take along on your vacation. Both Shaw's and Stop & Shop have locations all over the Cape and elsewhere in New England; Big Y markets have locations in western Massachusetts. Thank you for helping to prevent homelessness!

SAVE THIS DATE...for the First Baptist Church Health Fair on October 18, 2008, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM! Sponsored by the FBC Health Cabinet. Please invite your friends. We plan lots of fun, free health screenings and information, and much, much more! Additional information will appear in upcoming bulletins and newsletters. Contact Robin McFee or Jinny Smith for the details.





Dick and Phyllis Whitten
announce the upcoming marriage
of their daughter, Christina
to Mathew Thomas
of Glendora, California
on Saturday, August 2, 2008 at
The First Baptist Church.

All church members are invited
to attend the ceremony,
which will begin at 4:00 PM.
There will be abundant music,
both before and throughout the service.





“This is my
blood of the
covenant...
poured out
for many.”

Mark 14:24

~FBC RECEPTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED~



There are several openings for volunteers at the Reception desk in the Church Office at First Baptist.

The volunteer receptionist is responsible for greeting and directing visitors, answering the phone, and generally helping out where possible. Every day is different!



Some days are busy and the time flies by; other days are more relaxed, so it's nice to bring something to read. You may volunteer for as little as one morning or afternoon per month, or more frequently.

If you would like to volunteer occasionally but are unable to commit to a regular schedule, you might consider being on the "On Call/Substitute List."



**Please contact Pat Czerny 508-755-6143
or e-mail patc@fbc-worc.org.**

OUR CALENDAR—YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

Today, July 27	8:45 AM	Bible & Bagels
	9:00 AM	Murals from Mark
	10:00 AM	Worship in Gordon Hall
		<i>Summer Sunday School</i>
Mon., July 28	12:00 PM	Elm Park Ministries
Tue., July 29	10:00 AM	Full Staff Meeting
	6:30 PM	Habitat BD
Thu., July 31	7:00 PM	Habitat Auction
	7:30 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous
Sat., August 2	4:00 PM	Whitten/Thomas Wedding
Sun., August 3	10:00 AM	Worship in Gordon Hall
		<i>Summer Sunday School</i>

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