



*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
July 4, 2010

MORNING WORSHIP — INDEPENDENCE DAY



July 4, 201010:00 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 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus..... Raymond Haan
b. 1938

***OPENING HYMN 727** America the Beautiful Materna

***CALL TO WORSHIP**Heather Kattan

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.

People: With joy and thanksgiving, I will praise the Lord's name.

Leader: Great are the works of the Lord. They are full of honor and majesty.

**People: God's righteousness endures forever. The works of God's hands
are faithful and just. All God's precepts are trustworthy.**

Leader: They are established for all time, and are to be performed with
faithfulness.

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

All-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks. In you we live and move and have our being. Each day you show us a parent's love; your Holy Spirit, dwelling within us, gives us on earth the hope of unending joy. We pray that your Spirit might attend us and dwell within us as we worship you now. With thankful praise, in company with the angels, we glorify the wonders of your power, and together we pray as the Lord Jesus taught: Our Father... (debts)

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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 Proverbs 2:1-12 (pg. 510)
Luke 17:11-19 (pg. 852)

SOLO *In the Mornin'* Charles Ives
b. 1929

LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING..... Children Praying
Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

AFFIRMATION OF THE CHILDREN
(Children who desire to participate in Summer Church School are invited to join their worship leader following the Children's Message.)

***HYMN 358** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Beecher

SERMON *The Virtue of Small Things* Rev. John Minott

THE OFFERING OF OUR PRAYERS

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Offertory *Fairest Lord Jesus*..... Garth Edmundson
1900—1971

***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 83** *Children of the Heavenly Father* Tryggare Kan Ingen Vara

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Jesus Shall Reign* Edward Mead

**Those who are able may stand.*

Karen Amlaw, soprano

Marjorie Ness, organist

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TODAY'S GUEST MINISTER:

A familiar face at FBC, the Rev. John Minott has been a member for ten years. He received his education at Boston University, Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Hartford Seminary, and Andover Newton. John has served churches in Western New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts, but is best known as the husband of Elizabeth. They reside in Princeton, Massachusetts with their basset hound, Sarah II.

TODAY'S GUEST ORGANIST:

Marjorie Ness is Associate Professor of Music at Fitchburg State College, and most recently served the Memorial Congregational Church of Sudbury, Massachusetts as Director of Music (2003-2008). In addition, she is spouse to our Minister of Music & Arts, William Ness.

TODAY'S GUEST VOCALIST:

Karen Amlaw, a long-time resident of Worcester, is a free-lance soprano in the Boston-Worcester metro area.

PASTORAL CARE REMINDER:

Rev. Don Crosby will be available for pastoral care emergencies during Tom's sabbatical. His home phone number: 508-459-0210; cell phone number: 508-723-2600.

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

Those with infants and children ages 3-5 are welcome to take them to the **Nursery or Preschool (located in the Caboose).** Please ask one of our ushers to assist you.

Hearing Aids, Large Print Bulletins, and Children's Bulletins are available... Please speak with one of our ushers for assistance.

FLOWERS FOR THE CHANCEL...During the month of August, the Floral Arts Committee encourages the gardeners among us to consider sharing the beauty of their gardens! We welcome any arrangements, and ask that you bring them with you on Sunday before Worship and place them at the front in Gordon Hall. 🌸

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:45 AM: Nursery & Preschool Room Opens

9:00 AM: Bible & Bagels

10:00 AM: Morning Worship; Summer Church School

11:00 AM: Refreshments and...

Youth Group: See bulletin announcements or the posted schedule.

REFRESHMENTS AND...Join with the family and friends following the service today in Gordon Hall. Be sure to take time to reach out to those among us who are new at the First Baptist Church!

BIBLE & BAGELS...continues a study of I & II Timothy. Join us on **Sundays at 9:00 AM**, have a bagel with coffee or tea, and enjoy a facilitated discussion of the day's passage. Each session stands alone, so if you occasionally miss a week it's not a problem. The study concludes on July 25, 2010.

SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL...Children will be dismissed following the Children's Affirmation, and have class in the Green Room on the second floor. Parents may pick up their children following Morning Worship. For directions to the Green Room, please speak with one of our ushers for assistance.

PREACHING THIS SUMMER

July 11 Rev. Richard Wright

July 18 Rev. Ken Swenson

July 25 Rev. David Story

August 1 Rev. Heather Kattan

(Mid-Summer Communion in Gordon Hall)

August 8 Rev. George McDermott

August 15 Rev. Adrienne Berry-Burton

August 22 Rev. Gordon Swan

August 29 Rev. Paul Ferrin

HEALTH CABINET NEWS...The latest edition of the *Healthy News* newsletter is now available on the church website at www.fbc-worc.org. Also, The Health Cabinet will not meet during the month of July. Please make note in your calendar and stay tuned for a decision about a meeting in August!

4-R-KIDS...Elm Park Ministries summer program, **4-R-KIDS**, seeks volunteers. The program will meet **on the remaining Fridays and the following locations from 8:00 AM—1:30 PM: July 9 @ Epworth UMC, July 16 @ Blessed Sacrament RCC, and July 23 @ All Saints Episcopal.** If you would like to volunteer for any of these dates, please speak with Rev. Heather Kattan.

DONATIONS FOR REFUGEE FAMILIES NEEDED...Warren Jones continues to coordinate pick-up and delivery of much needed household items for arriving refugee families. The following items are needed: Beds, A/C units and fans, sofas, dining table & chairs, bicycles, computers, TV's, clothing chests/bureaus, small freezers, washing machines. **Please call Warren to arrange pick-up: 978-368-1310**

THE PRAYER PYRAMID will assume the responsibility for your prayer needs while the prayer fellowships are not meeting. Please contact the Church Office (508-755-6143) or Eleanor Brockway (508-753-7827) with any prayer requests.

YOUTH GROUP T-SHIRTS...Love the t-shirts worn by the Youth on Youth Sunday and wish you owned one? You're in luck—we are now taking orders for those interested in making a purchase! Place your name, number and shirt size you desire on the sheet outside of Rev. Heather Kattan's office. Pricing determined by the size of the order, so place your order today!

WORSHIP MOVES TO GORDON HALL...Beginning **August 1, 2010**, our Sunday Worship Service will begin meeting in Gordon Hall through the month of August, providing greater comfort during the warmest weeks of the summer, and permitting routine cleaning and maintenance of the narthex and sanctuary areas. Sunday Worship will continue to meet at 10:00 AM, with refreshments following in the Lee Room.

HOPE FOR HOUSING...Remember to stop by our table in Gordon Hall each week to purchase your food shopping cards! When used, 5% of your total purchase goes toward the prevention and early intervention assistance to those who are at risk of homelessness.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE...For the August Issue is **Thursday, July 8 2010!**

OUR CALENDAR—YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

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8:45 AM	Nursery & Preschool Opens
9:00 AM	Bible & Bagels
10:00 AM	Morning Worship; Summer Church School
11:00 AM	Refreshments and...

Mon., July 5, 2010 — *OFFICES CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY*

Tue., July 6, 2010	8:00 AM 1:30 PM 7:00 PM	Worcester Interfaith Board Full Staff Meeting Social Action; Compassionate Friends
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Wed., July 7, 2010	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Jericho Road Food Addicts in Recovery
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Thu., July 8, 2010 — *NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for AUGUST issue*



10:00 AM	Literacy Class
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous

Fri., July 9, 2010	8:00 AM	4-R-KIDS @ Epworth UMC
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Sun., July 11, 2010	8:45 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Nursery & Preschool Opens Bible & Bagels Morning Worship; Summer Church School Refreshments & Fellowship
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