

# The First Baptist Church of Worcester

A Welcoming and Affirming Church

We are a community of believers who seek to grow in our faith and understanding as we live the Way of Jesus Christ



## **Father's Day**

**June 19, 2011 ..... 10:00 AM**

**PRELUDE** Adagio .....Roger Nyquist b. 1934  
The Church's One Foundation ..... Charles Ore b. 1936

**\* HYMN 544** The Church's One Foundation .....Aurelia

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** Called to be faithful steward of life, we have come to Worship

**People:** **To sing praises to the One who created us and shares the beauty of creation with us.**

**Leader:** Called to be disciples of Jesus Christ, we have come to learn;

**People:** **To follow the One who meets us in every moment of our lives, in every place where we find ourselves**

**Leader:** Called to live the good news of Easter, we come to declare that we want to follow the Way of Jesus Christ;

**People:** **To be led by the Spirit who moves in and through us, as we serve the world.**

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

God of our lives, we gather once again to listen for your whisper, eager to know your heart's desire. You are as close as the early morning breeze. Your dream of a world of justice and peace flows over all the chaos and violence of our world. Your passion for hope becomes the flame that warms us. Your love for this faith community fills us, and we gather in hope and joy to worship you. May this time together fulfill your desire for us, and grant that we will be open to your "still, small voice" that speaks to our needs and guides us to the needs of the world. In the spirit of Christ we offer the prayer he taught: Our Father... (debts)...

**\*GLORIA PATRI 734..... ..Greateorex**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*\*Those who are able may stand.  
Please turn pagers and cell phones to silent mode.*

**DEDICATION SERVICE FOR ABRAM LEE AND GRAHAM ROBERT ENGELHARDT**

**UNISON BLESSING**

Abram Lee and Graham Robert Engelhardt, may God bless you and keep you. May God’s face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May God’s countenance be lifted up upon you, and give you peace. Amen!

**\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

*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** ..... Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (page 538)  
1 John 1:1-4 (page 862)

**SERMON** *Is the Lone Ranger Going to Heaven?* ..... Anthony G. Pappas

**HYMN 595** They’ll Know We Are Christians ..... Scholtes

**THE OFFERING OF OUR PRAYERS**

**THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS**

**Offertory** Our Father who art in Heaven, BWV 683 ..... J.S. Bach 1685-1750

**\* 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 581** Called As Partners in Christ’s Service..... Beecher

**\* BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Fantasie in C minor*..... Johann Schneider 1753-1840

*William Ness, Minister of Music & Arts  
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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 a Welcome Card and place in the offering plate or give to an usher or to the minister directly. 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.

### **IF YOU ARE VISITING FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY...**

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in Gordon Hall following the service. If you are searching for a church home, we would love to get to know you. Please speak with Minister Thomas R. McKibbens or call during the week at 508-755-6143. Those with infants and children up to age 5 may take them to the Nursery/Preschool class. An usher will be happy to assist you with directions to rooms in the church building, and with any special needs (e.g. hearing aids).

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY** are given by TC and Stephanie Gaudette in loving memory of their daughter, Sabine Lillian Gaudette.

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP...June 27-30, 5:30-8:00 PM.** Enjoy a fresh, one-of-a-kind experience at the **Shake it up Café**. A joint effort with Park CC (host), Wesley UMC and FBC— here at First Baptist. Contact Ashley Ward to sign up or volunteer.

**HOPE FOR HOUSING GROCERY CARDS...**Stop by the table in Gordon Hall following morning worship service to purchase **Hope for Housing Homeless Prevention Cards** to use for your grocery shopping and help to prevent homelessness in Worcester.

### **EXECUTIVE MINISTER** *Rev. Dr. Anthony G. Pappas*

Rev. Dr. Anthony G. Pappas has been our region's Executive Minister since June 2005. The Executive Minister is the chief spiritual leader, administrator and representative of the 280 churches in Massachusetts. Prior to June 2005, Tony Pappas was the American Baptist Area Minister for the 50+ ABC churches of southeastern Massachusetts. Previously, Pappas pastored the Harbor Church of Block Island (RI) for nearly 20 years. A graduate of Yale College, Pappas received his Master's Degree from Yale Divinity School and his Doctorate from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

## **This Week at First Baptist Church**

**111 Park Avenue**

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**TODAY, June 19**

**FATHER'S DAY**

8:30 AM      Childcare opens  
9:00 AM      Bible & Bagels; Church School  
10:00 AM      Worship  
11:15 AM      Adult Forum, Tony Pappas

**Mon., June 20**

1:00 PM      Staff Meeting

**Tue., June 21**

6:30 PM      MBIA  
7:00 PM      Benevolence  
7:00 PM      Deacons  
7:00 PM      Finance Board

**Wed., June 22**

**Church Closes @ 4:00 PM**

**Thu., June 23**

9:00          First Friends  
3:00          milc (Mothers/Infants Lactation Care)  
8:00 PM      AA—Serenity Group

**Sun., June 25**

9:00 AM      Bible & Bagels; Church School  
10:00 AM      Worship  
11:15 AM      Fellowship

### **FBC SUMMER WEEKDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES**

During the summer, the Church Office is open from 9 AM to 4 PM Monday - Friday (through August). After Labor Day, back to 9 AM to 5 PM.

A Custodian will be on duty Tuesday and Thursday evenings for meeting coverage, and for building cleaning and maintenance. On Wednesday evenings, the church is closed.