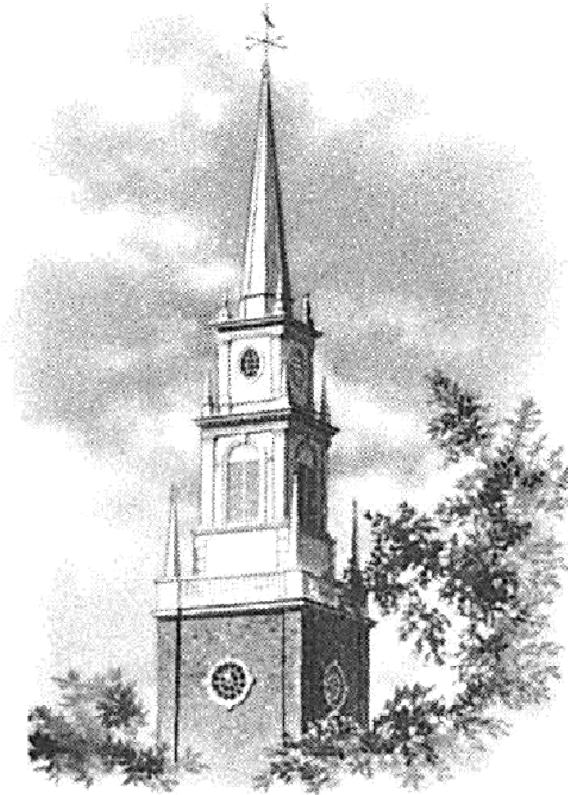


# *First Baptist Church*

*June 7, 2009*



**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

## TRINITY SUNDAY *with* COMMUNION

June 7, 2009 ..... 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** Trisagion on *Nicaea* ..... Vernon Griffiths  
1894-1985

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 136** Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! ..... *Nicaea*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Revelation 21:5-6)**..... Heather Kattan

Leader: And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

People: **Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."**

**\*INVOCATION (Unison)**

**O God of ever-flowing goodness, you are the fountain of life. You are the source of all that is good. Our souls thirst for you as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. You alone can fulfill our deepest needs; you alone can satisfy our heart's deepest desire. Fill us with your presence as we turn to you for strength and guidance. Use us as instruments of your divine care to each other. We pray in the spirit of Christ, who taught us to pray together: Our Father...(depts)**

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

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** ..... Heather Kattan

**ANTHEM** *Isaiah Mighty Seer* ..... Healey Willan

*...in the days of old, the Lord of all in spirit did behold,* 1880-1968

*high on a lofty throne, in splendor dight, with flowing train in panoply of might.*

*Above the throne were stately seraphim; six wings had they, these messengers of Him.*

*With twain they veiled their faces, as was meet, with twain in reverent awe they hid their feet,*

*and with the other twain aloft they soared, one to the other called and praised the Lord:*

*"Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth! Behold His glory filleth all the earth!"*

*The beams and lintels trembled at the cry, and clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.*

**THE OFFERING OF OUR PRAYERS**..... Thomas R. McKibbens

**THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS**

**Offertory Anthem** *To the Divine Trinity* ..... Michael Sitton  
*Almighty and everlasting God, which hast given unto us thy Servant's grace* b. 1958  
*by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal trinity,*  
*and in the power of the divine majesty, to worship unity: we beseech thee that through*  
*the steadfastness of this faith, we may evermore be defended from all adversity, which*  
*livest and reignest, one God, world without end.*

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**LITTLE CHILDREN, WELCOME** ..... Koleda

Little children, welcome! Earth is yours to live in;  
arms of love protect you, little children, welcome!  
We, the church of Jesus, we will help your growing,  
Jesus' love enfolds you, little children, welcome!

**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.)*

**THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**Isaiah 43: 1-7 (pg. 585)**

**Revelation 22:1-5 (pg. 1008)**

**ANTHEM** *The Lily of the Valley* ..... Wendell Whalum

*He's the Lily of the Valley, oh, my Lord.* 1931-1987

*I've never been to heaven, but I've been told that the streets up there are paved with gold.*

*What kind of shoes are those you wear that you can walk up in air?*

*These shoes I wear are gospel shoes and you can wear these if you choose.*

**COMMUNION MEDITATION** *A River of Grace* .... Thomas R. McKibbens

**\*COMMUNION HYMN 522** *Shall We Gather at the River* ..... Hanson Place

**A SERVICE OF COMMUNION**.... Thomas R. McKibbens & Heather Kattan

**We welcome into the membership of the church:**

**Diane & Allyn Little**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

*Sanctus* ..... Healey Willan

The Passing of the Bread and Wine

*I Am the Living Bread* ..... Michael McCabe

b. 1944

The Passing of the Peace, and *Blest Be the Tie*

**\*CLOSING HYMN 435** Like a River Glorious..... Wye Valley

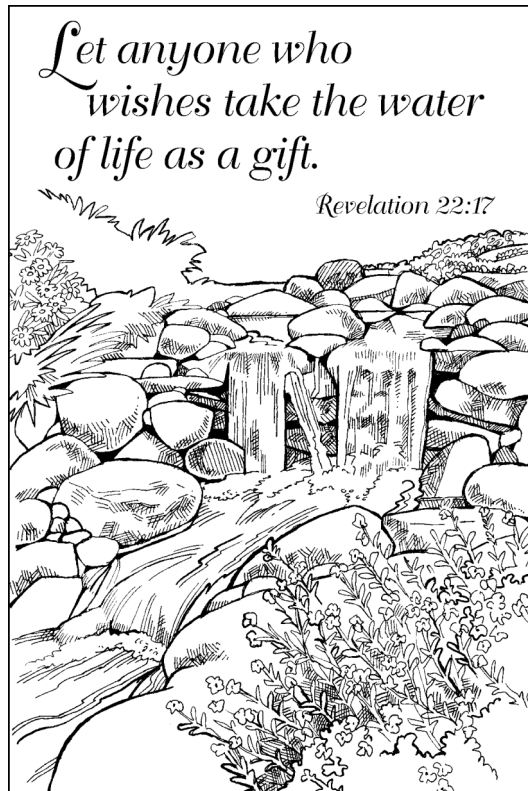
**\*BENEDICTION**

**RESPONSE** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*..... Knut Nystedt  
b. 1915

**POSTLUDE** *Like a River Glorious*..... James Pethel  
b. 1936

*\*Those who are able may stand.*

Chancel Choir  
William Ness, Minister of Music & Arts



## **SUMMER WORSHIP LEADERSHIP**

### **PASTORAL CARE:**

Rev. Paul Ferrin will be available for pastoral care from June 15—July 5. You may reach him at his home number: 508-798-0438.

Rev. Don Crosby will be available for pastoral care from July 5 through the end of August. Home phone: 508-459-0210; cell phone: 508-723-2600; email: maridon@aol.com

### **SUMMER PREACHING SCHEDULE:**

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| June 14   | Education Sunday and Church Picnic                             |
| June 21   | Rev. Michael Harvey  |
| June 28   | Rev. Bob Bachelder (American Baptist Biennial in Pasadena, CA) |
| July 5    | Rev. John Minott   |
| July 12   | Rev. Diane Kessler   |
| July 19   | David Goff   |
| July 26   | William Ness   |
| August 2  | Rev. Ken Swenson, Mid-Summer Communion                         |
| August 9  | Rev. Ken Swenson   |
| August 16 | Rev. Heather Kattan  |
| August 23 | Rev. Nick Carter   |
| August 30 | Rev. Thomas R. McKibbens                                       |

## **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.

***LARGE PRINT BULLETIN AVAILABLE...***with the Order of Service. Please speak with one of our ushers to receive a copy!

***CHANCEL FLOWERS...***Today's arrangement is dedicated by Mr. & Mrs. Erwin H. Miller in memory of their parents: Tommy & Dan Hayes, and Harriet & Erwin Miller. ✚

***SUNDAY EDUCATION...***We offer a variety of worship and learning opportunities for children and youth. Following the Children's Message, children are invited to attend a Children's Worship session upstairs in the Green Room. At 11:15 AM, we have Church School classes for all ages on the second floor. For more information, please speak with one of our ushers.☺

***COFFEE 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!☑

**YOUTH GROUP TODAY...**

To celebrate the arrival of sunny weather, the Youth Group will visit the **Crystal Caves Family Entertainment Center** (790 Southbridge Street, Auburn, MA). Please meet in the Lee Room at 12:30 PM. We'll then take off for some mini-golf and fun times together. The cost of a round of mini-golf is \$7.50. Lunch will be provided, but bring extra money for any additional snacks and treats. Don't forget your completed permission slip!

**EDUCATION SUNDAY & ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC...**

is NEXT Sunday, June 14, 2009! Please join us in recognizing and celebrating all those who have been such a great help with our many programs and activities! We will also take a moment to give our best wishes to Tom McKibbens as he prepares to take the first part of his sabbatical. The picnic will be held out on our church front lawn, and we will have games and activities for all to enjoy. Plan to join us!

**ATTENTION GRADUATES, AND THOSE WHO LOVE THEM...**

Are you, or do you know someone who is graduating from high school, college or beyond? As part of our program on Education Sunday, June 14, 2009, we would like to honor those in our church family who have reached this milestone! If you, or someone you know qualifies, please contact Heather Kattan by TODAY, June 7 [heatherk@fbc-worc.org — 508-755-6143 x228] with their name, school from which they are graduating, degree earned, and any future plans they may have. Thank you!

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE REMINDER...**The deadline for the JULY, 2009 issue of the newsletter is on **Monday, June 8, 2009**. Please submit items to Cindy Johnson via e-mail [cindyj@fbc-worc.org], fax [508-797-3313] or place a hard copy in her mail slot in the Church Office. Thank you!

**SUMMER CHOIR...**will function on the following Sundays: **July 5, 12, 26, and August 2**, for those who are interested in singing only on Sunday morning with no robes. We will sing one Anthem per Sunday. Come sing with us!

**TANGELWOOD IN JULY...**PLEASE NOTE: **NINE (9) seats need to be filled** in order to make the trip to Tangelwood viable for the Sunday, July 12, 2009 concert at 2:30 PM. A donation of \$75 covers transportation, ticket, and dinner afterward in Springfield. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Church Office!

**VBS...**Experience & Discover God Everywhere during **CAMP E.D.G.E.**, August 2—5, 5:30—8:30 PM at FBC! SAVE THESE DATES! **SEE HEATHER TO VOLUNTEER!**

## Prayer...

*In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*

~Proverbs 3:6

### Please include in your prayers:

- Pastor McKibbens and family
- Russell Weber, George McDermott, Hillary Bath, Daryl Otobo, Alice Hohler, Edmund Bennett
- The unemployed
- The bereaved
- Those with chronic illness
- Those undergoing medical testing and treatment
- Families affected by cataclysmic accident or violence
- The Prayer Shawl Ministry; the Prayer Pyramid
- Those in transition
- The summer programming for our children and youth
- The wisdom and competence of leaders of our nation and around the world



**PLEASE NOTE...**The Women's Prayer Fellowship and the Evening Prayer Fellowship will resume their 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM schedule on Wednesday, September 23, 2009.

**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.



**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 that are at risk of homelessness.

**SAVE THE DATE...**The 35th Annual Worcester CROP Walk will be held on October 25, starting from Trinity Lutheran Church. As this is a special anniversary, they are hoping to raise \$35,000, and will need lots of prayers, donations, and workers to pull this off. **SAVE THE DATE** and then **PLAN TO WALK** for hunger.



## OUR CALENDAR—YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY, Jun. 7, 2009 10:00 AM Worship  
11:15 AM Church School; Scrogin Forum  
12:30 PM Youth Group

### **Mon., Jun. 8, 2009 — NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR JULY ISSUE**

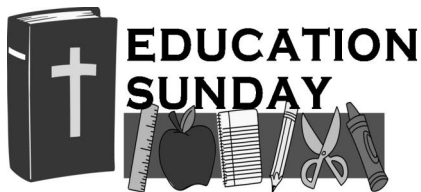
Tue., Jun. 9, 2009 9:30 AM Literacy Volunteers  
10:00 AM Weekly Staff Meeting; Skein of Knitters  
12:00 PM Literacy Volunteers  
6:30 PM First Friends  
7:00 PM Governing Board

Wed., Jun. 10, 2009 7:00 PM Food Addicts in Recovery

Thu., Jun. 11, 2009 9:30 AM Literacy Volunteers  
12:00 PM Literacy Volunteers  
6:30 PM Habitat  
8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Fri., Jun. 12, 2009 1:00 PM Habitat

Sun., Jun. 14, 2009 10:00 AM Worship



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