



*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  
March 13, 2011

## MORNING WORSHIP

March 13, 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** Lento, from Trio Sonata no. 6, BWV 530..... J.S. Bach  
1685-1750

*We All Believe in One God, BWV 680 ..... J.S. Bach  
Wir glauben all' en einen Gott*

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 507** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God .....Ein' Feste Burg

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

**Leader:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People:** **And also with you!**

**Leader:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

**People:** **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits.**

**Leader:** Who forgives all your sins, and heals all your infirmities;

**ALL:** **Who redeems your life from the grave, and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness.**

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

Living God, you have called us into this holy time and gathered us with your faithful people. We praise you that we are set amidst this rich fellowship of kindred souls with that mysterious power to lift us and strengthen us. We feel the glow of your presence and bless you for the infinite wonder of your goodness to us all. Keep our minds awake in this hour, we pray; let our hearts be warmed by your good Word, and so fling wide the gate of our souls that you who are everywhere outside us may live and reign within us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray: Our Father (debts)...

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

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ANTHEM** Since by Man came Death, from Messiah ..... George Frideric Handel  
*...by man came also the resurrection of the dead.* 1685-1759  
*For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

**\*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 4:1-11 (pg. 785)

**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** *The Temptations of a Great Calling*..... Thomas R. McKibbens

**\*HYMN 252** Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days .....Land of Rest

**THE OFFERING OF OUR PRAYERS**

**THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS**

**Offertory Anthem** *Call to Remembrance*.....Richard Farrant

*...O Lord, thy tender mercies* c. 1525-1580

*And thy loving kindness, which hath been ever of old,*

*O remember not the sins and offences of my youth:*

*But according to thy mercy think Thou on me, O Lord,*

*For thy goodness.*

**\*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 502** Be Thou My Vision .....Slane

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Ye Sweet Retreat* (arr. Virgil Fox)..... William Boyce

1711-1779

*\*Those who are able may stand.*

Chancel Choir

Robert Wilson, organist & choirmaster

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**OUR GUEST ORGANIST/DIRECTOR:**

Robert Wilson grew up on Long Island in Babylon, NY. He graduated with a BMus from Hartt School of Music of the University of Hartford, CT. Beginning in 1993, Robert has served as the organist for the large congregation at the Convent Avenue Baptist Church in Manhattan. He has overseen the refurbishment, new console, and additions to the four manual Möller organ by the Southfield Company of Springfield, MA, at Convent Avenue. His broad knowledge of the pipe organ helped to fashion the finest organ in the Harlem area of New York City. Robert is also in demand as an orchestrator, accompanist, and singing coach to many New York singers which include members of the Metropolitan Opera.

## **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.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS TODAY...** are given by Tammy and George Butler,  
in memory of Barbara and Gordon Butler.



## 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: Forum; Bible Adventures

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

**FORUM TODAY...**Our own Michel Harvey, Director of the Conference of Baptist Ministers in Massachusetts (CBMM) will give a presentation on his recent trip to Nagaland, India, covering the following: (1) The surprise of Nagaland—a Baptist State in India; (2) What Nagaland Teaches Us—a Covenant against Dualism; (3) What Nagaland Churches Need to Do, and What Our Churches Need to Do. Please join us in Gordon Hall at 11:20 AM.

**ALL YOUTH, THEIR PARENTS AND YOUTH GROUP ASSISTANTS...**will gather to say *Farewell and Godspeed* to the Rev. Heather Kattan, **3:30 PM TODAY** at the Home of Jess Landry and Sarah Sams (87 Old Southbridge Road, Oxford). Please see Sarah for directions!

**WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS CONTINUE...**with supper at 5:30 PM (please sign-up!), followed by a study session at 6:30 PM led by Thomas R. McKibbens on *DISCOVERING THE PSALMS: Passion, Promise, and Praise*.

**THE FBC CHANCEL CHOIR PRESENTS...**A *Wintry Mix and a Sunny Outlook: A* concert of Words and Music to banish Winter and usher in the Spring! **Friday, March 18, 2011** in Gordon Hall. **Supper at 6:00 PM, followed by the concert at 6:45 PM.** Tickets: \$15 donation and are available at the Church Office or via Lynne Carroll. *Proceeds to the Music & Arts Committee for Special events.*

**RECOGNIZING THE REV. HEATHER KATTAN...**Please join us **NEXT SUNDAY**, March 20, 2011, as we thank and honor the Rev. Heather Kattan for her service to the First Baptist Church and the community. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**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.*

**FORUM on MARCH 27: PAIN MANAGEMENT...**Pain - a critical vital sign! Why? Because it is emblematic of illness and suffering. In today's modern medicine, most pain can and should be controlled - managed if you will. The entity known as "pain" is the result of a very complicated interplay of physical and psychosocial influences. Not surprisingly most of us have had a "pain" experience...Pain comes in several forms- acute, chronic, and the occasional aches of life.

If you or someone you love is suffering from pain, especially chronic pain, join us in an Forum discussing the causes, modifying/exacerbating factors and therapeutic approaches available to address this important health issue, and improve quality of life. No one should have to just "suffer through it!" Not in the 21st Century. Sponsored by the Health Cabinet, presented by Dr. Robin McFee.

**MYCHIP IS COMING TO FBC...**the Masonic Youth Child ID Program (MYChip) provides tools to aid law enforcement authorities to locate and ID a lost or missing child. This FREE program will be held at FBC on **Sunday, March 27, 2011, 11:30—3:30 PM in the Whitney Room** on a first-come, first-served basis. Available for infants through 21 years of age, tapes made in the past can be updated. The program provides a videotape, fingerprinting, tooth print, and cheek swab. This information is not duplicated, and all items are given to the child's family. **For more information, visit [www.mychip.org](http://www.mychip.org), or contact Dean Stevens (508-885-9537).**

**NEW IRAQI & BHUTANESE REFUGEES ARRIVING IN WORCESTER...**The expectation of welcoming them in person and often with things they need is fulfilled with your help! Please check your used and replaced items for computers, DVD players, Vacuums, computer tables, microwaves, carpets, rugs, coffee tables, dining tables and chairs, cupboards, wardrobes, TVs, entertainment center or TV tables, clothing chests, washing machines & dryers, an organ, keyboard, guitar, drum, ping pong paddles and net, juicer or food choppers, rice cookers, back packs for school, art materials, beds & bed frames. Call the church office or Warren Jones at 520-907-5385. Thank you from all 300+ members of our refugee families!

**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.

**TABCOM ANNUAL GATHERING...**March 18 & 19, Friday at the First Baptist Church, Norwood, Saturday at the Four Points by Sheraton, Norwood. BE TRANSFORMED is the theme at this 43rd Annual event. Visit [www.tabcom.org](http://www.tabcom.org) for more information.

**ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING...**First Baptist Church is pleased to announce that we now offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular offering. Electronic giving is convenient for you, and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. To set up an electronic giving schedule, you can either complete a paper authorization form, or visit the church website at [www.fbc-worc.org](http://www.fbc-worc.org) and look for the “online giving” button in the **Resource Center** column. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Pick up a copy of the authorization form at the Church Office. Thank you!

**THE MEN’S SATURDAY BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP...**recently CHANGED the location of their monthly meeting to *Friendly’s* in the White City Shopping Plaza on Route 9 in Shrewsbury (near the Panera Bread). Dates remaining on the schedule are April 2, May 7, and June 4—8:00 AM. Please contact Tom Ward if there are any questions!

**SCROGIN GREAT ISSUES BOOK FORUM...**will next meet on April 3, 11:20 AM in the Roy Room to discuss *Home: A Novel* by Marilyn Robinson. All are welcome!

**PARK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH LENTEN SERIES INSTALLMENT ON SUNDAY, APRIL 3 [Date Change]...**Professor Lloyd Baugh, SJ, Visiting Professor of Theology and Film at College of the Holy Cross, will be their guest as he introduces a recent film about Christ, *Son of Man* (2006, South Africa). Reverend Fr. Baugh is an internationally recognized scholar from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. A native of Quebec, he has taught numerous courses including theological reflection on cinema, theology and communication, and history of cinema. The event will take place in the Lee Room at 12:00 PM with lunch available at 11:30 AM for \$5.00. **If you plan on attending the luncheon, please inform Pastor Gary at 508-752-2468 or e-mail him at [parkchurchucc@juno.com](mailto:parkchurchucc@juno.com) so that enough food is prepared. Everyone is welcome!**



**PRAYER...**

*O Lord, You know is best for me. Let this or that be done as You please. Give what You will, how much You will, and when You will.*

~Thomas A. Kempis

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

- Pastor Thomas McKibbens, Heather Kattan, William Ness
- Our office volunteers
- The Benevolence Committee, the Board of Christian Education, the Health Cabinet
- AWAB Welcoming and Affirming Association
- Our FBC children and youth
- Those awaiting medical test results
- Carlton Richards, Richard Bjork, Jane Merchant, Elizabeth Minott, Jasmita Samal, Usha Karki, Bishal Bhujel, Belinda White, Michael Harvey
- The families of Donald Holmes and Raymond Forkey
- Those with serious illness; those who are hospitalized
- Those who are bereaved
- The victims of violence, accident, natural disaster, war
- The unemployed, the homeless, the hungry, those on the fringes of society

**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.

# OUR CALENDAR—YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

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TODAY, Mar. 13, 2011



8:30 AM  
9:00 AM  
10:00 AM  
11:15 AM  
11:20 AM

Breakfast; Childcare opens  
Bible & Bagels; Church School  
Worship  
Coffee and...;  
Forum; Bible Adventures

Mon., Mar. 14, 2011

11:00 AM  
12:30 PM  
7:00 PM

Weekly Staff Meeting  
Staff Outing  
DA Discussion (off-site); Habitat

Tue., Mar. 15, 2011

1:00 PM  
4:15 PM  
6:00 PM  
7:00 PM

Salisbury Belles  
Chorister Choir  
Health Cabinet; BIA-MA  
DA Discussion (off-site); Benevolence;  
Mothers of Twins

Wed., Mar. 16, 2011



9:00 AM  
5:30 PM  
6:30 PM  
7:00 PM

Women's Prayer  
Wonderful Wednesdays Supper (sign up!)  
Wonderful Wednesdays session  
Food Addicts in Recovery

Thu., Mar. 17, 2011



9:00 AM  
10:00 AM  
1:30 PM  
3:00 PM  
6:15 PM  
7:30 PM  
8:00 PM

Montessori Rehearsal  
CBMM  
Literacy Volunteers  
milc Support  
First Handbells  
Chancel Choir  
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Fri., Mar. 18, 2011



9:00 AM  
6:00 PM  
7:00 PM

Montessori Rehearsal  
**A Wintry Mix & Sunny Outlook [TICKETED]**  
Christian Singles

norwood 2011 annual gathering march 18-19  
**BE TRANSFORMED**

Sun., Mar. 20, 2011



8:30 AM  
9:00 AM  
10:00 AM  
11:15 AM  
11:20 AM

Breakfast; Childcare opens  
Bible & Bagels; Church School  
Worship  
Coffee and...;  
Reception for Heather Kattan  
Blood Pressure Screening; Bible Adventures