

*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 6, 2011

# MORNING WORSHIP



March 6, 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.*

**HYMN SING** .....Sarah Sams

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 113** Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart.....Marion

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** Magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt the Lord's name together.

**People:** **Hallelujah! For the Lord God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give God the glory.**

**Leader:** Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise. Give thanks, and bless God's holy name.

**ALL:** **For God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness extends to all generations.**

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

**Eternal God, help us in this time of worship to be still and know that you are God. In quietness we would hear your voice calling us away from the discordant noises of the everyday world, that our spirits might be renewed and we may go back into the world to minister in your name. In the spirit of Christ we offer the prayer he taught: Our Father (debts)...**

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

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **THE OFFERING OF OUR PRAYERS**

## **THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS**

**Offertory Anthem** Lift Thine Eyes, from *Elijah*..... Felix Mendelssohn  
*...to the mountains, whence cometh help.* 1809-1847  
*Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.  
He hath said thy foot shall not be moved.  
Thy keeper will never slumber.*

**\*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**

**THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE** John 14:1-6 (pg. 877)

**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** *If Jesus is the Way, is he the Only Way?*..... Thomas R. McKibbens

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

**A SERVICE OF COMMUNION**..... Thomas R. McKibbens

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Sanctus* .....Gabriel Fauré

*Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,*                      *Holy, holy, holy,*                      1845-1924

*Dominus Deus Sabaoth.*                      *Lord God of hosts.*

*Pleni sunt coeli et terra*                      *The heavens and earth are filled*  
*gloria tua.*                                      *with thy glory.*

*Hosanna in excelsis.*                      *Hosanna in the highest.*

Words of Institution

The Passing of the Bread and Wine

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*..... Robert Kreutz  
1922-1996

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

**\*HYMN 453** *Christ Be My Leader*..... Slane

**\*BENEDICTION**

**RESPONSE** *Go Now in Peace*..... Natalie Sleeth  
1930-1992

**POSTLUDE** *Air on the G String, from Suite in D, BWV 1068* .....J.S. Bach  
1685-1750

(Continued...)

\*Those who are able may stand.

Women's Chorus

William Ness, Minister of Music & Arts

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# ***Give Electronically***

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***First Baptist Church  
now accepts electronic donations***

**Participate Today!**

Electronic Giving is a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to our church. Please contact the Church Office to learn how you can participate.

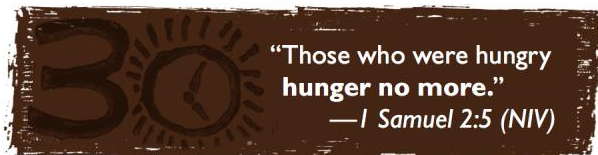


**We did it!** Our Youth Group “loved hungry” for 30 hours and raised a lot of money to help feed and care for hungry children and families around the world through World Vision.

And we couldn’t have done it without you. Thanks to your prayers and support, we’re helping to write a new story for kids facing hunger.

***It is not too late for you to make a contribution toward this effort. Please stop by our table in Gordon Hall today to participate.***

Thanks again for making our 30 Hour Famine a huge success!



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World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. Motivated by our faith in Jesus Christ, World Vision serves alongside the poor and oppressed as a demonstration of God's unconditional love for all people.

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*An Invitation  
to All Youth, their Parents,  
and everyone who assists with  
our Youth Group!*

*Please join us as we say:  
"Farewell and Godspeed"  
to the Rev. Heather Kattan.*

*Sunday, March 13, 2011  
3:30 PM*

*Home of Jess Landry  
and Sarah Sams  
87 Old Southbridge Road  
Oxford, MA*

*(see Sarah for directions)*

## **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 an anonymous donor. ✨

**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.

### 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: Scrogin Forum; Bible Adventures

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

**IMPORTANT REMINDER...**Daylight Saving begins NEXT SUNDAY, **March 13, 2011.** Be sure to move your timepieces ahead ONE HOUR!

**SCROGIN FORUM TODAY...**Please join us in the Roy Room at 11:20 AM on for a discussion of *The Invention of Air: A Story of Science, Faith, Revolution, and the Birth of America*, by Steven Johnson.

### OTHER FORUMS SCHEDULED IN MARCH:

- ☞ March 13: Presentation on Nagaland, India by Rev. Mike Harvey
- ☞ March 20: Recognition of Heather Kattan
- ☞ March 27: Pain Management (sponsored by the Health Cabinet)

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE...**Wednesday, **March 9.** Supper at 5:30 PM, followed by the service at 6:30 PM, held in the Chancel area of the Sanctuary. Please see today's insert for a review of our Lenten *Wonderful Wednesdays*.

**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.*

**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).**

## PRAYER...

*Here let me learn to share with Christ  
the burden of the suffering of the world.*

~The Rev. Dr. John Baillie

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

- Pastor Thomas McKibbens, Heather Kattan, William Ness, and Staff
- Our church librarians, Nancy Oakes and Joyce Jensen
- The children and youth of our Church School
- Richard Bjork, Richard McNally, Usha Karki, Jasmita Samal, Bishol Bhujal, Elizabeth Minott, June St. Amand, Carlton Richards, Judith Morris Fugere, Belinda White, Jane Merchant, Cheryl Goff
- Thomas and Donna Grisso on the passing of Tom's mother
- Those anticipating surgery or medical intervention
- Those with chronic conditions; those awaiting test results
- The homebound, the lonely, the depressed, the bereaved
- People who are seeking employment
- Students of all ages striving to achieve and grow
- Petitions for the populations of this world living in the midst of poverty, violence, political unrest, disaster

**THE SKEIN OF KNITTERS...**meets Tuesday, March 8, from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM in the Krueger Room. Join us! We knit Prayer Shawls!

**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.

**YOUTH BAPTISM CLASS...**Senior Minister Thomas R. McKibbens will offer a class preparing youth for baptism on Sunday mornings, **March 20 & 27 and April 3 & 10, at 11:00 AM** in the Youth Lounge. Any youth in grade 7 or above is welcome to participate. Baptism is planned for **Palm Sunday, April 17, 2011**. Please let Tom McKibbens know if you plan to attend.

norwood 2011 annual gathering march 18-19

**BE TRANSFORMED**







For more information, call 978-448-1445. or visit:  
<http://www.tabcom.org/2011tag/welcome.html>



**The Newsletter deadline for April, 2011 is Wednesday, March 9.  
Please submit all items to [cindyj@fbc-worc.org](mailto:cindyj@fbc-worc.org)!**

## OUR CALENDAR—YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

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 	TODAY, Mar. 6, 2011	8:30 AM	Breakfast; Childcare opens
		9:00 AM	Bible & Bagels; Church School
		10:00 AM	Worship
		11:15 AM	Coffee and...;
		11:20 AM	Forum; Bible Adventures
	Mon., Mar. 7, 2011	1:30 PM	Full Staff Meeting
		5:45 PM	Buildings & Grounds
		6:00 PM	Music & Arts
	Tue., Mar. 8, 2011	9:00 AM	Montessori Rehearsal
		10:00 AM	Skein of Knitters
		1:00 PM	Salisbury Belles
		7:00 PM	Governing Board; CE Board; Park Congregational
 	Wed., Mar. 9, 2011	9:00 AM	Women's Prayer
		10:00 AM	WCMS Rehearsal; Boundaries Workshop
		5:30 PM	Wonderful Wednesdays Supper; First Friends
		6:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Service in Chancel
		7:00 PM	Park Cong. Ash Wednesday Service in Davis Chapel; Food Addicts in Recovery
	Thu., Mar. 10, 2011	8:45 AM	TABCOM
		1:30 PM	Literacy Volunteers
		3:00 PM	milc Support
		6:30 PM	Habitat
		7:30 PM	Denomination Affiliation Discussion Group
		8:00 PM	AA
	Fri., Mar. 11, 2011	9:00 AM	Montessori Rehearsal
		3:15 PM	Girl Scouts
	Sat., Mar. 12, 2011	11:00 AM	Denomination Affiliation Discussion Group
 	Sun., Mar. 13, 2011	8:30 AM	Breakfast; Childcare opens
		9:00 AM	Bible & Bagels; Church School
		10:00 AM	Worship
		11:15 AM	Coffee and...;
		11:20 AM	Forum; Bible Adventures