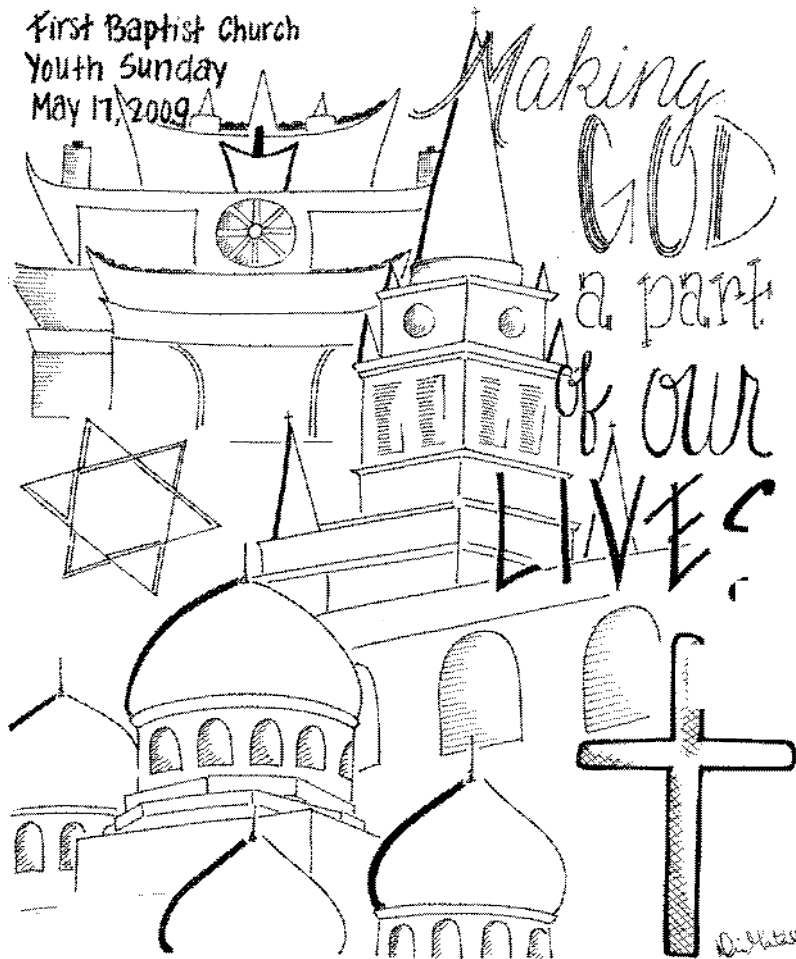


# First Baptist Church



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



## YOUTH SUNDAY

**May 17, 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** *Jesus and the Children*.....Austin Lovelace  
b. 1918  
*Sonatina* ..... Fritz Spindler  
1817-1905  
*Für Elise* ..... Ludwig van Beethoven  
1770-1827

**\*OPENING HYMN 652** *This Is the Day* .....Garrett

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** .....Rachel Levine

Leader: We come together to be in the presence of God,

**People: For the Lord knows our hearts and hears our cries.**

Leader: Our God puts joy in our hearts.

**People: And a song on our lips!**

Leader: Here we are, O Lord, we open our lives to you.

**People: Let your love pour over our souls,**

Leader: And your mercy flood our spirits!

**ALL: For you alone are the Lord our God! Hallelujah! AMEN!**

**\*INVOCATION (Unison)** .....Brielle Stovall

**Open us to your presence, loving God. Open our hearts to your teaching, that your ways might become our ways, and that your laws might become written on our hearts. Help us to know your unconditional love in every moment of our lives and every beat of our hearts. We pray in Christ's name, who taught us to pray, saying: Our Father...(debts)**

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

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** .....Becca Ayres

**MUSIC SELECTION** *Awesome God*..... Rich Mullins  
Reflection by Stephanie Harvey and Brielle Stovall 1955-1977

**CHILDREN'S ANTHEM** *Let Us Walk in the Light of the Lord*  
Vicki Hancock Wright

**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**....Stephanie Harvey & Rachel Levine  
(Children are asked to return to their seat following the Children's Message.)

**THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (pg. 143)**.....Allison Terry  
**Psalm 98 (pg. 480)**..... Dina Martinelli  
**Mark 12:41-44 (pg. 825)**.....Ann Ming Samborski

**REFLECTIONS** *Making God a Part of Our Lives* (Presentation)  
Ann Ming Samborski, Becca Ayres, Andrew Hitzhusen

**CHILDREN'S ANTHEM** *Te Deum*.....Michael Bedford

**THE OFFERING OF OUR PRAYERS**..... Lily Lindstrom  
written by Becca Ayres

**THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS**

**Offertory** *O Clap Your Hands*.....Lee Dengler  
b. 1959

**\*Doxology** ..... Hymn to Joy  
Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled—  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead!

**\*Prayer of Dedication**..... Andrew Hitzhusen

**\*CLOSING HYMN 499** He Leadeth Me ..... He Leadeth Me

(Continued)

**\*BENEDICTION**..... Heather Kattan

**POSTLUDE** *Indescribable*..... Laura Story

*\*Those who are able may stand.*

*Children's Choir*

*Stephanie Harvey, soprano*

*Brielle Stovall, soprano*

*Dina Martinelli, soprano*

*Robin McFee, guitar*

*Adam Mejaour, trumpet*

*William Ness, Minister of Music & Arts*

*Youth Greeters: Rose Pierce, Paul Seth Lindstrom, Allison Terry, Jess Landry*

*Youth Ushers: Ariel Hitzhusen, Andrew Martineau, Paul Seth Lindstrom, Jess Landry*

## **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 Dawn and John Budd in celebration of their grandchildren. ✨

**SUNDAY EDUCATION NOTICE...**We will not have Children's Worship today. Children are asked to return to their seats following the Children's Message. There will still be adults in the nursery, and in the preschool classrooms, should there be a need for your child to leave the Worship Service. For more information, please speak with one of our ushers, or the Rev. Heather Kattan.☪



**COFFEE AND...**Please join us in Gordon Hall for a reception honoring our Youth following the Morning Worship service. Be sure to welcome our visitors! ☪

**TODAY IS YOUTH SUNDAY...**The Youth have prepared a wonderful service filled with music, prayers, and their own thoughts on faith centering on the theme: **MAKING GOD A PART OF OUR LIVES.** We are glad you are here to share with us and to give your support!



YOUTH SUNDAY

**DONATIONS FOR "CAMPERSHIPS"...**Today is the last Sunday for this special offering. Please use the small envelope provided to add what you are able in cash, or by writing a check (indicated "Camperships" on the memo line). Be sure to seal the envelope and place it into the offering plate. **Thank you** for your generous giving!



**IT'S "WALK" TIME AGAIN—AND WE NEED YOU...**Please join us at beautiful Elm Park for the 24th Annual WALK for the Homeless TODAY, **May 17, 1:00 PM.** Last year, about 900 participants raised over \$125,000. Part of the funds raised support Hope for Housing, so we will be there as *Team First Baptist*. Last year our team raised more than \$1,000 and we are counting on YOU to help DOUBLE that this year. Please pick up a pledge sheet in Gordon Hall following the service, write "Team First Baptist" as the organization, and we will be on our way! If you cannot participate in the WALK, you may still fill out a pledge sheet, and then hand it in to Jean Perkins or Anne Puffer before you depart today. Thank you!

**YOUTH POOL PARTY...**a time to relax after all the hard work preparing for Youth Sunday, the Youth Group will travel to the Greendale YMCA to have some fun and spend time together at the pool! Please meet in the Lee Room at 12:45 PM for a little snack, and then we will head over to the Y. We will return to the church approximately at 3:45 PM. *Don't forget your permission slip!*



**REMINDER TO THE GOVERNING BOARD...**We will meet this Tuesday, **May 19, 2009, 7:00 PM at FBC** in the Roy Room. Please make note in your schedule!

**FINAL DAY TO SIGN-UP...**to attend the Youth Group service Weekend at Camp Oceanwood **May 22 through 25.** PLEASE sign-up on the sheet outside of Heather's office **TODAY**, or check with her to be certain you are registered. Schedule and details will be sent out to those who sign-up!

**A MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE...**will be held on **Monday, May 25, 2009,** 10:00 AM at All Faiths Cemetery, 7 Island Road in Worcester. The Cemetery is celebrating its 123rd Anniversary and cordially invites everyone to join them for the service at the Pavilion located at the center of the cemetery, with a reception following.

## **Prayer...**

*Wondrous Worker of Wonders, I praise you not alone for what has been, or for what is, but for what is yet to be, for you are gracious beyond all telling of it.*

~Ted Loder

## **Please include in your prayers:**

- Our American Baptist family
- Our Youth and young people on this special Sunday
- The Board of Christian Education; Benevolence Committee, Stewardship, Health Cabinet
- The two Prayer Fellowships
- Those serving in the military, people in war zones
- Those who are bereaved
- People who are anticipating surgery
- Victim of natural disaster; accident; war
- The unemployed, the homeless, the lonely
- Those in transition
- Those with chronic disease

**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.

**VBS...**Experience & Discover God Everywhere during **CAMP E.D.G.E.**, August 2—6, 5:30—8:30 PM at FBC! SAVE THESE DATES! See Heather to volunteer!

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## **SUMMER SERENDIPITY — START THE SUMMER IN STYLE!**

Come and have Supper, listen to some Summer music, some witty Words, and launch yourself into That Summertime Feeling!

**Gordon Hall — Saturday, June 6, 2009 at 6:30 PM**

Tickets are \$15 each, and are available from the Church Office and after the service on Sundays. **\*SPECIAL OFFER\*** Book a table of eight (8) for \$100! So, gather your friends, book a table, and enjoy the show. Tickets *must* be purchased in advance.

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**LAST DATE TO PURCHASE TICKETS IS SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2009.**

**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.

## OUR CALENDAR—YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY, May. 17, 2009 8:00 & 9:00 AM Bible & Bagels



### YOUTH SUNDAY

10:00 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Park Cong. Annual Mtg.  
11:15 AM Church School; BP Check  
12:30 PM Youth Group

Tue., May 19, 2009 8:00 AM Worcester Interfaith  
9:30 AM Literacy Volunteers  
10:00 AM Weekly Staff Meeting  
12:00 PM Literacy Volunteers  
3:45 PM Community Ministries Network  
6:30 PM Health Cabinet  
7:00 PM Governing Board; Board of CE; MOTwins

Wed., May 20, 2009 9:00 AM Women's Prayer Fellowship  
6:00 PM Women's Group  
6:30 PM Habitat  
7:00 PM Evening Prayer; Park Cong; Food Adds/Rec.

Thu., May 21, 2009 9:30 AM Literacy Volunteers  
6:15 PM First Handbells  
12:30 PM Literacy Volunteers  
7:30 PM Chancel Choir  
8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Fri., May 22, 2009 3:15 PM Girl Scouts  
*Youth Group departs for Service Weekend @ Oceanwood*

Sun., May. 24, 2009 8:00 & 9:00 AM Bible & Bagels  
10:00 AM Worship  
11:15 AM Church School; Adult Forum

**Mon., May 25, 2009 — Memorial Day, Office Closed**



*Youth Group returns from Oceanwood*

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