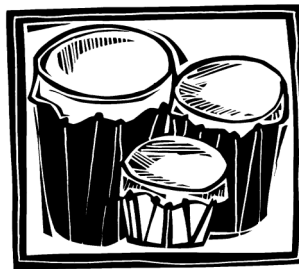
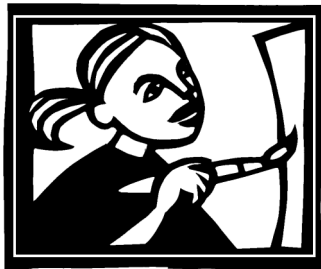


Music & Arts Weekend 2011



*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
May 1, 2011

MORNING WORSHIP—MUSIC & ARTS WEEKEND



May 1, 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.....David Story

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 7** When in Our Music God Is GlorifiedEngelberg

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 16)

Leader: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.

People: **I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.**

Leader: I keep the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

People: **Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.**

Leader: For you protect me from the power of death; and you will not abandon me to the world of the dead.

ALL: **You will show me the path that leads to life; your presence fills me with joy and brings me pleasure forever.**

*INVOCATION (Unison)

Eternal God, with the ancient psalmist we say, *I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.* Thank you for the gifts of music and arts, and for those musicians and artists who are willing to invest their time to teach the next generation the power of music and art that glorifies you. The hymns and songs we learn, and the images we see and experience, come back to us in later years, and we are grateful for their ministry to us. We pause today to reflect on and give thanks for the blessings of music and art in our lives. In the spirit of Christ we pray the prayer he taught: Our Father (debts)...

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERING OF OUR PRAYERS

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Offertory Anthem *Bread of Heaven*David Ashley White
...on thee we feed; for thy flesh is meat indeed; b. 1944
Ever may our souls be fed with this true and living bread;
Day by day with strength supplied
Through the life of Him who died.

Vine of heaven thy blood supplies this blest cup of sacrifice;
Lord, thy wounds our healing give,
To thy cross we look and live:
Jesu, may we ever be grafted, rooted, built in thee.

***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 20:19-31 (pg. 883).....Lynne Carroll

ANTHEM *A New Birth* (Winner, 2011 Anthem Competition) Sean Beachy
Based on I Peter 1:3-6a, NRSV b. 1975

*Blessed be the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By His great mercy He has given a new birth,
Through the resurrection of Christ, Jesus Christ...
A new birth into an inheritance undefiled, unfading, imperishable,
Kept in heaven for you, protected by the power of God,
Through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
Blessed be the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By His great mercy He has given a new birth.
In this you rejoice!*

AFFIRMATION OF THE CHILDREN Debbie Clarke
(Children who desire to participate in a Children's Worship Experience are invited to join their worship leader following the Children's Message.)

COMMUNION MEDITATION *Christ, With Scars*.....Thomas R. McKibbens

***COMMUNION HYMN** 295 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*Llanfair
(Continued...)

A SERVICE OF COMMUNION Thomas R. McKibbens

We welcome Karen Yu Valentin as an Associate Member of the church.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sanctus Felix Mendelssohn
1809-1847

The Passing of the Bread and Wine

The Invited Hubert Bird
b. 1939

*O Thou Who clotheth the lilies and feedeth the birds of the sky,
Who leadeest the lambs to the pasture and the hart to the waterside,
Who multiplied the loaves and fishes, and converted the water to wine,
O do Thou, come to our table, as Guest, and Giver, to dine.*

Agnus Dei Eleanor Daley
b. 1955

*O Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.*

The Passing of the Peace and Blest Be the Tie

***HYMN 298** The Day of Resurrection! Lancashire

***BENEDICTION**

RESPONSE *A Clare Benediction* John Rutter
b. 1945

*May the Lord show his mercy upon you;
May the light of his presence be your guide;
May he guard you and uphold you; may his spirit be ever by your side.*

*When you sleep, may his angels watch over you;
When you wake, may he fill you with his grace:
May you love him and serve him all your days, then in heaven may you see his face.*

POSTLUDE *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* Albert Travis
b. 1940

**Those who are able may stand.*

Chancel Choir

William Ness, Minister of Music & Arts

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First Baptist Church, Worcester congratulates our 2011 ANTHEM COMPETITION WINNER!



Sean Elliot Beachy, DMA
Grantsville, Maryland
A New Birth

for SATB Choir and Organ
based on the assigned competition text
of 1 Peter 1:3-6a NRSV

Judges for this 2011 competition were:

- Dr. Michael Bedford, Organist/
Choirmaster at St. John's Episcopal
Church, Tulsa, OK
- Eleanor Daley, Director of Music at
Fairlawn Avenue United Church,
Toronto, Ontario, CANADA
- Howard Helvey, Composer/
Choirmaster at Calvary Episcopal
Church, Cincinnati, OH

Sean Beachy was raised in Grantsville, Maryland, located in the western part of the state. He attended Alderson-Broaddus College in Philippi, WV, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Applied Piano. In May 2002, he earned a Master of Music degree in composition from Shenandoah University, studying with Dr. William Averitt. Dr. Beachy recently graduated from West Virginia University with a Doctoral of Musical Arts degree in composition. While at WVU, he studied composition with Dr. John Beall and electronic music composition with Dr. David Taddie. Between 2007 and 2009, Dr. Beachy taught freshman written and aural theory at WVU as a graduate assistant. He also received one of 15 university-wide Dissertation Fellowships for the 2010 spring semester while completing his dissertation at WVU.

Dr. Beachy is currently a freelance composer and accompanist. He is the church organist at Frostburg United Methodist Church in Maryland. He is also the accompanist for various local high school choral programs and instructors at Frostburg State University and West Virginia University. In addition, he is a staff accompanist at Frostburg State University. Dr. Beachy resides in Grantsville with his wife Debi, seven-year-old son Evan, and one-year-old daughter Ella.

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 in memory of Barbara H. and Donald H. Holmes, and Laura F. Wetton, by Jackie and Joe Wetton. ✨

MUSIC & ARTS WEEKEND CONTINUES...with the Chancel Choir premiere of the winning piece from our Annual Anthem Competition, *A New Birth*, by Sean Beachy, DMA (based on I Peter 1:3-6a). We also will enjoy two FORUMS: (1)Debbie Clarke from UDRUM2, who will lead an interactive drumming event for all ages, and (2) Patricia Kelly of the Worcester Art Museum, who will provide materials allowing participants to create their own piece of art.

SCROGIN FORUM TODAY...We close out our monthly book discussions with *Fair, Clear, and Terrible: The Story of Shiloh Maine*, by Shirley Nelson. Please join us in the Roy Room at 11:20 AM.

ANNUAL WALK FOR THE HOMELESS...The Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance is holding their 26th Annual **WALK for the Homeless** on **Sunday, May 15, 2011** (registration at 1:00 PM, WALK begins at 2:00 PM). To participate in the team representing FBC, contact Ashley Ward [508-755-6143 x228], or Robin McFee [fbchealthcabinet@gmail.com]. Come and WALK with us!

YOUTH SUNDAY IS COMING...on **May 22, 2011**. This year's theme is *Born This Way*, and we invite all of you to join us for an inspirational service. Thanks in advance for your support of our Youth Group.

MEN OF ALL AGES...the next Men's Saturday Breakfast Fellowship is **May 7, 8:00 AM** at *Friendly's* on Rt. 9 in Shrewsbury (White City Plaza). Questions? Contact Tom Ward [tward@oxps.org].

ANNUAL YOUTH SERVICE WEEKEND...at Oceanwood Camp in Ocean Park, Maine, **May 27—30**. Please contact Ashley Ward now to sign-up!

ATTENTION GRADUATES, AND THOSE WHO LOVE THEM...do you know someone who is graduating from high school, college or beyond? As part of our program on Education Sunday, June 12, 2011, we would like to honor those in our church family who have reached this milestone! If you, or someone you know qualifies, please contact Ashley Ward ASAP (ashleyw@fbc-worc.org) with their name, school from where they are graduating, degree earned, and any future plans they may have. Thank you!

COPIES OF SERMON TEXTS...are available in the Narthex and online at www.fbc-worc.org/sermons.html. An audio version is also available online.

GARDEN PARTY...coming this **June 6 & 7, (both days at 3:00 PM)** a delicious Cream Tea served on the patio at the Carroll homestead. An additional event this year will be Wine and Canapés on the Terrace, **June 7 only, 6:00-8:00 PM**. A donation of \$20 is suggested for each event, proceeds will be used by the Music & Arts Committee for special events funding. Please contact the Church Office [508-755-6143] to reserve your place, or write your name on the sign-up sheet in the Office. **Maximum for each seating is 16, so book your place soon!**

EDUCATION SUNDAY...is on **June 12, 2011**. As always, we will celebrate those who volunteer for Christian Education activities, and we will honor our graduates, as well as those children who will enter the fourth grade next year. Following the service, there will be a picnic on our front lawn, which will include a moon bounce and other fun activities for ALL AGES!

VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2011...Enjoy a fresh, one-of-a-kind experience at the *Shake it Up Café*—where we will explore the Bible as a cookout, filled with recipes for living out God’s word. This will be a joint effort with Park Congregational Church (host), First Baptist Church, and Wesley United Methodist Church—our seventh year together! **June 27-30, 5:30 PM-8:00 PM** here at FBC. Contact Ashley Ward to sign-up or volunteer!

HEALTH CABINET UPDATES...The Health Cabinet has an e-mail address, where we encourage you to send your ideas for Forums/programs to undertake and for issues to address [fbchealthcabinet@gmail.com]. Also, please stop by our Health Cabinet information table (opposite the Custodian’s office) where we have a new supply of bookmarks created by Lyn Stevens. Please take one, and enjoy your reading!

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.

GREG MORTENSON EVENT CANCELLED...Those holding tickets should contact the Mechanics Hall Box Office for a refund at 508-752-0888, no later than this Thursday, May 5, 2011.

PRAYER...

*Stand by me, O God, in the name of Your dear Son Jesus Christ,
who shall be my Defense and Shelter, yes, my Mighty Fortress,
through the might and strength of Your Holy Spirit. AMEN.*

~Martin Luther

Please include in prayer...

- Thanksgiving for the magnificent Easter Service in our Sanctuary!
- Pastor Thomas McKibbens, Ashley Ward, William Ness
- The Staff of FBC and our Volunteers
- Daybreak, a mission receiving support from FBC
- The Buildings & Grounds Committee, Music & Arts Committee,
Social Action Committee
- Those who are hospitalized or in care facilities
- Audrey Terpo, Belinda White, Richard Smith, John Minott,
Charles Hodgkins
- Those having to make life-changing decisions and choices
- Victims of natural disasters, war, violence, crime, accident
- Our Church School and its teachers
- The choirs of our church



be with you.
As the Father has
sent me,
so I send you."

John 20:21, NRSV

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MUSIC & ARTS WEEKEND

TODAY, May 1, 2011



8:30 AM Breakfast; Childcare opens
9:00 AM Bible & Bagels; Church School
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Coffee and...
11:20 AM Scrogin Forum; DRUM2 Forum; WAM Forum;
Bible Adventures

Mon., May 2, 2011

1:00 PM Weekly Staff Meeting
5:45 PM Buildings & Grounds
6:00 PM Music & Arts

Tue., May 3, 2011

8:00 AM Worcester Interfaith Board
9:00 AM ABC Regional Executive Ministers
1:00 PM Salisbury Belles
4:15 PM Chorister Choir
5:00 PM Young Musicians Choir
7:00 PM Social Action; Compassionate Friends

Wed., May 4, 2011

9:00 AM Women's Prayer: Jericho Road Worcester
6:30 PM First Friends
7:00 PM Evening Prayer; Food Addicts in Recovery

Thu., May 5, 2011



1:30 PM Literacy Volunteers
3:00 PM milc Support
6:15 PM First Handbells
7:30 PM Chancel Choir
8:00 PM AA



Fri., April 6, 2011—NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR JUNE ISSUE

Sat., May 7, 2011

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Fellowship (offsite);
TABCOM Face-2-Face

Sun., May 8, 2011



8:30 AM Breakfast; Childcare opens
9:00 AM Bible & Bagels; Church School
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Coffee and...
11:20 AM Forum; Bible Adventures
2:00 PM Memorial Service for Ella McCollum Parker