

The First Baptist Church of Worcester

A Welcoming and Affirming Church

We are a community of believers who seek to grow in our faith and understanding as we live the Way of Jesus Christ



May 29, 2011 10:00 AM

PRELUDE Two Settings of *Repton* Peter Pindar Stearns b.1931
He Comes to Us as One Unknown Margarita Merriman b. 1927

*** HYMN 74** *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*Melita

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

People: Sing the glory of God's name; give to God glorious praise!

Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

People: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.

Leader: Bless our God, O people, let the sound of his praise be heard.

People: For God has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

***INVOCATION (Unison)**

Eternal God, your word and presence still reaches us over all the years. We still sense your call to be still and know that you are God. We are still, and in the quietness of this holy moment, and in fellowship with those who share our allegiance and hopes, we come quietly before you and lift our prayers and praise. As best we can, we pull back the thoughts that wander, the anxieties that intrude, the problems that persist, and we engage our minds on you and offer this heartfelt prayer that your blessings may attend our worship. In the spirit of Christ we offer the prayer he taught: Our Father (debts)... AMEN.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Those who are able may stand.*

Please turn pagers and cell phones to silent mode.

*** GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

*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!*

SOLO *Behold, What Manner of Love, Op. 49, No. 2* Leroy Baumgartner
1891-1969

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE..... John 14:15-21 (page 876)

AFFIRMATION OF THE CHILDREN

SERMON *Devotion, Not Emotion*..... Thomas R. McKibbens

*** HYMN 412** *He Comes to Us as One Unknown* Repton

THE OFFERING OF OUR PRAYERS

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Offertory Solo *Song of Devotion*..... John Ness Beck
1930-1987

***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 411** *How Firm a Foundation* Foundation

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* Peter Pindar Stearns

*Merrycarol Yumi Bruso, Soprano
William Ness, Minister of Music & Arts*

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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 a Welcome Card and place in the offering plate or give to an usher or to the minister directly. 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.

IF YOU ARE VISITING FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY...

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in Gordon Hall following the service. If you are searching for a church home, we would love to get to know you. Please speak with Minister Thomas R. McKibbens or call during the week at 508-755-6143. Those with infants and children up to age 5 may take them to the Nursery/Preschool class. An usher will be happy to assist you with directions to rooms in the church building, and with any special needs (e.g. hearing aids).

ANNUAL YOUTH SERVICE IS THIS WEEKEND...May 27-30 (this week-end) at Oceanwood Camp in Ocean Park, Maine . We wish all of our youth who are participating and the adults who are with them a safe trip , productive week-end, and lot of fun!

Multicultural Bazaar , Food & Music Festival at Grotonwood

Saturday, June 4, 2011 10 AM to 4 PM

167 PRESCOTT STREET, GROTON, MASS. 01450 • (978) 448-1445

Sponsored by **Mass. Baptist Multicultural Ministries**

For further information contact Rev. Mar Imsong (781)632-5058
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GARDEN PARTY TIME...A delicious Cream Tea will be served on the patio at the Carroll home, **June 6th and 7th** at 3:00 PM each day. In addition, a new event this year will be *Wine and Canapésés on the Terrace*, June 7th only, from 6 to 8 PM. A donation of \$20 is suggested for each event. Proceeds will be used by the Music & Arts Committee for special events funding. Please call 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, reserve your place soon!

EDUCATION SUNDAY...June 12th, a day to celebrate those who volunteer for Christian Education activities and to honor our graduates and children entering 4th grade.

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) and provide the graduate's name, the school name , degree earned, and any future plans they may have. Thank you!

VACATION BIBLE CAMP...June 27-30, 5:30-8:00 PM. Enjoy a fresh, one-of-a-kind experience at the *Shake it up Café*. A joint effort with Park CC (host) , Wesley UMC and FBC— here at First Baptist. Contact Ashley Ward to sign up or volunteer.

HOPE FOR HOUSING GROCERY CARDS...Stop by the table in Gordon Hall following morning worship service to purchase **Hope for Housing Homeless Prevention Cards** to use for your grocery shopping and help to prevent homelessness in Worcester.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT JOB OPENING...First Baptist Church has an opening for the position of Administrative/Office Assistant; hours 9 AM to 1 PM Monday–Friday. Qualifications include proficiency with Microsoft Office products (MS Word and MS Publisher especially); juggling multiple tasks, including answering the telephone and directing callers and visitors, while maintaining the production schedule for weekly bulletins, monthly newsletters, and other printed materials. Please contact Pat Czerny if interested or for referrals, at patc@fbc-worc.org or 508-755-6143 ext 224.

PRAYER...

“May we be mastered by the man who said we should love ourselves and our neighbors just as much.” ~Gordon Torgersen

Please include in your prayers...

- Celebration of our young people and their accomplishments on Youth Sunday
- Celebration of Ashley Ward’s leadership in Christian Education
- FBC and our outreach to each other and the community
- Those who have served in the military
- Thankfulness for our ancestors and families
- Music and Arts; Building and Grounds; Social Action
- The Jericho Road ministry
- The Chancel Choir
- Pastor Thomas McKibbens, William Ness and staff
- Charles Sibley, Ogretta McNeil, Elizabeth Minott, George McDermott, Richard Bjork
- The victims of tornado, fire and flood; war and oppression
- Those who are bereaved
- Those with chronic illness; the hospitalized
- People in care facilities

≈ The Prayer Fellowships will not be meeting again until Wednesday, September 21st. The meetings will resume in the Roy Room: Women’s Prayer Fellowship 9-10 AM; Evening Prayer Fellowship for men and women 7-8 PM.

≈ The Prayer Pyramid will continue to function throughout the summer. If you have a prayer request, please call the church office at 508-755-6143 or Eleanor Brockway at 508-753-7827 to access the Prayer Pyramid.

≈ The Prayer Pyramid makes possible a concentrated prayer effort, on behalf of persons in emergent situations: illness, injury, hospitalization, family crisis. It is the alarm system for sharing burdens of the congregations. It can ease the load of those who are bearing difficult and painful burdens.

This Week at First Baptist Church

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TODAY, May 29, 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	Bible Adventures
Mon., May 30, 2011	<i>Memorial Day—Church Office Closed</i>	
Tue., May 31, 2011	8:00 AM	Worcester Interfaith
	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
	5:00 PM	Mustard Seed
	6:00 PM	Stewardship Committee
Wed., Jun 1, 2011	9:00 AM	TABCOM
	6:30 PM	First Friends Training
	7:00 PM	Food Addicts in Recovery
Thu., Jun 2, 2011	8:30 AM	Jericho Road
	10:00 AM	WCMS Rehearsal
	1:30 PM	Literacy Volunteers
	3:00 PM	milk Support
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir (final rehearsal until Fall)
	8:00 PM	AA
Fri., Jun 3, 2011	3:15 PM	Girl Scouts
Sat., Jun 4, 2011	8:00 AM	Men's Breakfast at Friendly's in Shrewsbury
	5:00 PM	Park CC (sleepover)
Sun., Jun 5, 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 Book Selection Planning
	11:20 AM	Bible Adventures