

The First Baptist Church of Worcester
MORNING WORSHIP

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



November 6, 2011

10:00 AM

PRELUDE Sonata VIFelix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

* **HYMN** 111 When Morning Gilds the Skies.....Laudes Domini

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 100)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness and singing!

People: Know that the Lord is God, who made us and owns us. We are God's people!

Leader: Enter this place with thanksgiving and praise.

People: For the Lord is good, full of steadfast love and faithfulness that will never end!

* **INVOCATION (Unison)**

We greet you on this Lord's Day, O God, for on this day we lift our heads and hearts and hands to you, asking that you expose us to your mercy, truth, and newness. We gather to hear once again the old, old stories and to sing the songs we know and love. We listen for your Word that comes to us in the mystery of worship. We long for you; we wish for you; we wait for you. Give us confidence in your presence both now and in the future. We pray in intimate confidence in your guidance, as Jesus taught us: Our Father....(debts)

* **GLORIA PATRI** 734 Greatorex

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Those who are able, may stand.*

Please turn pagers and cell phones to silent mode. Nursery care is available for children during worship service. Please speak with an usher for assistance.

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE.....Bryan Engelhardt

ANTHEM *Notes from Peter* Eugene Butler

THE OFFERING OF OUR PRAYERS

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Offertory *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*..... Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

* **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.....Jeremiah 32: 1-3A, 6-15 (p. 643)

CELEBRATION OF CHILDREN.....John Minott

ANTHEM *The Greatest Want of the World*Wayne Hooper (1920-2007)

COMMUNION MEDITATION *How to be the Kind of Church that Makes a Difference....*

Thomas R. McKibbens

***COMMUNION HYMN 569** *God of Grace and God of Glory*..... CWM Rhondda

A SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

The Passing of the Bread* and Wine

The Passing of the Peace and “Blest Be the Tie”

* **HYMN 571** *Christ, You Call Us All To Service*.....In Babilone

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Toccata in A Minor*Jan Pieter Sweelinck (1562-1621)

Robert Malin, Choir Director

David Hagberg, Organist

*Gluten-free communion wafers are provided for those who require an alternative to traditional bread.

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 at First Baptist Church. If you are a visitor, 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. We believe that God's unbounded love and grace are offered to all persons, of any age, race, sexual orientation, denomination, cultural background, and economic means as integral members of God's family.

IF YOU ARE VISITING FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY... Please join us for fellowship and refreshments here 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 a Minister 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.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR...are given by Natalie and Rod Ferris in remembrance of her parents, brother & sister; and also by Lyn Stevens in remembrance of her parents, Angus & Wynne Macdonald.

OUR GUEST MUSICIANS TODAY ARE ...Robert Malin, Musical Director of First Church, Unitarian, Lancaster; and David Hagberg, who is a UMass graduate who currently teaches in the Westborough School system. We are most fortunate to welcome back both Robert and David today as they lead us in music during worship service.

THE FALL BUSINESS MEETING...will take place following service today, in the Sanctuary, 15 minutes following the benediction. (Rescheduled from last Sunday).

THE SCROGIN BOOK FORUM...meeting has been rescheduled to November 20th, following worship service. The book to be discussed is *Learning to Love* by Rod Ferris.

HOPE FOR HOUSING...Please remember to purchase Hope for Housing grocery cards which will benefit the Hope for Housing program's efforts toward Homeless Prevention. The *Central Mass Housing Alliance* receives 5% of the purchase value of each grocery card that you purchase. Thank you for your continued support!

PRAYER... "He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and will not despise their prayer." Psalm 120.17

PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PRAYERS...

The Fall Church Business Meeting today
Pastor Thomas McKibbens, Moderator, Thomas Grisso
The Governing Board, The Social Action Committee
Our Handbell Choirs
Robert Slayter, Harry and Gloria Bayliss; Marion Anderson, Bettie Sandquist,
Nina Robison, Margaret and James Cudd, and Roberta Fitch
Caregivers
Those seeking employment
Those with debilitating chronic illnesses
The Prayer Card Ministry of the Prayer Ministries
Those seeking to sell their homes

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS...Our last dinner and meeting is November 9th. Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM, followed by a class taught by Thomas R. McKibbens at 6:30 PM. The Wonderful Wednesday class is **SPEAKING CHRISTIAN: THE LANGUAGE OF ZION**. We have been looking closely at the meaning of Christian terms and thinking together about their use and misuse.

THE BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE IS PLANNING...The **Living Gift Market** on Sunday, November 13th. There are still many opportunities to help with this worthy cause! To learn more about the Heifer International Living Gift Market, please go to www.heifer.org and click on the "living gift market" box or see Denise Wolf or e-mail her at nisiwolf@gmail.com

WORCESTER CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY... presents *Remembrances of Things Past*, on November 19th at 7:30 PM in Gordon Hall. The program features works by Brahms, Reger and Schnittke to benefit the "Reach Out and Read" literacy program of Fallon Clinic. Call the Church Office to reserve/purchase tickets.

50-YEAR MEMBER RECOGNITION SUNDAY... is November 20th. The Diaconate of First Baptist Church is planning to honor those who joined the church during the years 1956 through 1961 and look forward to seeing as many of those who are able to attend the worship service and the reception in Gordon Hall.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE... for Arlene C. Alexander will be held on December 10th at 2:30 PM in Davis Chapel. Arlene passed away on October 27th in Santa Fe, NM where she had been living in recent years.

ADVENT WORKSHOP...Mark your calendars for the annual Advent Workshop, following worship service on **November 27th**. The workshop is a time for crafts, creativity, fun and fellowship for all ages. Stay tuned for more information about how you can be involved!

FBC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER...is December 4th at 5:00 PM. Tickets are \$12.00 per adult, \$6.00 per child, and will be sold in Gordon Hall, following Morning Worship each Sunday starting very soon. Of course, there will be entertainment, too!

JERICO ROAD WORCESTER (JRW), HOLIDAY BENEFIT CONCERT...featuring Maria Ferrante (soprano) and Will Sherwood (keyboard artist), with Rafael Popper-Keizer (cello). Friday, **December 9**, 7:30 PM at First Baptist Church. Tickets are \$25 per person. This is the third year for this beautiful concert which benefits the nonprofit, Jericho Road. JRW matches the professional skills of volunteers with the needs of nonprofits organizations. Mary Frandsen is the Board Chair for JRW.

THE MITTEN TREE IS COMING BACK...the Benevolence Committee is asking all of us to support this Community Outreach project, by knitting mittens or by purchasing them and placing them on the tree in Gordon Hall, right after Thanksgiving. They will be going to families associated with the Head Start Program.

MEN'S SATURDAY BREAKFAST...Men of all ages - mark your calendars for 8 AM:
Dec. 3rd, Jan. 7th, Feb. 4th, Mar. 3rd, Apr. 14th, May 5th, June 2nd.

122 Diner (across from Wachusett High School)
1392 Main Street
Holden, MA

Any questions: Contact Tom Ward @ tward@oxps.org

OPEN MIC NIGHT - MAKING A DIFFERENCE...FBC members and community are invited to this free concert-style event on January 6th from 7 to 9:30 PM. Please join us in Gordon Hall to celebrate a new year among friends and family. This event is being coordinated by an experienced program/event planner. A variety of performers such as folk, poets, blue grass, jazz, classical, pop, etc. will be here. Watch for additional information.

MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED...in the Church Office, Monday through Friday, and Sunday morning. We have a wonderful group who currently volunteer in the office— answering the phone, meeting and directing visitors, folding bulletins, and so much more— but more are needed! If you have a few hours a week or month to donate to the church, please contact Pat Czerny to learn more about how you can become involved. 508-755-6143 Ext. 224

This Week at First Baptist Church

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TODAY, Nov 6	8:30 AM	Breakfast (pancakes); Nursery Opens
	9:00 AM	Bible & Bagels; Sunday School; Choir warm-up
	10:00 AM	Worship Service / Communion
	11:15 AM	Fall Business Meeting
Mon., Nov 7	1:00 PM	Full Staff Meeting
	5:30 PM	PEO Meeting
	5:45 PM	Building & Grounds
	6:00 PM	Music & Arts
Tues., Nov 8	10:00 AM	Skein of Knitters
	1:00 PM	Salisbury Belles
	4:15 PM	Chorister Choir
	7:00 PM	Governing Board
	7:00 PM	First Friends
Wed., Nov 9	9:00 AM	Women's Prayer Group
	5:30 PM	Wonderful Wednesdays (4th of 4 weeks)
	5:30 PM	First Friends BoD
	7:00 PM	Food Addicts in Recovery
Thurs., Nov 10	9:30AM	CBCM (Ministers)
	6:15 PM	First Handbells
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting
	Fri., Nov 11 VETERANS DAY—OFFICE IS OPEN	
	8:30 AM	First Friends
	3:15 PM	Girl Scouts
Sat., Nov 12	10:00 AM	Living Gift Market—Set-Up
Sun., Nov 13	8:30 AM	Breakfast; Nursery Opens
	9:00 AM	Bible & Bagels; Sunday School; Choir warm-up
	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Fellowship and Refreshments
	11:15 AM	Living Gift Market
Sun., Nov 20	10:00 AM	Pledge Sunday; 50-Year Member Recognition