

*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

Worcester, Massachusetts

November 22, 2009

MORNING WORSHIP
THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

November 22, 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 Siciliano and Allegro from Sonata in Eb Major, BWV 1031..... J.S. Bach
1685-1750

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 721** Come, Ye Thankful People, Come.. St. George's Windsor

***CALL TO WORSHIP**Heather Kattan

Leader: *It is good to give thanks to God, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.*

People: **O the depth of the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! How unsearchable are God's judgments and how inscrutable are God's ways!**

Leader: Come, let us worship God with the gift of praise and thanksgiving!

ALL: **[singing#651] We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord;
We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving;
And we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy!**

***INVOCATION (unison)**

To you, O God, we offer our thanks. We rejoice in the gifts of your love: in the ripening of the grain and the abundance which the land gives, in friendship and love, in the support of friends and family, in a community of faith that enables us to grow and mature. Enlarge our spirit of thankfulness, that in this season we may share our abundance with all who are in need. In the spirit of Christ we offer the prayer he taught: Our Father... (debts)

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTSThomas R. McKibbens

GREETING ONE ANOTHER 652 (based on Psalm 118:24)

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it!
This is the day that the Lord had made; we will rejoice and be glad in it!
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made!

ANTHEM *Anthem of Thanksgiving*..... John Floreen
b. 1944

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 CHILDRENHeather Kattan
(Children who desire to participate in a Children's Worship Experience are invited to join their worship leader following the Children's Message.)

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: II Samuel 23:1-7 (pg. 261)

SERMON *Living a Legacy* Thomas R. McKibbens

***HYMN 81** We Gather TogetherKremser

THE OFFERING OF OUR PRAYERS

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Offertory *Christ is the King* David McK. Williams
1887-1978

***Doxology 34**Old Hundredth

***Prayer of Dedication**

***CLOSING HYMN 317** Crown Him with Many Crowns..... Diademata

***BENEDICTION**

*Everyone is welcome to stay for the Celebration of Life Service for Doris E. Whittle
immediately following Morning Worship.*

**Those who are able may stand.*

Sarah Sams, flute
Chancel Choir
William Ness, Minister of Music & Arts

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.

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, LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, AND CHILDREN'S BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE... Please speak with one of our ushers for assistance.

CHANCEL FLOWERS...Today's arrangements are dedicated by Patricia A. Fletcher.



SUNDAY EDUCATION SCHEDULE

8:00 AM: Bible & Bagels I

8:45 AM: Continental Breakfast Served

9:00 AM: Bible & Bagels II, Church School

10:00 AM: Morning Worship

11:00 AM: Coffee and...

11:20 AM: Forum, AB Kids, Mini-Chorister Choir

Youth Group: See bulletin announcements as well as posted schedule for meeting times and activity.

THANKSGIVING PIES...are ready for pick up. Please stop by Gordon Hall.



INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE THIS EVENING, 5:00 PM at Temple Emanuel, 280 May Street, Worcester.

HANGING OF THE GREENS THIS WEDNESDAY...Join us for the annual *Hanging of the Greens* on **Wednesday, November 25, 2009, 8:00 AM—Noon**. A home-cooked breakfast will be provided in our kitchen by our own John Belanger, followed by the ritual of hanging Christmas greenery, wreaths, and other decorations throughout the church. It's a wonderful time of fellowship for all ages. Call the Church Office with any questions and to sign-up for breakfast!

ADVENT WORKSHOP & ANGEL GIVING TREE...Our **Annual Advent Workshop** will be held **NEXT Sunday, November 29, 2009**, directly following Morning Worship. There will be holiday crafts, snacks, and time for fellowship. ALL



are invited to join us! This season's **ANGEL GIVING TREE** will be decorated with gift tags for children whose names were received from **YOU Inc., of Worcester**. These are children and youth in our community who are not likely to receive the items they desire or need at Christmas. Please plan to participate by observing the following

NEW guidelines:

- ✿ Select a gift tag from the Giving Tree
- ✿ Purchase one or more of the suggested gifts listed
- ✿ No food, candy, drink items, or cash
- ✿ **Leave present UNWRAPPED with gift tag securely attached**



Please return all items **UNWRAPPED** to FBC with the gift tag **securely** attached by **Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 5:00 PM**. Questions? Contact Rev. Heather Kattan [heatherk@fbc-worc.org / 508-755-6143 x228]

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER...Tickets for the Annual Christmas Dinner to be held in Gordon Hall on **Sunday, December 6, 2009 at 5:00 PM** can be purchased today during the coffee time following Morning Worship, or during the week at the Church Office. The price is \$12.50 for adults, \$6.25 for children under age ten, with a \$30.00 per family maximum. For this you will receive a wonderful meal including Spiral Cut Ham, Molded Cranberry Fruit Salad, Scalloped Potatoes, Broccoli & Cauliflower, Dinner Rolls and Dessert, followed by seasonal musical entertainment. Join us and get into the spirit of the season!

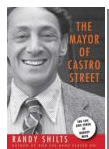
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION...Jean and Norman Mills are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary **NEXT Sunday, November 29**. Their sons would like to invite church members and friends to join them from 2:00—4:00 PM in the Lee Room. No presents, please—YOUR presence will be enough. ✨

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES...a concert to benefit Jericho Road Worcester on **Friday, December 4, 2009, 7:30 PM** at First Unitarian Church on 90 Main Street. With Maria Ferrante, soprano, and Will Sherwood, piano & pipe organ. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors and students, \$25.00 per family. For more information on how to obtain tickets, please contact Mary Frandsen at 508-852-8122 or mkfrandsen@charter.net.

*Jericho Road Worcester is sponsored by the First Baptist Church
and First Unitarian Church of Worcester, MA*

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP...for December will be in the Lee Room at **8:00 AM on Saturday, December 5**. We will invite the Men's Fellowship from Emmanuel Baptist Church to join us!

THE SCROGIN GREAT ISSUES BOOK FORUM...on December 6, 2009 will base its discussion on Randy Shilts' book *The Mayor of Castro Street—the Life and Times of Harvey Milk*. Harvey Milk was the nation's first openly gay city official when he became San Francisco Selectman in the late 1970's. Serving



less than a year before being assassinated, his story is “the story of the gay movement in San Francisco, and ultimately, the nation”. You are invited to read the book, watch the movie based on the book (*MILK*, available on DVD), and attend a lively discussion on the power of one person, gay political rights, and the public's response. This is a welcoming and affirming event in a Welcoming and Affirming church. Please plan to attend. Join us in the Roy Room immediately following Morning Worship. Light refreshments will be available. Jim Pease will lead the discussion.

SHOPPING FOR ANGEL TREE GIFTS...The Youth Group will take responsibility for some of the tags on the Angel Giving Tree this year. Meet in the Lee Room at 11:30 AM on Sunday December 6, 2009. We will go shopping for gifts that match what is written on the tags. Receive the joy of being able to share the Christmas spirit with those who are in need. Lunch provided—**PLEASE SIGN UP** outside Heather's office. [PERMISSION SLIP NEEDED]

PRAYER...

*Between the humble and contrite heart, and the majesty of heaven,
there are no barriers, the only password is prayer.*

~Hosea Ballou

Please include in your prayers:

- Our church in this season of Thanksgiving
- The Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
- The board of Deacons; the Board of Finance
- Esther Smith, Lynn McMillen, Richard Smith, Edwin Bohlin, Eleanor Long
- Those undergoing surgery, rehabilitation, medical testing
- The loved ones of alcoholics and addicts
- The homeless and hungry, especially throughout this season
- Our country throughout this time of recovery; world leaders
- Victims of disaster, accident, war, crime
- The unemployed and those with job stress
- People with illness
- The Mills family as Jean and Norman celebrate 60 years of marriage
- The church as it celebrates Doris Whittle's extraordinary long and valued life

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 who are at risk of homelessness.

A BIG THANK YOU...to everyone who donated to our Shoebox Gift collection for Operation Christmas Child! We collected over twenty boxes to send to children around the world who won't otherwise receive anything for Christmas. The Youth Group also collected many packages of toiletries to donate to the residents at Abby's House. Thank you all so much for your generosity!



MUSTARD SEED REPLACEMENT VOLUNTEERS...We need a group of about eight replacement volunteers to serve a dinner meal **THIS Tuesday, November 24, 2009**. Meeting time is 5:15 PM at FBC to consolidate cars and load up food. We should be done around 7:00 PM. **PLEASE contact Heather Kattan A.S.A.P. in person today, or at 508-755-6143 x228/heatherk@fbc-worc.org.**



MUSTARD SEED

PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER...for The Chaffee School Playground Fund is collecting your empty Scotch brand tape dispensers, and other items. Details on bulletin board.

OUR CALENDAR—YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY, Nov. 22, 2009	8:00 AM	B&B Session I
	8:45 AM	Continental Breakfast
	9:00 AM	B&B Session II; Church School
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	11:15 AM	Memorial Service for Doris Whittle; Coffee and...
	5:00 PM	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Temple Emanuel
Mon., Nov. 23, 2009	11:00 AM	Weekly Staff Meeting
Tue., Nov. 24, 2009	1:00 PM	Salisbury Belles
	4:00 PM	Chorister Choir
	7:00 PM	Board of Deacons; Board of Finance; Refugee Thanksgiving Dinner
		<i>MUSTARD SEED</i>
Wed., Nov. 25, 2009	8:00 AM	Hanging of the Greens (with breakfast)
	9:30 AM	Literacy Volunteers
		<i>Office Closes at 12:30 PM</i>
Thu., Nov. 26 & 27, 2009		OFFICE CLOSED — HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Sun., Nov. 29, 2009		FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
	8:00 AM	B&B Session I
	8:45 AM	Continental Breakfast
	9:00 AM	B&B Session II; Church School
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	11:00 AM	Annual ADVENT WORKSHOP
	2:00 PM	Jean & Norman Mills 60th Anniversary Celebration

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