

Stewardship Campaign 2009

God's Love...



Your Response!

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God! And that is what we are!

I John 3:1 NIV

The First Baptist Church

A Welcoming and Affirming Church

Worcester, Massachusetts

November 8, 2009

MORNING WORSHIP

November 8, 200910:00 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 *Passacaglia* in D minorDieterich Buxtehude
1637-1707

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 726** We Praise You, O God..... Kremser

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: All thanks to God for this place of worship, where praise and prayer are raised in the beauty of holiness.

People: **For the preaching and teaching of the word, for symbols and music and quietness, we gather in thanksgiving.**

Leader: For the nurture of lives, the building of community, and the outreach to others in need, we gather in praise.

People: **For those who have traveled this way before us and given of themselves and their substance in ministry to others, we gather in gratitude.**

Leader: For God's presence surrounding us still, for this church's rich heritage and faithful stewardship, we gather to ask God's blessing and guidance for all the days ahead.

ALL: **Let our song arise and our joy overflow as we lift our voices in praise!**

***INVOCATION (unison)**

Generous God, you have given us so much, but we ask for one more thing: give us joy in giving. We often hold on when we need to let go. We sometimes clutch and hoard when we could be generous, doubting when we could find the joy of faith. We are sometimes fearful instead of trusting in your care. Open our hands and our hearts to the bounty of your love. Eternal God, you have given us so much: fill us now with grateful hearts, and restore the joy of our salvation. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray: Our Father... (debts)

***GLORIA PATRI 734Greatorex**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING ONE ANOTHER (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!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT David Goff

ANTHEM *Cry Out and Shout* Knut Nystedt
b. 1915

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Mark 12:38-44 (pg. 825)

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

SERMON *Stewardship Up Close* Thomas R. McKibbens

***HYMN 459** *Come, All Christians, Be Committed*.....Beach Spring

THE OFFERING OF OUR PRAYERS

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Offertory Anthem *What the Lord Requires* Knut Nystedt

***Doxology 34** Old Hundredth

***Prayer of Dedication**

***CLOSING HYMN 572** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* Rustington

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *We Praise You, O God* Craig Phillips
b. 1960

**Those who are able may stand.*

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 ARE AVAILABLE... Please speak with one of our ushers for assistance.

CHANCEL FLOWERS...The arrangements given today are dedicated by D. Lyn Stevens, in loving remembrance of her parents, Angus and Wynne Macdonald and by Mildred Rondeau, in memory of Edmond Rondeau.

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.



TODAY'S ADULT FORUM...We welcome Donna Bartlett from MassMedline® to speak about medication safety, flu medications, health issues, and updates on how to obtain more affordable medicines. The discussion will begin at 11:20 AM in the Whitney Room. Sponsored by the Health Cabinet.

NOVEMBER 15 is PLEDGE SUNDAY...Please complete and bring with you the pledge card you received in the mail next Sunday, or mail your completed pledge card to the Church Office by November 15.  Thank you for your participation as we share in the life and ministries of the First Baptist Church!

ORDER YOUR THANKSGIVING PIE...The Music & Arts Committee is ready to provide a homemade addition to your Thanksgiving meal. Choices are apple, pecan, and pumpkin. **NEXT SUNDAY is the last day to place your order (November 15).** Pies will be ready for pick up on Sunday, November 22. Proceeds toward the purchase of new black stage curtains for Gordon Hall. Check the November newsletter or the Church Office for a copy of the PIE ORDER FORM!




OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD...support our **Youth Group Thanksgiving Service Project** by packing a shoebox gift box for a needy child around the world who might not otherwise receive a gift this season. Note: Our Bulgarian missionaries receive boxes through this program (though we cannot guarantee they will receive any from us directly). Stop by the bulletin board outside Heather's office across from Gordon Hall for information and details. The goal is to pack TWENTY (20) boxes. No dollar donation required. Please bring your box with you on Sunday, November 15, 2009. QUESTIONS? Contact Rev. Heather Kattan [508-755-6143 x228/heatherk@fbc-worc.org].



WORCESTER CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY...presents **Baroque Fantasies**, Saturday, November 21, 7:30 PM in the FBC Sanctuary. COMPOSERS: Locatelli, Rameau, Handel, J.S. Bach. PLAYERS: Tracy Kraus, flute; Krista Buckland Reisner, violin; Mark Berger, violin; Rohan Gregory, violin; Peter Sulski, viola; David Russell, cello; William Ness, harpsichord and organ. **TICKETS:** \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, \$10 for Students and are available in the Church Office.



 **INTERFAITH THANKGIVING SERVICE...**Sunday, November 22, 2009— 5:00 PM at Temple Emanuel, 280 May Street, Worcester.

 **A MEMORIAL SERVICE...**for Doris Whittle will be held on Sunday, November 22, 2009 immediately following Morning Worship.

HANGING OF THE GREENS...Join us for the annual *Hanging of the Greens* on **Wednesday, November 25, 2009, 8:00 AM — Noon.** Christmas greenery, wreaths, and other decorations will be placed throughout the church, with a great time of fellowship. Coffee and...provided.




ADVENT WORKSHOP...Our **Annual Advent Workshop** will be held on **Sunday, November 29, 2009,** directly following Morning Worship. There will be holiday crafts, snacks, and time for fellowship. ALL are invited to join us! We do still have openings for craft tables, so if you would like to lead a craft or have another idea, please contact Heather Kattan! Information on this year's **ANGEL GIVING TREE** is to come!



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION...Jean and Norman Mills are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on **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. ✨



 **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS...**will hold their November meeting on **Monday, November 9, 2009** at 5:45 PM.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER...Mark your calendars now for the **Annual Christmas Dinner** to be held in Gordon Hall on **Sunday, December 6, 2009** at **5:00 PM.** Tickets will be available during coffee fellowship following Morning Worship beginning **NEXT** Sunday, November 15, or on weekdays in the Church Office. Gordon Hall has been packed for this event the last several years, and admission is by ticket only. **Ticket prices are:** \$12.50 for adults, \$6.25 for children under age 10, with a **\$30 per family maximum.** The menu will be announced in next Sunday's bulletin!



PRAYER...

Thank you for the faith that with You nothing shall be impossible.

~Jo Petty

Please include in your prayers:

- Pastor Thomas McKibbens and his ministry among us
- The Boards, Committees, and Fellowships of FBC
- The staff and volunteers who enable ministry and mission
- The family of Janet Forkey, the family of Doris Whittle
- Landy Johnson and family on the death of her father
- Caregivers
- President Obama, the Afghanistan decision, worldwide diplomacy
- Those undergoing medical testing or treatment
- Those combating substance abuse
- The chronically ill, the lonely, those in need, the aging
- The Mustard Seed program
- Esther Smith, Lynn McMillen, Eugene Fischer
- The world's need for hope, faith, love, justice, and peace—beginning at home

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.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING...right here at FBC! Stop by the Library following Morning Worship **NEXT Sunday**, November 15, 2009.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO HELP...new refugee families arriving in Worcester by donating your beds, tables, chairs, sofas, TVs, and computers. Winter coats, sweaters, and shoes are current priorities for those who are in the U.S. for less than a year. Transportation to medical facilities, employment opportunities, and Green Card appointments in Boston after being



here for one year. It would be a big help if some families could have transportation to their Sunday service in Stoddard Hall at 10:00 AM here at FBC. Please call the Church Office [508-755-6143] or Warren Jones [520-907-5385].



NOTE: The refugees have learned from others before they leave their refugee camps to contact "Warren Jones of FBC". We appreciate ANYTHING you would do to assist in meeting this expectation!



OUR CALENDAR—YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

- TODAY, Nov. 8, 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
11:00 AM Coffee and...
11:20 AM Forum; AB Kids; Mini Choir
- Mon., Nov. 9, 2009 5:45 PM Buildings & Grounds
- Tue., Nov. 10, 2009 10:00 AM Weekly Staff Meeting; Skein of Knitters
1:00 PM Salisbury Belles
4:00 PM Chorister Choir
6:30 PM First Friends
7:00 PM Governing Board
- Wed., Nov. 11, 2009 9:00 AM Women's Prayer Fellowship
9:30 AM Literacy Volunteers
5:30 PM WW Supper
6:00 PM WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS
7:00 PM Food Addicts in Recovery
- Thu., Nov. 12, 2009 9:00 AM Literacy Volunteers
6:00 PM Nominating Committee
6:15 PM First Handbells
7:30 PM Chancel Choir
8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous
- Fri., Nov. 6, 2009 3:15 PM Girl Scouts
- Sat., Nov. 14, 2009 10:00 AM Conference of Baptist Ministers
- Sun., Nov. 15, 2009 — STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE SUNDAY**
LAST DAY FOR THANKSGIVING PIE ORDERS
BRING SHOEBOX GIFTS TODAY
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 Coffee and...; Blood Pressure Screening
11:20 AM Forum; AB Kids; Mini Choir
11:30 AM Youth Group (Thanksgiving Project)

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