

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.



October 9, 2011

10:00 AM

* **PRELUDE** Priere (Four Pieces , Opus 37)..... Joseph Jongen (1873-1953)

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 1** God Is Here.....Abbots Leigh

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**.....Thomas R. McKibbens

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

People: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

Leader: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

People: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

ALL: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord.

* **INVOCATION (Unison)**

Welcoming God, in whose light alone we know ourselves, and without whose guidance we are distressed; grant us so sure a confidence in your unfailing acceptance that we may freely and joyously go to you whenever we are perplexed or in trouble, so that we may be lifted into that serene faith in which sorrows are healed and sins forgiven, into that divine love which enables us to serve with joy, and into that abiding peace which the world can neither give nor take away. In the spirit of Christ we pray the prayer he taught: Our Father....

* **GLORIA PATRI 734**.....Creatorex

**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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** 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!*

ANTHEM Kyrie J. Guy (1864-1955)

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURELuke 4: 16-30 (p.835)

CELEBRATION OF CHILDREN

SERMON *The Fear of Rejection*Thomas R. McKibbens

*** HYMN 451** Be Still, My Soul Finlandia

THE OFFERING OF OUR PRAYERS

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Offertory Anthem *Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs.*George F. Handel (1685-1759)

*** 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 708** Go Forth For God..... Geneva

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Choral Four Pieces, Opus 37*.....Joseph Jongen (1873-1953)

Robert Wilson, Choir Director & Organist

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 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 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.

OUR GUEST ORGANIST & CHOIR DIRECTOR TODAY IS... Robert Wilson, who comes from New York City. Bob has been the organist at Covent Avenue Baptist Church for over eighteen years. We are fortunate to have him with us again today. Welcome back, Bob.

FLU SHOTS TODAY... Anyone who missed the 1st round of shots may receive their shot today, free of charge, in the Krueger Room after the service. Sponsored by the FBC Health Cabinet.

ADULT FORUM TODAY... Richard Wolf will present a progress report on Grotonwood Camping & Conferencing, in Gordon Hall, following worship service.

SCROGIN FORUM NEXT SUNDAY, Oct 16th... The book to be discuss is *The Battle for God* written by Karen Armstrong; discussion led by Sue Ellen Scrogin. All are welcome for these monthly book discussions. Next month's book is *Learning to Love—10 Steps to Empowered (Self) Love & (Inner Peace)*. Author Rod Ferris will lead the discussion. Two copies of each of the 8 books in the entire Scrogin book series have been ordered for the church Library.

REVELS REPERTORY COMPANY presents "*Harvest Home*" at FBC, on Oct. 22nd @ 7 PM ... a wonderful, varied program for all ages including music, dances, stories and more! Tickets are available at the FBC Office or in Gordon Hall during Fellowship: Adults: \$15 and Children: \$10. Don't miss your chance to experience this excellent program by the acclaimed Revels! **Buy your tickets today and support Music & Arts at FBC!**

PRAYER *"Keep the faith, but not to yourself."*

Please include in your prayers...

- * Our church as it worships, prays, fellowships, celebrates, meets, ministers.
- * The Chancel and Chorister Choirs; The Men's chorus
- * First Hand bells and The Salisbury Belles
- * Worcester Interfaith; Jericho Road ministry
- * The Governing and Finance Boards
- * The Skein of Knitters and the Prayer Shawl Ministry
- * Park Congregational Church
- * Marion Anderson, Harry Bayliss, Ogretta McNeil, Donald & Judith Fugere
- * The unemployed
- * Those in care facilities and their caregivers
- * Those who are homeless, hungry, abused, In war-torn countries
- * Those who are grieving
- * People with chronic illness; those anticipating surgery
- * The victims of natural disasters
- * Our world leaders and countries in economic and social chaos

HOLIDAYS ARE COMING... Please remember to purchase grocery cards , prior to shopping, which will benefit *Hope for Housing : Homeless Prevention*. Thank you for your continued support of this worthy program.

THE BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE IS PLANNING...The Living Gift Market. There are still some opportunities waiting for just the right person!

- * Cutting out a few small animal masks (can be done at home)
- * Making animal-themed goodies for refreshments
- * Clean-up after the market
- * One more cashier
- * Tally Board person

We still need help with the water buffalo!!

Please see Denise Wolf or e-mail her at nisiewolf@gmail.com

WORLD MISSION OFFERING... Please remember to make your pledge during this month. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and needed.

THE MASSACHUSETTS BIBLE SOCIETY is sponsoring the annual BECK LECTURE on **GOD'S Secretaries, the Making of the King James Bible**. Adam Nicolson is the lecturer and author of this wonderful book. Please join us on Monday, October 24th at 7:00 PM and invite a friend. There is no charge. Visit at www.massbible.org

Reminder: SECOND SEMESTER ROY FUND LOAN APPLICATIONS...are DUE no later than November 1, 2011. Please contact Andrea Letourneau with any questions.

CONGRATULATIONS...Rev. Dr. Robert Carpenter, former Minister of Christian Education at First Baptist Church, retired as of September 30, 2011. For anyone interested in corresponding with Bob and wife, Martha, their the new address is:
Rev. Dr. Robert Carpenter & Martha Gale Carpenter
P.O. Box 829
Penney Farms, FL 32079-0829

BEGGAR'S BOWL (ONLY A FEW DAYS AWAY)...*Worcester Interfaith's* 6th Annual dinner is Oct. 11 @ 5:30 PM in Gordon Hall. Enjoy hearty, homemade soup, served in a hand thrown stoneware bowl, yours to keep. for a tax deductible contribution of \$50 Tickets are \$50 available at the FBC Office.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS ... This 4-week series (note, not 5-week) **will** be begin October 19th, preceded by dinner @ 5:30 PM. Please sign up or call the Church Office for dinner reservations.

THANK YOU ... I would like to extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation to FBC for graciously welcoming me as the new church secretary. (Note: Holly is part-time, 12 hours per week.) *Thank you again. Holly J. Proulx.*

STOP BY THE FLOWER CHARTthere are plenty of available dates for flower donations for the altar, for Sunday morning service, and to remember or honor loved ones. The chart is posted on the wall outside of the Church Office.

This Week at First Baptist Church

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TODAY, Oct 9	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
	11:20 AM	Adult Forum—Grotonwood Update
Mon., Oct 10	COLUMBUS DAY-OFFICE CLOSED	
Tues., Oct 11	9:00 AM	Benevolence (Mailing prep)
	10:00 AM	Skein of Knitters
	1:00 PM	Weekly Staff Meeting
	1:00 PM	Salisbury Belles
	4:15 PM	Chorister Choir
	5:30 PM	Worcester Interfaith's <i>Beggar's Bowl</i>
Wed., Oct 12	7:00 PM	Joint Governing/Finance Boards
	9:00 AM	Women's Prayer Group; Jericho Road Comm.
	9:00 AM	Music Guild
	5:30 PM	First Friends BoD
Thurs., Oct 13	7:00 PM	Board of Christian Education
	10:00 AM	CBC/MMinisters
	6:15 PM	First Handbells
Fri., Oct 14	8:00 PM	AA Support Group
	3:15 PM	Girl Scout s
Sat., Oct 15	4:00 PM	Stevens/Nartowt Wedding (all FBC invited)
	7:00 PM	Park CC Game Night
Sun., Oct 16	8:30 AM	Breakfast; Nursery Opens
	9:00 AM	Bible & Bagels; Sunday School
	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:10 AM	Fellowship
	11:10 AM	Scrogin Forum Christmas Dinner Committee