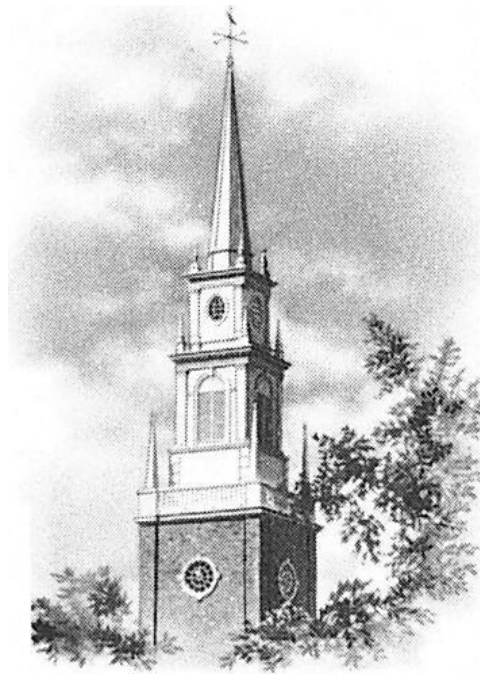


First Baptist Church

October 12, 2008



Worcester, Massachusetts
A Welcoming and Affirming Church
Mission Statement

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

Morning Worship

October 12, 2008 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 Fantasia in C minorJ.S. Bach
1685-1750

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 569** God of Grace and God of Glory ..Rhonda

***CALL TO WORSHIP**..... Heather Kattan

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

**People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

Leader: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.

ALL: For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

***INVOCATION (unison)**

**Creating and sustaining God, in your presence there is life. Living water
springs up, and deserts blossom where you pass. Seeking the life that comes
from you, we have gathered before you. Our hearts are ready, O God, our
hearts are ready. Delight us with your presence, and prepare us for your
service in the world. We pray in the spirit of Christ, who taught us to
pray...Our Father...(debts).**

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Thomas R. McKibbens

THE INSTALLATION OF THE REV. HEATHER KATTAN (see insert)

ANTHEM Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies' Sake.....Richard Farrant
1530-1580

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Exodus 32:1-14 (pg. 69)

*While Moses is up on the mountain receiving the Ten Commandments, the people demand
that Aaron make gods for them, thus breaking the first and foremost commandment against
idolatry.*

UNISON Reading of Psalm 23 (pg. 435)

Philippians 4:1-6 (pg. 955)

Paul appeals for Christian unity among the Christians at Philippi.

LET THE CHILDREN COME (please remain seated) Dix
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child;
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild.
Lord of all to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

AFFIRMATION OF THE CHILDREN..... Heather Kattan
(Children who would like to participate in a Children's Worship Experience are invited to join their worship leader following the Message.)

SERMON *Love Wins Out!* Thomas R. McKibbens

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

THE OFFERING OF OUR PRAYERS..... Brenda Baker

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Offertory Anthem The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want ... Jessie Irvine
1836-1887

***Doxology 34**.....Old Hundredth

***Prayer of Dedication**

THE OFFERING OF OUR LIVES

***HYMN 575** Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service ... Beach Spring

***BENEDICTION**

Leader: Carry with you from this place a joyful remembrance of one another, and a deep commitment to one another.

People: We are partners in the gospel; therefore, we hold one another in our hearts, even as we are held in God's. Amen!

POSTLUDE Fugue in C minor J. S. Bach

**Those who are able may stand.*

Chancel Choir

Randolph R. Bloom, Guest Organist and Choir Director

ABOUT OUR GUEST ORGANIST:

No stranger to The First Baptist Church, Randy Bloom taught Language Arts in the Holden Public Schools for over 35 years, and was formerly the Assistant Organist at Wesley United Methodist Church and All Saints Episcopal Church (both in Worcester). Mr. Bloom serves as a substitute organist throughout the Worcester area, and we appreciate his participation in our worship service this morning.

WILLIAM NESS is away this weekend (October 10-12, 2008) playing in two recitals in Illinois. On Friday, he was at the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, IL, the home church of Abraham Lincoln, playing the last large organ of John Brombaugh, master organ builder of the last 40 years. On Sunday, he performs on the Illinois College Fine Arts Series in Rammelkamp Chapel at 4:00 PM. His recitals present music of Mendelssohn, Widor, and Liszt.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH VALUES 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 AVAILABLE DURING THE SERVICE...If you would like to take advantage of our hearing aids, please speak with one of our ushers, who will explain this simple yet effective device.

LARGE PRINT BULLETIN AVAILABLE...with the Order of Service. Please speak with one of our ushers to receive a copy.

CHANCEL FLOWERS...Today's floral arrangements are dedicated in loving memory of Cinderella "Cindy" McFee, by her daughter, Dr. Robin McFee and in loving memory of the Rev. Gordon Torgersen, by his daughter, Anne T. Goff and her children, Cheryl and David.

TODAY'S ADULT FORUM—GETTING TO KNOW HEATHER KATTAN...

Please help Heather and her husband David feel welcome and to get to know you by picking up and wearing a nametag during our fellowship time in Gordon Hall for the Sundays in October. **Also: Please take the opportunity to get to know Heather, who will hold a Q&A session as today's Adult Forum.** Nametags will be available by each Gordon Hall entrance. Please take one, print your name, wear it, and—don't forget to introduce yourself!

The First Baptist Church
WELCOMES
Heather & David Kattan

MY NAME IS:



**THE INSTALLATION OF
THE REV. HEATHER KATTAN**

as

MINISTER OF EDUCATION & YOUTH

The First Baptist Church

Worcester, Massachusetts

October 12, 2008

Minister: Fellow members of this congregation, I am delighted to present to you the Rev. Heather Kattan, to be formally installed as Minister of Education and Youth.

Moderator: Nearly a year ago, the Governing Board commissioned our pastor to form a representative committee to search for the best person we could find to serve as our leader in Education and Youth Ministries. The committee, composed of Sue Gelinas, Jim Pease, Sarah Sams, Dan Boucher, Dina Martinelli, B.J. Perkins, and me, with Donna McKibbens serving as a consultant, joined our pastor in a nationwide search. Our pastor sifted through reams of profiles. We interviewed a wonderful variety of candidates. Finally, we found Heather Kattan, who was serving as Minister of Education at the First Baptist Church of Tewksbury, MA. She is a native of Connecticut and a graduate of Hamilton College and the Boston University School of Theology. We were delighted with her preparation, her experience in Christian Education and with youth, and with her engaging personality. The committee voted unanimously in favor of recommending the Rev. Heather Kattan to the Governing Board to become our new Minister of Education and Youth. I am happy to say that on August 3, 2008, the Governing Board accepted the committee's recommendation and voted

unanimously to call Rev. Kattan to this important position in the life of our church.

Minister: Heather, we are all happy that you felt the leadership of God in accepting our invitation to join us in this exciting venture at The First Baptist Church of Worcester. As we formally install you to this position, I ask you to answer the following questions:

Chair, Board of Christian Education:

tian Heather, do you affirm that you are a person of deep Christian faith, and that you are committed to offering creative leadership in Christian Education for all ages?

Youth: Heather, do you affirm that you will guide and support us, be a good listener, and seek to model for us authentic Christian living?

Child: Heather, do you affirm that you will nurture us in our faith, teach us by word and example, and be our friend as we grow in our own faith?

Parent: Heather, do you affirm that you will work together with us to provide the best possible Christian Education and Youth Ministries for this church?

Minister: Do you, as members of this congregation, receive the Rev. Heather Kattan as your Minister of Education and Youth, and do you promise to support her and work with her in her important ministries in this church? If so, will you stand for the prayer of installation?

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

Minister: Heather Kattan, I declare that you are duly installed as Minister of Education and Youth in the First Baptist Church of Worcester, MA. May God give you wisdom, energy, guidance, good sense, and good humor!

BIBLE & BAGELS...Our Sunday Bible Study for “grown-ups” continues!



Bible & Bagels Session #1 meets on Sundays at 8:00 AM

Bible & Bagels Session #2 meets on Sundays at 9:00 AM



Choose either class session (the topic is identical) enjoy a bagel, and join us in the Lee Room. The study focus is on the Book of Exodus.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING...during the 9:00 AM Bible & Bagels class will be led by our Field Education Student, Brenda Baker. She will lead a children's class called, *Caring for God's Creation*. This Biblically-based resource provides children with an introduction to issues concerning the environment and the problem of toxic chemicals in everyday life, and provides practical solutions. Bring your children in grades one through six to Bible & Bagels at 8:45 AM, where they can grab a bagel and then head upstairs to the Youth Lounge for this informative and enjoyable class!



INFORMATION AND ORIENTATION TODAY...Anyone interested in learning more about membership in The First Baptist Church of Worcester is invited to attend a two-week Information and Orientation Class led by Senior Minister Thomas R. McKibbens on October 12 and 19, following the Sunday Worship service. The class will meet in the Roy Room (on the lower level, near the restrooms) at 11:15 AM.



****OCTOBER 18, 2008 IS THE FBC HEALTH CABINET HEALTH FAIR****

The Health Fair will be here at First Baptist Church on October 18, 2008, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, sponsored by the FBC Health Cabinet. One

of the HIGHLIGHTS will be the appearance of the **District 33-A Lions Club Sightmobile**, presented in cooperation of the Worcester Host and Northborough Lions Clubs. **The Sightmobile will provide eye and hearing screening FREE TO ALL from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on October 18.**

REMINDER: HeartScreen America is providing free screening for 6-8 children/teens on a first-come, first-served basis. **Pre-registration is necessary.** E-mail Robin McFee [tweetydoctor@aol.com] or call Jinny Smith [508-393-8659]. Please join us and take advantage of all our Health Fair will have to offer!



WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS
Starts October 15
See brochure insert for details!

UPCOMING ADULT/SCROGIN FORUMS:

- October 19 — Linda Jordan: *Healing vs. Curing*. Sponsored by the Health Cabinet.
- October 26 — CANDIDATE'S FORUM
- November 2 — Scrogin Forum: Give War a Chance, by P.J. O'Rourke
- November 9 — Fall Business Meeting
- November 16 — Ellen Dunlop [American Antiquarian Society]

FROM THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE...We will be in the front of Gordon Hall after worship every Sunday selling grocery cards. Remember - you will get the full value of that card at the grocery store – but the store contributes 5% of your total purchase to Hope for Housing! Hope for Housing will then give that 5% to the Central Mass Housing Alliance and they in turn will use it to provide prevention and early intervention assistance to families and individuals that are at risk of homelessness. Please purchase and use these homeless family prevention grocery cards for **ALL** of your own shopping.

FLU SEASON IS UPON US...and once again the FBC Health Cabinet is considering providing free flu shots. If you are very interested in getting the vaccine, please contact the Church Office to sign-up, or e-mail Robin McFee [tweetydoctor@aol.com]. Do not delay in signing up—we will need to obtain the vaccine and choose a date for administering the shots.



Worcester Interfaith presents

The Beggar's Bowl

A fundraiser and arts event

Tuesday evening, October 21, 2008

5:30 to 7:30 pm

First Baptist Church

Corner of Park Avenue & Salisbury St., Worcester, Mass.

Please come and enjoy a bowl of homemade soup served in a hand-thrown stoneware bowl which you will take home.

Donation: \$50 ←

We will also have a variety of artwork, including clay art, paintings and prints, jewelry, and wood crafts available for sale.

*For more information, call Worcester Interfaith
(508) 754-5001.*

**See
Tom
McKibbens
for
TICKETS!**

Prayer...

*O God, the Father of all mankind,
I would bring before Thee the burden of the world's life.*

~Rev. Dr. John Baillie

Please pray for:


- Pastor Thomas McKibbens; William Ness; Heather Kattan; Brenda Baker
- Staff persons Cindy Johnson, Patricia Czerny, Andrea Letourneau, John Belanger, Emily Smith, Mark Anzivino
- The Skein of Knitters and those at home who are knitting Prayer Shawls for our ministry
- The weekly staff meeting
- The start of Wonderful Wednesdays this week
- Nancy Burgess, Alice and Robert Hohler, Cheryl Goff, Richard Smith, Eugene Fischer in his grieving, Stanley Manierre, Mary Johnson
- Those who are ill, hospitalized, scheduled for surgery
- The family of Cynthia Fischer
- The Health Cabinet's Health Fair
- All affected by the economic downturn of society
- Wisdom, faith, commitment, and the exercising of good in our country and the world
- The unemployed; the depressed; the lonely

Please Note:

- The Women's Prayer Fellowship continues its weekly 9:00—10:00 AM Wednesday meetings.
- The Evening Prayer Fellowship [EPF] will NOT meet during the evenings of Wonderful Wednesdays, or on Thanksgiving eve. The EPF will resume its meeting time Wednesday, December 3, 7:30—8:30 PM in the Roy Room.
- The Skein of Knitters meets Tuesday to knit Prayer Shawls, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM in the Krueger Room. Can you come? You are invited!

FAMILY HALLOWEEN PARTY...Our Annual Halloween Party for the children of First Baptist Church is happening on Sunday, October 26, 4:00 PM. We need Youth helpers to ***arrive at 3:00 PM*** to set up and decorate. Also, plan to stay and help the children with games and activities. **Contact Heather Kattan if you are interested in helping out [heatherk@fbc-worc.org or 508-755-6143 x228].** Be sure to get into the Halloween *spirit* and wear a costume!

OUR CALENDAR—YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

Today, October 12	8:00 AM	Bible & Bagels Session I	
	9:00 AM	Bible & Bagels Session II; Caring for God's Creation (Children)	
	10:00 AM	Worship	
	11:15 AM	Sunday School; Adult Forum; Information & Orientation Class	

Mon., October 13 — *Columbus Day, Office Closed*


Tue., October 14	9:00 AM	Literacy Volunteers
	10:00 AM	Weekly Staff Meeting; Skein of Knitters
	4:00 PM	Children's Choir
	6:30 PM	First Friends; Habitat
	7:00 PM	Governing Board; Health Cabinet

Wed., October 15	9:00 AM	Women's Prayer Fellowship; Music Guild
	9:30 AM	College Ministries
	5:30 PM	Wonderful Wednesdays!
	7:00 PM	Habitat; Food Addicts in Recovery

Thu., October 16	9:00 AM	Literacy Volunteers
	6:00 PM	Nominating Committee
	6:15 PM	First Handbells
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir; Alcoholics Anonymous

Fri., October 17	3:15 PM	Brownies
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Sat. October 18 10:00 AM FBC Health Fair; Lions Club Sightmobile

Sun., October 19	8:00 AM	Bible & Bagels Session I	
	9:00 AM	Bible & Bagels Session II; Caring for God's Creation (Children)	
	10:00 AM	Worship	
	11:15 AM	Sunday School; Adult Forum; Information & Orientation Class	

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