



*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

October 4, 2009

MORNING WORSHIP
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS SUNDAY

October 4, 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 Two settings of *A Mighty Fortress*
Dieterich Buxtehude, 1637-1707 Robert Hobby, b. 1962

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** In Unity We Lift Our Song (insert)Ein' Feste Burg

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather together aware of the violence around us: the physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and neglect of children, the abuse of women and men by their partners, the forced prostitution of women in this country and around the world.

People: **The harassment of women in the workplace; the exploitation of women and children for profit and pornography; the abuse of countless people within marriages and dating relationships;**

Leader: In naming these forms of evil, we feel grief and pain.

People: **But we are gathered to worship a loving God, who desires that all people be brought into right relationships with one another as well as with God.**

Leader: As we worship, may God show us the path to justice and fill us with healing power.

ALL: **May we experience God's presence among us as comforter, sustainer, and healer.**

***INVOCATION (unison)**

God of compassion, as people who desire to follow your way, we acknowledge that we have often felt paralyzed in moments that call for acts of courage and kindness. Apathy, ignorance, and fear have kept us silent when we should have spoken out with conviction and condemned domestic violence in our homes and in our worshipping communities. By our silence, we have condoned domestic violence. We long to find new ways to live out your peace in our homes and community. Grant that this time of worship will strengthen us with resolve and new courage to love our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive our failures of the past, and show us new and faithful ways to be your people. Together, we pray the prayer Jesus taught: Our Father... (debts).

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM *O Lord, Support Us* Norman Coke-Jephcott
1932-1953

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE Isaiah 52:1-2, 7-9 (pg. 595)

RESPONSIVE READING (Psalm 55:1-8)

Give ear to my prayer, O God; do not hide yourself from my supplication.

**Attend to me, and answer me; I am troubled in my complaint. I am distraught by
the noise of the enemy, because of the clamor of the wicked. For they bring
trouble upon me, and in anger they cherish enmity against me.**

My heart is in anguish within me, the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

Fear and trembling come upon me, and horror overwhelms me.

And I say, "O that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest;

Truly, I would flee far away; I would lodge in the wilderness;

I would hurry to find a shelter for myself from the raging wind and tempest."

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.)

SENATOR HARRIETT L. CHANDLER

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE Matthew 11:28-30 (pg. 792)

SERMON *To Love and To Cherish* Thomas R. McKibbens

***HYMN 469** Lord of All HopefulnessSlane

THE OFFERING OF OUR PRAYERS

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Offertory *O Jesus, Grant Me Hope and Comfort*.....Johann Franck
1618-1677

***Doxology 34**Old Hundredth

***Prayer of Dedication**

***CLOSING HYMN 500** Precious Lord, Take My Hand Precious Lord

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Sinfonia to Cantata 106*J.S. Bach

**Those who are able may stand.*

1685-1750

Chancel Choir — William Ness, Minister of Music & Arts

THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH

In Unity We Lift Our Song

1. In u - ni - ty we lift our song of grate - ful a - dor -
2. For sto - ries told and told a - gain to ev - ery gen - er -
3. For sa - cred scrip - tures hand - ed down, a bless - ed trust and
4. For God our way, our bread, our rest, of all these gifts the

a - tion, for broth - ers brave and sis - ters strong. What
a - tion, to give us strength in times of pain, to
treasure, which give us hope when hope is gone and
Giv - er. Our strength, our guide, our nur - turing breast whose

cause for cel - e - bra - tion! For those whose faith - ful - ness
give us con - so - la - tion. Our spir - its to re - vive
make us weep with plea - sure. And when our eyes grow blind
hand will yet de - liv - er. Who keeps us till the day

has kept us through dis - tress, who've shared with us our plight,
to keep our dreams a - live, when we are far from home
and death is close be - hind, we shall re - cite them still
when night shall pass a - way, when hate and fear are gone

who've held us in the night, the bless - ed con - gre - ga - tion.
and e - vil sea - sons come; how firm is our foun - da - tion.
whose words our hearts can fill with hope be - yond all mea - sure.
and all our work is done, and we shall sing for - ev - er.

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 in memory of Barbara H. Holmes by Jackie & Joe Wetton , and in loving memory of Gordon Torgersen by his daughter Anne Goff and her children, Cheryl and David.

NEW SUNDAY EDUCATION SCHEDULE



8:00 AM: Bible & Bagels I

8:45 AM: Continental Breakfast Served

9:00 AM: B&B II, Church School, Membership Class

10:00 AM: Morning Worship

11:00 AM: Coffee and...

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

11:45 AM: Youth Group (see posted schedule)

TODAY IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS SUNDAY... We welcome our special guests: State Senator Harriett L. Chandler, District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr., Nimish Ganatra, ADA, DVU Director, Anne Early from New Hope, Inc., and Ginger Navikas of YMCA/Daybreak. A panel discussion will highlight today's Adult Forum, and there will be a showing of the film, *Broken Vows* at 5:00 PM (see insert).



YOUTH GROUP TODAY...INDOOR ROCK CLIMBING—Bring comfortable clothes and proper shoes as we head over to do some indoor rock climbing at Central Rock Gym on Barber Avenue in Worcester. **We will depart at 11:45 AM, and Return at 2:15 PM.** Cost will be \$20.00 per person. A completed permission slip and waiver is required!

MEMBERSHIP CLASSES... Interested in learning more about joining First Baptist Church? Join the Senior Minister, Thomas R. McKibbens for the two remaining Sunday morning sessions in the Whitney Room to learn more. Meet us at **9:00 AM** on October 11, and 18.



SCROGIN GREAT ISSUES BOOK FORUM... October 11, 2009 at 11:20 AM in The Roy Room. Topic is Today's Immigration and Where You Stand. The book to be discussed is *Tortilla Curtain*, by T. C. Boyle. U.S. immigration as viewed from the Spanish speaking world.

SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE... Attention all YOUTH (and others)! We have the privilege of holding the *Second Sunday Service* at the Knollwood Nursing Center on Sunday, October 11, 2009 at 2:15 PM. We are looking for individuals willing to sing, play an instrument, or deliver a short skit or presentation for the residents. Those interested should SIGN-UP on the sheet outside of Heather Kattan's office, or contact her directly [508-755-6143 x228 or heatherk@fbc-worc.org].



**Second
Sunday
Service**

OLD-FASHIONED BEANS & FRANKS SUPPER... On **Saturday, October 17, 2009** at 6:00 PM in Gordon Hall. Sponsored by the Sunday School Children of Park Congregational Church. Adults \$8.00, Children ages 5-12 years, \$4.00. ***BASKET RAFFLE!*** Please make reservations by calling 508-752-2468 or by placing your name on the sign-up sheet. **JOIN US FOR SUPPER!**

FALL BUSINESS MEETING

Our Strategic Plan Progress — Asking the Difficult Questions

A presentation by Moderator Landy Johnson, followed by open discussion will take place on **Sunday October 18, 2009 in Gordon Hall** immediately following Morning Worship. Please plan to attend.

SYNERGY... will present **Organ Plus!**, a concert in celebration of the completion of the extension to the FBC Chancel Organ on Sunday, **October 18, 2009** at 4:00 PM. The members of Synergy are Debbie Franks, flute; Lira Cady, harp; and William Ness, organ. **FREE.**

WORCESTER INTERFAITH PRESENTS...The FOURTH ANNUAL *Beggar's Bowl*, fundraiser and arts event on Tuesday, **October 20, 2009**, 5:30 PM in Gordon Hall. Please come and enjoy a bowl of homemade soup served in a hand-thrown stoneware bowl which you will take home. For repeat attendees, here is the opportunity to complete your set of bowls! Donation \$50.00. For more information, call 508-754-5001.



ANNUAL BECK LECTURESHIP... "One Book, Many Voices" with award winning journalist Liz Walker on **Wednesday, October 21, 2009** at FBC. Lecture and film begins at 11:30 AM with a buffet lunch. R.S.V.P. required by Monday, October 12, 2009. Contact Nathan to register [617-969-9404/admin@massbible.org]. See our bulletin board for details, or visit www.massbible.org.

THE 22ND ANNUAL ELISABETH BLANCHARD CASWELL MEMORIAL



CONCERT...Friday, **October 23, 2009**, 8:00 PM presenting Paul Bisaccia, concert pianist. Please save this date and come to hear Paul play some of his favorite Gershwin and other favorites by American composers. **FREE.**



BULGARIA MISSIONARY DINNER...with American Baptist Missionary Terry Myers will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 in the Lee Room at 6:00 PM. ALL ARE WELCOME. Sponsored by TABCOM.

PRAYER...

*Lord, we bless You, for You have not turned away our prayers,
or Your mercy from us.*

~Jo Petty

Please include in your prayers:

- Our church family and our mandate for service and mission
- Our nation and its need for stability and hope
- Our world and its need for peace, justice, and mercy
- Our families; for faith, positive communication, and unconditional love
- All those who suffer from chronic illnesses
- Victims of domestic strife, abuse, violence—the abused and the abusers
- Madelyn Morse, Charles Sibley, Dean Stevens, Donna McKibbens, Richard Smith
- Those who are in transition with health issues, housing issues, etc.
- The Prayer Ministries of First Baptist Church
- Victims of natural disaster, accident, crime, war
- Those who are in care facilities or homebound

AT BRIARWOOD THIS WEEK: Friend to Friend (FTF) First Tuesday Fellowship on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, 6:30 PM in the Scrogin Library at the Elms. Featuring **The Post Road Chorus**. Second Sunday Service on October 11, 2009 in the Activity Room at the Knollwood Nursing Center at 2:15 PM. Featuring the **FBC Youth**.

The Skein of Knitters meets this Tuesday, October 6, 2009, 10:30 AM for lunch, the knitting for Prayer Shawls, and fellowship at the home of Betty and Ned Bennett, 61 Harvest Circle, Holden (off Salisbury Street).

The Women's Prayer Fellowship, and the Evening Prayer Fellowship meet each Wednesday at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM, respectively, in the Roy Room. We have so many requests for prayer. Please join us and add your strength to our prayers.

WALK FOR HUNGER...The 35th Annual Worcester CROP Walk will be held on **October 25**, starting from Trinity Lutheran Church. As this is a special anniversary, they are hoping to raise \$35,000. Lots of prayers, donations, and workers are needed to pull this off. **SAVE THE DATE** and then **PLAN TO WALK** for hunger.

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 that are at risk of homelessness.

OUR CALENDAR—YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

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| | 10:00 AM | Morning Worship |
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| | 11:45 AM | Youth Group |
| | 5:00 PM | Film: <i>Broken Vows</i> |
| Mon., Oct. 5, 2009 | 12:00 PM | Jericho Road; Hope for Housing |
| | 5:30 PM | Phoenix Players |
| | 5:45 PM | Buildings and Grounds |
| | 5:30 PM | Phoenix Players |
| Tue., Oct. 6, 2009 | 10:00 AM | Full Staff Meeting |
| | 10:30 AM | Skein of Knitters (off-site) |
| | 1:00 PM | Salisbury Belles |
| | 4:00 PM | Chorister Choir |
| | 7:00 PM | Social Action Committee; Compassionate Friends |
| Wed., Oct. 7, 2009 | 9:00 AM | Women's Prayer; Lit. Vols; Jericho Rd; Music Guild |
| | 5:30 PM | Phoenix Players |
| | 6:00 PM | TABCOM Missionary Dinner |
| | 7:00 PM | Evening Prayer Fellowship; Park Congregational
Food Addicts in Rec. |
| Thu., Oct 8, 2009 | 9:00 AM | Lit. Volunteers |
| | 5:30 PM | Phoenix Players |
| | 6:15 PM | First Handbells |
| | 7:30 PM | Chancel Choir |
| | 8:00 PM | Alcoholics Anonymous |
| Fri., Oct. 9, 2009 | 3:15 PM | Girl Scouts |
| Sun., Oct. 11, 2009 | 8:00 AM | B&B Session I |
| | 8:45 AM | Continental Breakfast |
| | 9:00 AM | Membership Class; B&B Session II; Church School |
| | 10:00 AM | Morning Worship |
| | 11:00 AM | Coffee and... |
| | 11:20 AM | Scrogin Forum; AB Kids; Mini Chorister Choir |
| | 2:15 PM | Youth Group at Knollwood 2nd Sunday Service |



Fri., Oct. 9, 2009

Sun., Oct. 11, 2009



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