

The First Baptist Church of Worcester
MORNING WORSHIP IN GORDON HALL

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



September 25, 2011

10:00 AM

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 615 Community of Christ..... Leoni

* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 63)

Leader: God, you are my God; I seek you, my soul thirsts for you

People: My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Leader: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

People: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

Leader: So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

People: My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips;

Leader: when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

People: for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

* INVOCATION (Unison)

Gracious and merciful God, we fill our bodies with rich food and sweet drinks, yet we still hunger and thirst for you. And so we praise you for taking the initiative to replenish and renew our lives. In Christ you showed us the way, and you demonstrated your love for us and the whole world. Now we seek to know your thoughts and to be filled with your love and justice. We praise you and offer our thoughtful worship in the spirit of Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray...Our Father....

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** 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!*

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE Luke 13: 1-9 (p. 848) Sayon Johnson

CELEBRATION OF CHILDREN..... Mark Hecox

ANTHEM Alleluia! Ferdinand Hummel (1885-1928)

SERMON Repentance in a Time of Terror Daniel L. Buttry

*** HYMN 622 When Will People Cease Their Fighting?** Rustington

THE OFFERING OF OUR PRAYERS

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Offertory Anthem *Lord Hear Our Prayers* G. Verdi (1813-1901)

*** 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 621 For the Healing of the Nations** Regent Square

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Kammenoi-Ostro N. Rimsky-Korsokov (1844-1908)

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 here 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.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR...are given by Lynne Steeves in remembrance of Gerald Steeves, husband, and Diane Gasperack, daughter.

DAN BUTTRY, GLOBAL CONSULTANT FOR PEACE and JUSTICE...American Baptist International Ministries, is our special guest preacher in worship today, and will also lead the Adult Forum.

OUT GUEST ORGANIST & CHOIR DIRECTOR TODAY...is Robert Wilson. Welcome back, Bob.

S.A.W.T. (Save All Worcester Trees) ...An open forum on the Asian Long-Horned Beetle (ALB): September 27 @ 7:00 PM, here at First Baptist Church.

BEGGAR'S BOWL...Worcester Interfaith's 6th Annual dinner is October 11 at FBC. Enjoy a hearty, homemade bowl of soup, served in a hand thrown stoneware bowl which you may keep for a tax deductible contribution of \$50. Contact: Frank Kartheiser: 508-754-5001 .

REVELS REPERTORY COMPANY presents "**Harvest Home**" at FBC Oct. 22 @ 7 PM...a wonderful varied program for all ages including music, dances, stories and more! Tickets available at FBC: Adults: \$15 and Children: \$10

FBC'S BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION...We are in need of names and addresses of past staff, clergy, members and friends who may like more information on future events. Please leave information in the Bicentennial Committee mail slot in the Office.

This Week at First Baptist Church

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| TODAY, Sept 25 | 8:30 AM | Breakfast; Nursery Opens |
| | 9:00 AM | Bible & Bagels; Sunday School; Choir warm-up |
| | 10:00 AM | Worship Service |
| | 11:15 AM | Coffee and...; Adult Forum; Young Musicians |
| | 2:00 PM | Habitat Families BBQ on Lawn |
| Mon., Sept 26 | 1:00 PM | Weekly Staff Meeting |
| Tues., Sept 27 | 10:00 AM | Prayer Ministries |
| | 10:00 AM | Central Baptist MM (CBMM) |
| | 1:00 PM | Salisbury Belles |
| | 4:15 PM | Chorister Choir |
| | 6:00 PM | Nominating Committee |
| | 7:00 PM | Joint Gov Bd/Finance Bd; ALB Open Forum; |
| | 9:00 AM | Women's Prayer Group |
| Wed., Sept 28 | 1:00 PM | Jericho Road Committee |
| | 7:00 PM | Evening Prayer Group; |
| | | Food Addicts in Recovery |
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| Thurs., Sept 29 | 10:00 AM | Central Clergy |
| | 6:15 PM | First Handbells |
| | 7:30 PM | Chancel Choir |
| | 8:00 PM | AA Support Group |
| Fri., Sept 30 | 3:15 PM | Girl Scouts |
| Sat., Oct 1 | 8:00 AM | Men's Breakfast |
| Sun., Oct 2 | 8:30 AM | Breakfast; Nursery Opens |
| | 9:00 AM | Bible & Bagels; Sunday School; Choir warm-up |
| | 10:00 AM | Worship & Communion |
| | 11:00 AM | Fellowship & Refreshments |
| | 11:20 AM | Adult Forum; Young Musicians |

HOPE FOR HOUSING GROCERY CARDS... Stop by the table in Gordon Hall following morning worship service to purchase **Hope for Housing Homeless Prevention Cards** to use for your grocery shopping and help to prevent homelessness in Worcester.