

The First Baptist Church of Worcester
MORNING WORSHIP IN GORDON HALL
HOLY COMMUNION



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

September 4, 2011 10:00 AM

PRELUDE Songs Without Words, No. 1 Felix Mendelssohn
Con Moto Steven Heller

The prelude and postlude are times for quiet reflection and preparation for worship.

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OPENING HYMN 580 We Are Called to Be God's People Austrian Hymn

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 127: 1-2 and Psalm 90: 17)

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you!

Leader: Unless the Lord build the house, those who build it labor in vain.

People: Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.

Leader: It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil;

People: For God gives sleep to his beloved.

Leader: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands;

People: Yes, establish the work of our hands!

* **INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)**

Eternal God, as we gather on this Labor Day weekend, we pray that you would hasten the day when all shall labor not just for personal gain, but for the common good, the day when all commerce will be honest, all labor a form of prayer, and all humanity shall rejoice in the accomplishments of the labor of hands and mind and heart. Bring an end to all strife between employers and workers, and establish true community among all who labor. We offer this prayer in the name of the one who labored for the good of all, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray: Our Father (debts)...

** 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.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

THE OFFERING OF OUR PRAYERS

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Offertory *Abide with Me*Arranged by Cindy Berry

*** 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**

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE Exodus 12: 1-14 (p. 51)
Matthew 18: 15-20 (p. 799)

CELEBRATION OF CHILDREN

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Conjectures of a Summer Observer..... Thomas R. McKibbens

COMMUNION HYMN 492 Spirit of the Living God..... Iverson

A SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Passing of the Bread and Wine

The Passing of the Peace and “Blest Be the Tie”

HYMN 499 He Leadeth Me He Leadeth Me

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Doxology*..... Arranged by Mark Hayes

Annette Siver, Pianist

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 any questions.

OUR GUEST PIANIST TODAY IS...Annette Siver. Annette and her husband live in Lancaster, in the middle of an apple orchard. They have two children and a "perfect" grandson who is two months old. Annette loves music and is very thankful to God for the ability He has given her which brings so much joy!

FAMILY SWIMMING PARTY!...All Church School families are invited to enjoy a swimming party at Greendale Family YMCA from 12:30 – 2:30 PM on Saturday, September 10. Parents are encouraged to bring something for the party and stay for the fun. For more information contact Paula Harvey at nananator23@gmail.com !

FESTIVAL SUNDAY, September 11...The day begins at 8:30 AM with a breakfast sponsored by the Board of Christian Education. Church School classes begin at 9:00 AM, including Bible and Bagels for adults. Worship returns to the sanctuary, where Tom McKibbens will begin a fall series of sermons entitled *Things that Go Bump in the Night: Five Fears that Plague Us*. A light lunch will be served in Gordon Hall after the service.

MASS REMEMBERS: VOICES OF HOPE...is a state-wide observance of the 10th anniversary of the events of **September 11**. It will begin at 2:00 PM at Institute Park.

FLU SHOTS...A sign-up sheet is in the Church Office for estimated September date or e-mail the Health Cabinet at fbchealthcabinet.

This Week at First Baptist Church

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TODAY, Sept 4	9:45 AM	Nursery & Preschool childcare open
	10:00 AM	Worship & Communion; Summer Church School
	11:00 AM	Fellowship & Refreshments in Gordon Hall
Mon., Sept 5		Labor Day—Church Closed
Tues., Sept 6	8:00 AM	Worcester Interfaith
	1:00 PM	Staff Meeting
	7:00 PM	Benevolence Committee Compassionate Friends
Wed., Sept 7	9:00 AM	Jericho Road
	7:00 PM	Food Addicts in Recovery
Thurs., Sept 8	3:00 PM	milk support group (Mothers & Infants)
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	8:00 PM	AA support group
Sat., Sept 10	8:00 AM	Men's Breakfast
	12:30 PM	Family Swimming Party @ Greendale YMCA
	7:00 PM	Park Congregational Game Night (all welcome)
Sun., Sept 11	8:30 AM	Christian Education Breakfast
	8:30 AM	Childcare open
	9:00 AM	Bible & Bagels ; Church School
	10:00 AM	Worship in the Sanctuary
	11:15 AM	Luncheon in Gordon Hall (\$6.50 pp) Sign up is requested or call office to reserve
	2:00 PM	9/11 Memorial Service at Institute Park * First Baptist will be open after the 9/11