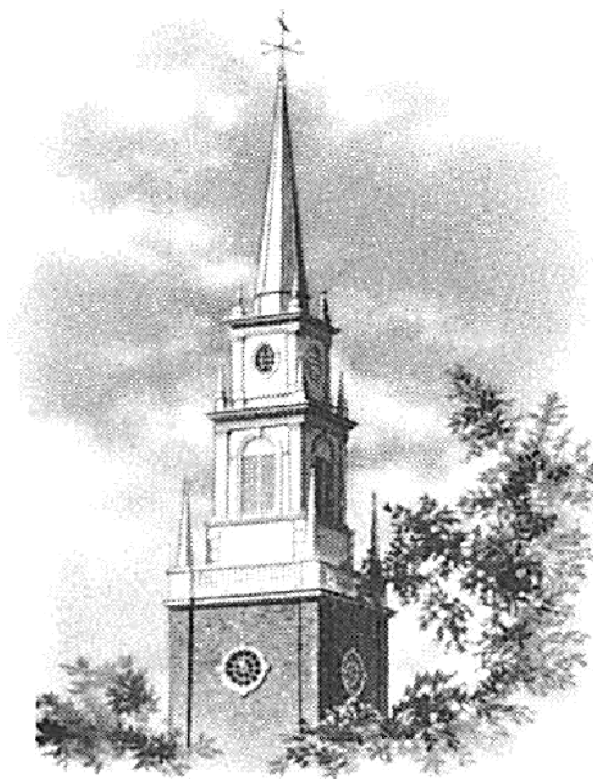


First Baptist Church

September 13, 2009



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
Welcome Back, Chancel Choir!

September 13, 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 Fantasy on *All Creatures of Our God and King*..... Flor Peeters
1903-1986

***HYMN 23** *All Creatures of Our God and King*..... Lasst Uns Erfreuen

***CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 19)**

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the Firmament
proclaims God's handiwork.

People: Let us come and seek the wisdom of God.

Leader: The wisdom of God is more desirable than gold and sweeter
than honey.

**ALL: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my
redeemer.**

***INVOCATION (Unison)**

**All around us, O God, creation preaches a silent sermon about your
glory. The full orange moon declares your constant watchfulness; the
early morning mist speaks of your steadfast love; the cool breeze
through slowly changing leaves whispers your grace. O Spirit of
Wisdom, you meet us in the rush of our days with a voice of truth. In
this time together, may we hear you in the silence and the songs, the
words and the gestures, and discover you in the people around us, even
as we pray as Christ taught us, saying: Our Father...(depts)**

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM *The Heavens are Telling* Ludwig van Beethoven
...the Lord's endless glory, through all the earth His praise is found. 1770-1827
The seas re-echo the marvelous story: O man, repeat that glorious sound!
The starry hosts He doth order and number, He fills the morning's golden strings
He wakes the sun from his night curtained slumber; O man, adore the King of kings!

The heavens are His and the earth knows His favor, How power in all things thou dost see.
The Lord of hosts who forever and ever Thy God and Father still shall be.
He is thy Maker whose love shall not waver, A God of wisdom, ever kind;
Praise Him and love Him with all thy endeavor, In Him salvation shalt thou find!

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 1:20-33 (pg. 509)

Unison Reading of Psalm 19 (pg. 433)

James 3:1-12 (pg. 981)

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 CHILDREN Heather Kattan

(Children who desire to participate in a Children's Worship Experience are invited to join their worship leader following the Children's Message.)

SERMON *Street Smarts* Thomas R. McKibbens

***HYMN 502** *Be Thou My Vision* Slane

THE OFFERING OF OUR PRAYERS

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Offertory Anthem *With a Voice of Singing* Martin Shaw

...declare ye this and let it be heard: Alleluia! 1875-1958

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered His people. Alleluia!

O be joyful in God, all ye lands; O sing praises to the honor of His name.

Make His praise to be glorious.

***Doxology 34** Old Hundredth

***Prayer of Dedication**

***CLOSING HYMN 591** *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*Germany

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Processional* Martin Shaw

**Those who are able may stand.*

*Chancel Choir
William Ness, Minister of Music & Arts*

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 & LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE...

Please speak with one of our ushers for assistance.

CHANCEL FLOWERS...Today's arrangement is given in memory of Earle R. Perkins, Jr., son of Jean Perkins and brother of B.J. Perkins. 🌸

NEW SUNDAY EDUCATION SCHEDULE...



We offer a variety of worship and learning opportunities for all ages! **Bible & Bagels resumes September 20.** Both the 8:00 AM and the 9:00 AM classes will be held in the Lee Room, for a study of I Thessalonians. **Church School resumes at 9:00 AM beginning September 27.** Following the Children's Message during Morning Worship each Sunday, children are invited to attend a **Children's Worship** session upstairs in the Green Room. **September 27, our Adult Forum resumes and ABKids [*NEW*] will begin at 11:20 AM,** followed by the **YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF at 11:45 AM.**

For more information, please speak with Heather Kattan,
Minister of Youth & Education. ☺

TODAY!

September 13, 2009

2nd Annual "POT LUCK"

at BARRE FALLS DAM



Departure time: 11:30 AM from FBC Parking Lot. The picnic area closes at sunset. Be sure to pick up a copy of the flyer for directions, map, and other important information!



FESTIVAL SUNDAY & RE-DEDICATION OF THE SANCTUARY



We look forward to a wonderful day as we celebrate 70 years since the Sanctuary was dedicated, with a homecoming and re-creation of much of that original *Service of Dedication*. In addition, *Festival Sunday* will feature Church School registration with an array of opportunities to join in all of the action our church participates in during the year. See today's insert for more *Festival Sunday* information!

MUSIC & ARTS BAKE SALE...on September 20! Plan to take delectable delights home following Morning Worship and the Festival time. We will be at our tables with goodies to sell!



WANTED...Church School Teachers and Children's Worship Leaders!



We are in need of individuals willing to assist with our Sunday Morning Programming. Previous experience is not necessary, and you may make any sort of time commitment. Contact Heather Kattan at heatherk@fbc-worc.org OR 508-755-6143 x228.

THE PRAYER FELLOWSHIPS...resume their 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM schedule on **Wednesday, September 23, 2009.**

CALLING ALL GOLFERS...Come play in the **First Annual Golf Outing** to benefit the Briarwood Continuing Care and Retirement Community on **Thursday, September 24, 2009 at Wachusett**



Country Club in West Boylston. Briarwood is celebrating its 25th Anniversary of providing care and services to Seniors in the Central Massachusetts area. Show your interest in this event by contacting David Johnson [508-856-9041/



johnsonDM@alumni.umass.edu].



Next Sunday is FESTIVAL SUNDAY! September 20, 2009

- * Join us for our traditional BRUNCH in Gordon Hall following Morning Worship!
- * Meet your Church School Teachers and visit your classroom!



Also, Starting September 27...ABKids!

- * An exciting, engaging, amazing, fun, biblically-based time for Kids
- * Stay and be part of this experience!
- * Set each week in the Lee Room at 11:20 AM, leaders will pick up the children at their snack time following Children's Worship
- * Contact Heather Kattan for more information [508-755-6143 x228 OR Heatherk@fbc-worc.org]



NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

- * Continental Breakfast—8:45 AM
- * Church School—9:00 AM
- * Morning Worship—10:00 AM
Children in ages 4 thru 5th Grade will leave for Children's Worship in the Green Room at approximately 10:20 AM
- * Adult Forum & ABKids—11:20 AM (end at 12:20 PM)



UPCOMING ADULT/SCROGIN FORUMS

September 27 Report on the American Baptist Biennial

Thomas R. McKibbens, Donna McKibbens, Michael Harvey



Come and hear all the exciting news to come out of the Biennial, held this past June in Pasadena, California! WHITNEY ROOM

October 4

Domestic Violence Awareness Sunday

State Senator Harriett L. Chandler, Ginger Navikas, Vinny Gorglioui, Margaret Rwaramba, Ann Early, Thomas R. McKibbens



An amazing all-day event highlighting and addressing the on-going issue of domestic violence. Includes the showing of the film *Broken Vows* at 5:00 PM. *Broken Vows* presents the stories of six battered women: Jewish, Roman, Catholic, and Protestant, demonstrates how religious teachings have been misused to perpetuate abuse, and how religious communities can work proactively to end domestic violence. GORDON HALL

October 11

US Immigration as viewed from the Spanish-Speaking world.

SCROGIN FORUM meets in the ROY ROOM to discuss *Tortilla Curtin*, by T.C. Boyle. There will also be a display of the Friendship Quilt created by the Women's Prayer Fellowship and given to Betsy Minott. WHITNEY ROOM



October 18

FALL BUSINESS MEETING

Immediately following Morning Worship, join us for lunch, followed by the Business Meeting. GORDON HALL



October 25

Candidate's Forum

TBD

Sponsored by the Social Action Committee. GORDON HALL



WORCESTER CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY...presents, *Vienna Serenade* featuring compositions by Beethoven, Schumann, Schubert, and Mozart on Saturday, **September 26, 2009** at 7:30 PM in Gordon Hall. Members include Tracy Kraus, flute; Krista Buckland Reisner, violin; Peter Sulski, violin; Mark Berger, viola; David Russell, cello; William Ness and Ian Watson, piano. With guest Douglas Metcalf, clarinet. **TICKETED**. Visit worcesterchambermusic.org for more information.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS SUNDAY...Our church will hold a special thematic worship service, followed by educational events and opportunities for the entire day on **Sunday, October 4, 2009**. Special guests will include Lieutenant Governor Tim Murray, Ginger Navikas of New Day, Vinny Gorglioui of the Worcester Police Department, and Ann Early from the Batterer's Intervention Office. A panel discussion will highlight the Adult Forum, and there will be a showing of the film, *Broken Vows* at 5:00 PM.



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...on **Sunday, October 18, 2009**, immediately following the morning Worship service. 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.

WORCESTER INTERFAITH PRESENTS...*The Beggar's Bowl*, a fundraiser and arts event on Tuesday, **October 20, 2009**, 5:30 PM in Gordon Hall at FBC. Please come and enjoy a bowl of homemade soup served in a hand-thrown stoneware bowl which you will take home. Donation \$50.00. For more information, call 508-754-5001.



THE PRAYER PYRAMID...will assume the responsibility for your prayer needs while the prayer fellowships are not meeting. Please contact the Church Office (508-755-6143) or Eleanor Brockway (508-753-7827) with any prayer requests.

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 to all!

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.

THE PHOENIX PLAYERS PRESENTS...JENNY JONES — Spy Catcher, directed by Brian Hayes on **November 6 & 7, 2009, 7:30 PM** in Gordon Hall. This short thriller will be augmented with a bit of musical theatre by the Chancel Choir. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults/\$6.00 for children, and will be available in the Church Office!

THANKSGIVING PIES...The Music & Arts Committee is planning to bake your Thanksgiving Pie again this year! Choices will be Apple, Pecan, and Pumpkin. Please place your order by November 15, or there will be no pie for you. Order forms available soon. Pick-up is on Sunday, November 22 following Morning Worship in Gordon Hall. Don't miss out on these great homemade pies—they're worth every penny!






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.

WELCOME BACK...We encourage everyone to take a moment and update your contact information by calling the Church Office at 508-755-6143, or via e-mail [info@fbc-worc], including your home & mailing address, home & cell phone numbers, e-mail address. In addition, should you be hospitalized for any reason, please have someone designated to contact the church on your behalf. Many thanks for your help!



OUR CALENDAR—YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY, Sept. 13, 2009	9:45 AM	Nursery & Preschool Open
	10:00 AM	Worship
	11:30 AM	Depart for POT LUCK Picnic
Mon., Sept. 14, 2009	6:30 PM	Phoenix Players Rehearsal 
	7:00 PM	Habitat
Tue., Sept. 15, 2009	10:00 AM	Weekly Staff
	1:00 PM	Salisbury Belles & Beaux (resumes)
	4:00 PM	Chorister Choir (resumes)
	6:00 PM	Stewardship Committee
	6:30 PM	Health Cabinet
	7:00 PM	Benevolence; Board of CE; Mothers of Twins
Wed., Sept. 16, 2009	9:00 AM	Literacy Volunteers
	6:45 PM	Pastoral Relations
	7:00 PM	Food Addicts in Recovery
Thu., Sept. 17, 2009	9:30 AM	Literacy Volunteers; Conference of Baptist Ministers
	6:15 PM	First Handbells (resumes)
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir
	8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous
Fri., Sept. 11, 2009	3:15 PM	Girl Scouts
Sun., Sept. 20, 2009 — FESTIVAL SUNDAY & 70th SANCTUARY RE-DEDICATION		
	8:00 AM	Bible & Bagels Session I
	9:00 AM	Bible & Bagels Session II
	10:00 AM	Worship
	11:20 AM	FESTIVAL SUNDAY BRUNCH; BP Screening

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