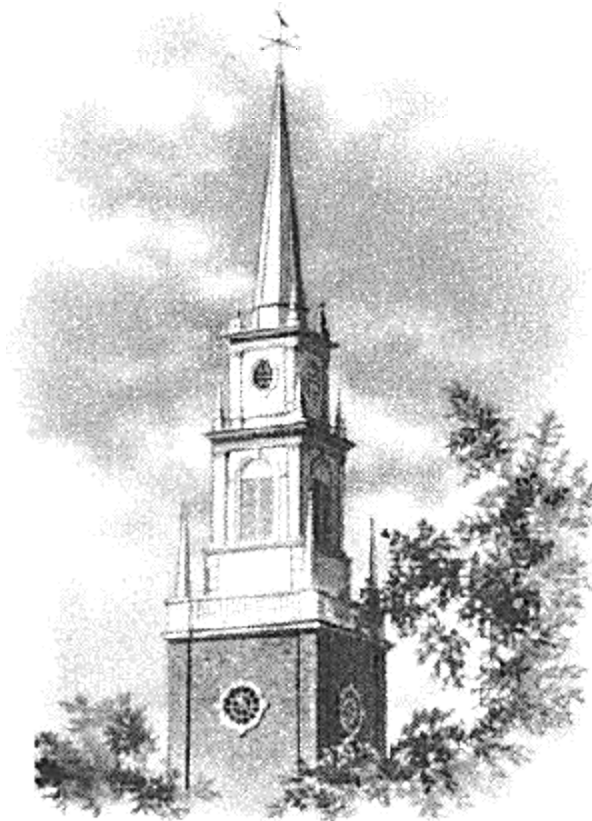


First Baptist Church

July 5, 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



July 5, 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 *Adagio*..... Craig Phillips
b. 1961

***HYMN 74** Eternal Father, Strong to Save..... Melita

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

Leader: Let us praise God here in this place of worship, in awe over God's steadfast love.

People: Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth.

Leader: Let the whole world rejoice because of your righteous judgments.

People: Let us pass on the message of God's greatness wherever we go.

Leader: So that generation to generation will know that this is our God, who will guide us forever.

***INVOCATION (Unison)**..... Heather Kattan

O God, when we least expect you, you appear. You appear in the faces of strangers and friends, you appear in places of danger and calm, you appear during our times of weakness and strength. Open our eyes to see you here, and open our mouths to speak and to sing and to proclaim the good news that you are here, you are there, you are everywhere. We pray in the way that Jesus taught us: Our Father...(debts)

***GLORIA PATRI 734**..... Creatorex

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Heather Kattan

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE..... Heather Kattan

Micah 4:1-5 (pg. 755)

James 1:19-27 (pg. 980)

ANTHEM *Come, Peace of God* Eugene Butler
Text by May Rowland b. 1935

Come, peace of God, and dwell again on earth,
Come with the calm that hailed thy Prince's birth,
Come with the healing of thy gentle touch,
Come, peace of God, that this world needs so much.

Break every weapon forged in fires of hate,
Turn back the foe that would assail thy gate;
Where fields of strife lie desolate and bare,
Take thy sweet flowers of peace and plant them there.

Bring selfish lives from shadowlands of loss,
Into the radiance of the Savior's cross.
Wherein that gift so precious, yet so lone,
Life finds its brotherhood and love its throne.

Come, blessed peace as when in hush of eve,
God's benediction falls on souls who grieve;
As shines a star when weary day departs,
Come, peace of God, and rule within our hearts.

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 *A First Century Stimulus Program*..... Rev. John Minott

***HYMN** *Not Alone for Mighty Empire* (see insert)..... Austrian Hymn

THE OFFERING OF OUR PRAYERS John Minott

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS..... Heather Kattan

Offertory *O God, Thou Faithful God*, Op. 65 Sigfrid Karg-Elert
1877-1933

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***CLOSING HYMN 72** Great Is Thy Faithfulness..... Faithfulness

***BENEDICTION**..... John Minott

POSTLUDE Variations and Fugue on *The Star Spangled Banner* ... John Knowles Paine
1839-1906

**Those who are able may stand.*

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

ABOUT OUR GUEST MINISTER:

A familiar face at FBC, the Rev. John Minott has been a member for 10 years. He received his education at Boston University, Colgate Rochester University, Hartford Seminary, and Andover Newton. John has served churches in Western New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts, but is best known as the husband of Elizabeth. They reside in Princeton, Massachusetts with their basset hound, Sarah.

PASTORAL CARE REMINDER:

Rev. Don Crosby will be available for pastoral care from July 5 through the end of August. His home phone number: 508-459-0210; cell phone number: 508-723-2600. You may also reach him via E-mail: maridon@aol.com.



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...We appreciate today's donation from one of the gardeners among us! ✨

SUPER SUMMER SUNDAYS...Summer Sundays are truly SUPER at First Baptist Church! We offer excellent programming for every group at 9:00 AM. Dedicated teachers will lead the children in object-oriented, interactive, Bible-based learning in the Green Room, using the **KidsOwn Worship®** Curriculum. **Bible & Bagek** continues in the Lee Room. Join your friends for a study of Galatians. No prior knowledge required. 🍞



REFRESHMENTS AND...Join with the family and friends following the service today in Gordon Hall. Be sure to take time to reach out to those among us who are new at the First Baptist Church!



MANY THANKS...for your generous outpouring of support and welcome at the baby shower for Patience Kagoma. His family is very grateful for all of your gifts and good wishes!

ROOF RESURFACING PROJECT...A top priority of the Buildings & Grounds



Committee is the resurfacing of two flat-roof sections of the building, over First Friends and over the Baptistry. The work is scheduled to begin on **Wednesday, July 8, 2009** and is expected to last three to four days, subject to weather conditions. Minimal impact to church schedules and programming is expected.

YOUTH COOKOUT & SWIM PARTY...Come cool off from the summer heat!



Please join us on **July 12, 2009**, for a meal together at the home of Paula, Mike, and Stephanie Harvey, and then we will walk to the JCC for some swimming. We will leave the church at 11:30 AM. **PLEASE SIGN-UP.**

A COMPLETED permission slip is required for this event.

COMING JULY 17, 2009...4-R-KIDS—A Summer Learning Program with the



Elm Park Community School and the Worcester School Department. **VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED** to walk from the school site to FBC and back, **AND/OR** to help with crafts, breakfast, lunch, and snacks. **CORI** required. More info to come. Please speak with Heather Kattan or Jean Perkins for more information!

VISIT TO OVERLOOK FARM...Planned for **July 26, 2009**, we will take a trip



to the Overlook Farm in Rutland, MA, to learn more about Project Heifer International, and spend some time visiting with the animals.

THIS TRIP IS OPEN TO ALL, and it will kick off our goal to raise \$500 to buy a heifer. We will leave the church at 11:45 AM, and return approximately 3:30 PM. PLEASE SIGN-UP, and be sure to bring a bag lunch! Children ages 10 and under MUST be accompanied by a parent. *Ages 11-17 not accompanied by a parent will need a completed permission slip in order to attend!*

VACATION BIBLE CAMP...Experience & Discover God Everywhere during



CAMP E.D.G.E., August 2—5, 5:30—8:30 PM at FBC! There is something for **EVERYONE**—Ages four to adult! VBC is not your typical stroll through the woods; it's an action-packed, expedition that teaches kids and adults that their might and strength come from God! Plan to join the adventure. Parents of children and youth should look for more information and a registration form in the mail **OR ANYONE INTERESTED** may visit our website and download a copy [www.fbc-worc.org]. Also, if you are interested in helping “behind the scenes”, please speak with Heather Kattan.

GARDEN FLOWERS FOR THE CHANCEL...During the months of July and August, the Floral Arts Committee encourages the gardeners among us to consider sharing the beauty of their gardens! We welcome any arrangements, and ask that you bring them with you on Sunday before Worship, to be placed on the Chancel in July or at the front of Gordon Hall in August.

SUMMER CHOIR REMINDER...We will meet at 9:00 AM **each Sunday in July**, for those who are interested in singing only on Sunday morning with no robes. One Anthem per Sunday. Please join with us to sing!

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.

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.



WORSHIP in GORDON HALL...Beginning **August 2, 2009**, our Sunday Worship Service will be held in Gordon Hall through the month of August, providing greater comfort during the warmer months, and permitting routine cleaning and maintenance of the narthex and sanctuary areas. Sunday Worship will continue to meet at 10:00 AM.

SECOND ANNUAL CHURCH POTLUCK PICNIC...At Barre Falls Dam in Hubbardston, MA on **September 13, 2009**. We look forward to another wonderful day, departing immediately following Morning Worship and enjoying the beautiful picnic grounds as long as we like. *Details to come very soon...*

FESTIVAL SUNDAY & REDEDICATION OF THE SANCTUARY...on **September 13, 2009**. What a wonderful day this will be as we celebrate 70 years since the sanctuary was dedicated with a homecoming and recreation 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!

