



# THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WORCESTER

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*A Welcoming and Affirming Church  
A Safe Space for All*

*First gathered in 1812*



## *Order of Worship*

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*Imagining Together*

*May 21, 2017*

*10:00 AM*

# **Thoughts on Worship**

This week we are joined by the Reverend Zach Kerzee, who will be leading in worship through music, and also offering a reflection with Brent. Zach is the Lead Pastor of Simple Church in Grafton, MA, and he has an M.Div. from Harvard Divinity. We are excited to extend our imaginations with Zach this Sunday.

Remember that Wesley is away this weekend for his graduation; our prayers and celebration go with him.

\* Indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in spirit.

## **Invocation**

### **\* Congregational Singing**

## **Welcome and Highlights**

### **\* Time of Greeting**

### **\* Gathering Song**

## **The Reading**

John 14:15-21 (pg. 877)

One: May the Spirit of Wisdom lead us to understanding.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

## **Children's Moment**

## **Homiletical Reflection**

*Reverend Zach Kerzee*

# Offering of our Gifts

## Special Music

### \* Doxology

## Homiletical Reflection

*Reverend Brent Newberry*

## Prayers of the People

### \* Congregational Singing

## Benediction

Flowers are given today in celebration of First Baptist Church.

## Who We're Praying for this Week

- Evelyn C.
- Lynne S.
- Margaret K.
- Kathy M.
- Jinny S.
- Paw Wah Hope
- Betty K.
- Patti
- Roberta F.
- Gordon B.
- Betty B.
- Inge K.
- Rod
- Paul F.

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The Reverend Brent A. Newberry, Pastor  
Wesley Hall, Minister of Music and Arts  
Jeremy Berry, Youth Ministry Assistant

# Thanks for being here!

We are so glad you worshipped together with us this morning! Thank you for being here. Each of you matters to us, and we hope to get to know you better. We are a Welcoming & Affirming Church, and a Safe Space for all people.

What that means: Who you are, and how you're created is a gift to this world and this faith community, and we celebrate the ways your life gives witness to the way of Christ in both. Maybe it's your race or nationality, your age or vocation, your sexual orientation, your gender identity, your faith background, your political affiliation or personal aspirations, you are celebrated here. You are safe here, to fully be who God has created you to be. And if you would like to partner in ministry with us, we have no doubt that your participation will make us a better faith community.

We have weekly opportunities for learning and friendship. Check out our Announcement Flyer or subscribe from our website's home page ([www.fbc-worc.org](http://www.fbc-worc.org)) to our weekly e-newsletter on the happenings of our church.

Following our services each week, we invite you to join us in Gordon Hall for coffee and refreshments, our treat! If you're new, we'd love a chance to get to know you, and if you're a regular, well, you know what to do--make a new friend! Gordon Hall is located through the exit to your right (the pulpit side).

All-Gender Restrooms are available in the rear of the sanctuary or to the exit to your right, near Gordon Hall. If you still aren't sure of their location, ask a new friend--they'll be happy to show you the way!

Last but not least! We have connection card inserts. Fill that out and drop it in the offering plate, and our Pastor will be happy to reach out during the week to answer any questions or give you any more information about our great church!