



# THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WORCESTER

*A Welcoming and Affirming Church  
A Safe Space for All  
First gathered in 1812*



## *Order of Worship*

June 10, 2018  
10:00 AM

# Welcome to First Baptist!

Alguien habla español aquí.

Es gibt hier Leute, die Deutsch sprechen.

May nagsasalita nang Tagalog dito.

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Temos alguém aqui que fala português.

这里有人说中文。

Kuna mtu hapa anayezungumza Swahili.

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Ici on parle français.

Nwe mbum yu fa wi si myu

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## Thoughts on Worship

This Sunday our youth and children will lead us in worship by reading from the Scriptures. In another of our readings, the author encourages us to focus on that which lasts. How do we know what lasts, and how might we align our day-to-day lives with it?

We would like to thank Kendra Beane for her musical leadership in today's service.

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

## **Prelude**

*Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist*.....Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)  
Wesley Hall

“C Major Peal” .....Alice Ralston  
First Handbells

## **\* Song of Welcome**

Glory to God, Glory in the Highest.....*Peruvian Melody*

## **\* Prayer of Illumination**

*Joseph Zuniga*

O God our ruler and shepherd,  
you anointed Jesus  
as the king and servant of your people.  
Make us attentive to your word,  
that we may accept your reign over us  
and serve you alone. Amen.

## **\* Congregational Hymn**

548 Come, Great God of All the Ages.....*Abbot's Leigh*

## **Welcome from the Church**

*In the pew rack should be an FBC Welcome Connection Card. If you are visiting with us, and if you would like to learn more about our church or ways you can connect more deeply within the life of our church, please fill out the card and place it in the offering plate later on in the service.*

## **\* Greeting One Another in Grace**

*You are invited to share the grace of Christ with one another.*

## **\* Gathering Song**

736 Celtic Alleluia

## **Special Music**

“Now the Green Blade Riseth” .....Kevin McChesney (b. 1963)  
First Handbells

## Offering of Our Gifts

*The ministries of our church are possible because of the generous gifts you pledge in support. At this time, you are invited to give your offering, as you are able.*

## Offertory

“Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace” .....Kevin McChesney

First Handbells

*This piece was dedicated by the composer to the victims of the shooting at Columbine High School and other acts of senseless violence.*

## \* Doxology

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

## Reading of the Scriptures

1 Samuel 8:4-11 (12 - 15), 16 - 20, (11:14-15)

*Children & Youth Sunday School*

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, ‘You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.’ But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, ‘Give us a king to govern us.’ Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.’

So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, ‘These will be the ways of the king who will reign over

you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plough his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.’

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, ‘No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.’

Samuel said to the people, ‘Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship.’ So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the Lord in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the Lord, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.

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

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

2 Corinthians 4:13-18, 5:1

*Annika Dixon*

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture —“I believed, and so I spoke” —we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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## **Moment of Wonder**

### **\* Congregational Hymn**

40 For the Beauty of the Earth.....*Dix*

### **Sermon**

*What Lasts*

*The Reverend Brent Newberry*

## **Prayers of the People**

### **Partnering in Church Life**

*Just as we arrived this morning in faith, so too, we depart to be faithful partners in the work of God. Listen now for opportunities to connect more richly in the life of First Baptist.*

### **\* Congregational Hymn**

424 How Can I Keep from Singing?.....*Endless Song*

### **Musical Benediction**

“Prayer for Humanity” .....Kevin McChesney  
First Handbells

### **Postlude**

“Little” Fugue in G Minor.....J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

The flowers this week were donated by Erwin and Marge Miller in remembrance of their parents, Erwin and Harriet Miller, Dan and “Tommie” Hayes, and their grandson, J.T. Fruit.

# Who We're Praying for This Week

- Margaret C.
- Nancy B.
- Sharon W.
- Sue (Jeremy B.)
- Chrissy L.
- Bette S.
- Gordon B.
- John Torrisi

If you or a loved one would like to be prayed for, please fill out a prayer card and drop it in the offering plate or prayer box.

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# 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 Welcome Connection Cards in the pews. Fill one 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!