Religious Services for the WPI Community

This document is a compilation of student responses to the question “Where do you worship”? If you would like to make an addition or clarification, please send your entry to diversity@wpi.edu.

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CHRISTIAN

Baptist:

1. Belmont Street Baptist Church

   Religion/denomination: Baptist General Conference
   Additional classification: Evangelical
   Service times/days: http://bsbc777.org/serv_min.html
   Address/location: Belmont and Fountain
   Directions from Campus: Walk east down Highland St. across Lincoln Square and then up the hill a bit. There are three churches on the left side, and BSBC is the red brick one in the middle. A map can be found at http://bsbc777.org/map.html
   Walk time from Campus: 10-15 minutes
   Additional Information: http://bsbc777.org

2. Bible Way Baptist Church

   Religion/denomination: Baptist/Christian
   Additional classification: Conservative (Independent/Fundamental Baptist)
   Service times/days: Sunday-- 10am Sunday School
                      11:30am Morning Service
                      6:00pm Evening Service
                      Wednesday—7:00pm Bible Study
   Address/location: 18 Heard Street, Worcester, MA 01603-1706
   Directions from Campus: Start out going West on Institute Rd toward Trowbridge Rd. Turn Left onto Park Ave. Turn Slight Right onto Stafford St. Turn Slight Left onto Heard St. End at 18 Heard St.
3. *First Baptist Church*

**Religion/denomination:** American Baptist  
**Additional classification:** Everyone welcome  
**Service times/days:** Sunday 10:00-11:00am; sometimes a 12:00pm service as well.  
**Address/location:** 111 Park Ave, Worcester, MA 01609  
**Directions from Campus:** behind the baseball field, behind Higgins House  
**Walk time from Campus:** 2 minutes maximum  
**Additional Information:** A member of the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists.

4. *Rice Memorial Baptist Church*

**Religion/denomination:** Southern Baptist  
**Additional classification:** Conservative  
**Service times/days:** Sunday School at 9am  
Sunday Service at 11am  
**Address/location:** Lincoln St, Northboro  
**Directions from Campus:** 290 East to Exit 24 Church St.  
Take a right onto Pleasant St, then a right onto Lincoln St.  
The church is the blue building on the right just after the Middle School.
5. **Trinity Evangelical Church**

**Religion/denomination:** Evangelical  
**Additional classification:** Protestant  
**Service times/days:** Sunday— 8:30-10:00am & 10:30-12:00pm (Summer Schedule)  Sunday-- 9:00-10:30am  
**Address/location:** 105 Haverhill St, North Reading, MA 01864  
**Directions from Campus:** Concord St; Proceed EAST toward North Reading. To stop sign, one mile. Bear right. Straight through traffic lights. One mile to stop sign. Turn right (onto Route 62 East). Two miles. Post office and Bank on right. Next intersection turn right onto Haverhill Street. Church ¼ mile on left.  
**Walk time from Campus:** Not possible.  
**Additional Information:** [http://www.trinityevangelical.com](http://www.trinityevangelical.com)

6. **Worcester Baptist Church**

**Religion/denomination:** Southern Baptist  
**Service times/days:** College-age class at 10am on Sundays  Worshipt Service at 11am on Sundays  
**Address/location:** Behind the YMCA on Main St. in Worcester
Catholic:

1. *Alden Hall- WPI's On-Campus Service*

   **Religion/denomination:** Catholic
   **Special Programming/appeal for college students:** Having service on campus is very nice. Additional services and social activities are occasionally offered down at the religious center on Schussler Road.
   **Service times/days:** Sunday at 11:30am in Alden Hall and during the week at the religious center.

2. *Our Lady of Fatima Church*

   **Religion/denomination:** Catholic
   **Special Programming/appeal for college students:** The 10am mass on Sunday is conducted in Spanish, which might interest native speakers.
   **Service times/days:** 11:30am Sunday, there are others.
   **Address/location:** not sure, follow directions
   **Directions from Campus:** Walk down Route 9 towards Shrewsbury and it is on the left, it is located right off Exit 17 off 290.
   **Transportation available?** Do not think so
   **Walk Time:** 5-10 minutes
3. **St. Paul’s Cathedral**

**Religion/denomination:** Roman Catholicism  
**Any Additional Classification/Description:** Traditional Worship  
**Special Programming or Appeal for College Students:** VERY close to campus. It also has Spanish masses and young people.  
**Service times/days:** Sat: 4, 7pm (Spanish) Sun: 8,9am (Spanish), 10:15am; 12:15pm (Spanish), Mon thru Fri: 7:15am; 12:10pm Fri: 7pm (Spanish) Sat: 8, 10:45am  
**Address/location:** 15 Chatham Street  
**Directions from Campus:** 2 ways from campus—From West St, take a left onto Highland, then a right into Main. Take a right onto Chatham, St Paul’s is on the left. From West St take a left onto Pleasant Street. Take a right onto Irving, Chatham Street (and St. Paul’s) will be on the left.  
**Transportation Available?:** Contact Mia Zamarro McDonald at tusanella33@hotmail.com  
**Walk Time:** 20-30 minutes  
**Additional Info:** Being the cathedral, all the cool Catholic things in Worcester happen here. We’re very connected. It’s also very large, so if you want to just come and worship and go, there’s plenty of room. If you want to stay for donuts and bagels after the 10:15 on Sunday and meet people, there’s that option, too.
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints:

1. **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**

   - **Religion/denomination:** Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
   - **Service times/days:** 9:30, 12:00 Sundays
   - **Address/location:** 67 Chester St, Worcester
   - **Directions from Campus:** Go north on Salisbury St. Take a right onto Forest St. Take Grover St heading north. Take a left onto Chester.
   - **Walk time from Campus:** 30 min.
   - **Additional Information:** [http://www.lds.org](http://www.lds.org)

Episcopal:

1. **All Saints Church**

   - **Religion/Denomination:** Episcopal
   - **Service times/days:** Sunday at 7:45am (no music), 9:00am (family), and 10:30am (full).
   - **Address/Location:** 10 Irving St., Worcester
   - **Directions from Campus:** take West St to the end, turn left, church on the right.
   - **Walk Time from Campus:** 1.5 mile/10 minute walk.
Gospel:

1. Redemption Rock Church

Religion/denomination: is a Foursquare Gospel Church who worships Jesus Christ.

Special Programming/appeal for college students: It is a very young adult and family oriented. Freedom would be a good description. Children are free to run around during worship, etc. There are several cell groups all around Northern Worcester County.

Service times/days: Two Sunday service 8am/10:30am

Address/location: 1 Hagar Park Road.

Directions from Campus: Take 190 N to Rte 140 N. Take that past Mt Wachusett. Just before getting to Rte 2, the church is on the left.

Transportation available? Contact david12@wpi.edu

Additional Info: It has attendance of around 500 per Sunday. Diversity is welcomed and desired. We look for every tribe and tongue to be represented (isn’t that what heaven’s going to be like?)

2. New England Tamil Church

Religion/denomination: is a full Gospel Christian Church, believes in Jesus Christ.

Special Programming/appeal for college students: Ministering to kids of ALL ages during the Sunday evening Service at 5 PM.

Service times/days: Sunday Service at 5:00 PM

Address/location: 4 Oak Street, Wakefield

Language: Tamil/English
**Directions from Campus:** From 290 E, merge to 490 N; then Rt. 3 S from I95 / Rt. 128 N. On I-95 & Rt. 128 N., take exit 39 to North Ave. – Wakefield MA – at bottom of ramp take right onto North Ave. Travel 2 miles. (*Mike’s gym on your right and Jiffy Lube on your left). Turn right onto Main St. and travel 1 mile. (*Savings bank on your right). Turn left before traffic light into Greenwood Union Church parking lot.

**Transportation available?** Contact Pastor Earl Jeyaraj Ph. (781) 779 - 1487

**Additional Info:** Not only Tamalians but also other Indian Communities as attend every Sunday.

### 3. New England Tamil Church

**Religion/denomination:** is a full Gospel Christian Church, believes in Jesus Christ.

**Special Programming/appeal for college students:** Ministering to kids of ALL ages during the Sunday evening Service at 5 PM.

**Service times/days:** Every first Saturday at 5:00 PM

**Address/location:** 30 Tyler Prentice Rd., Worcester

**Language:** Tamil/English

**Directions from Campus:** Take Salisbury St., turn to Lincoln St., then take Tyler Prentice Rd. The church is on the right.

**Transportation available?** Contact Pastor Earl Jeyaraj Ph. (781) 779 - 1487

**Additional Info:** Not only Tamalians but also other Indian Communities as attend every Sunday.
4. **First Assembly of God Church**

**Religion/denomination:** is a full Gospel Christian Church, believes in Jesus Christ.

**Special Programming/appeal for college students:** College & Career – Friday evening schedule at 7:00 PM. Childrens’s Ministries Corner ministering to kids of ALL ages during the Sunday morning service at 10:30 AM.

**Service times/days:** Sunday Service at 10:30 AM.

**Address/location:** 30 Tyler Prentice Rd., Worcester

**Directions from Campus:** Take Salisbury St., turn to Lincoln St., then take Tyler Prentice Rd. The church is on the right.

**Transportation available?** Contact 508-852-5733

**Additional Info:** It has attendance of around 500 per Sunday. Excellence in Christian Education since 1986. Classes for Pre=Kindergarten, Kindergarten.
Jehovah’s Witness:

1. Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses

Religion/Denomination: Jehovah’s Witness

Special Programming/Appeal for College Students: Bible studies that help us to cope with the problems that we face and see around us today.

Service Times/Days: Sunday 3-5, Tuesday 7-9, Thursday 7-8

Address/Location: 78 Bancroft St, Auburn, MA 01501

Phone: (508) 832-6711

Directions from Campus: Turn right onto Schussler Road
- Turn left onto Highland St/MA-9E. Continue to follow MA-9E.
- Merge onto I-290W toward Auburn/Webster.
- Take the Auburn St exit # 9 toward Auburn.
- Take the Auburn St ramp toward Rt12/Auburn Ctr.
Lutheran:

1. Concordia Lutheran

Religion/Denomination: Christian/Lutheran
Address: 86 Murray Avenue, Worcester MA, 01610
Phone: (508) 755-7351
Additional Info: Is a good alternative to Trinity and is a shorter distance.

2. Trinity

Religion/denomination: Christian/Lutheran
Additional Classification/Description: ELCA
Special Programming/Appeal for College Students: They have youth seminars, bible school, friendly pastors and discussions.
Service times/days: Mon-Fri 9-4 and Holy Eucharists on Sunday at 8 (spoken) and 10 (sung)
Address/location: 73 Lancaster Street
Directions from Campus: Across the street from TKE
Walk time from campus: Less than 5 minutes
Additional Info: The church officials are ready to offer any assistance if needed. The church is also open for quiet prayers, and is really close to campus. It definitely helped me satisfy my spiritual needs.
http://www.trinityworc.org/index.html
Methodist:

1. **Epworth United Methodist Church**

   **Religion/denomination:** Christian/Protestant/United Methodist  
   **Special Programming/appeal for college students:** none…it’s mostly older people with some younger families with young kids.  
   **Service times/days:** Sunday 10-11am  
   **Address/location:** corner of Salisbury and Lancaster  
   **Directions from Campus:** go down Salisbury in the opposite direction of Park, it’s right in the corner of Lancaster across from a Lutheran church  
   **Transportation available?** No but if you need a ride you can call the church office and they can find you a ride; I used to get rides from the church secretary.  
   **Walk Time:** About 10 minutes  
   **Additional Info:** The pastor is a great preacher.

1. **Wesley United Methodist Church**

   **Religion/denomination:** Christian/Protestant/United Methodist  
   **Special Programming/appeal for college students:** Youth programs, bible study groups, several choirs, one specializing in African music. WPI undergrads or grad students have sung with the choir taught Sunday school classes or volunteered at the food pantry (known as Carty Cupboard).  
   **Service times/days:** 8:30-9:30 am and 10:30-11:30 am Sundays  
   **Address/location:** 114 Main Street, corner of Main Street and State Street
Phone: 508-799-4191  
Email: office@wesleychurchworcester.org  
Directions from Campus: from either Institute Road or Highland Street turn right onto Main Street, and go one block (past the court house). It is across the street from the Unitarian church and the Crowne Plaza hotel.  
Walk Time: About 10 minutes  
Additional Info: http://www.wesleychurchworcester.org/  
Wesley is a very diverse, multicultural church with many people from around the Worcester area and other parts of the world. The occasional international lunches have all sorts of American, African, Indian, Caribbean, Middle Eastern, and Korean food. Wesley has weekly bible study classes in Twi, a language in Ghana. There are also services in Korean in the afternoons on Sunday. Lots of people are there from WPI, Clark, and Holy Cross. The music program is great.
Non-Denominational Christian:

1. Bethlehem Bible Church

Religion/denomination: Non-denominational Christian  
Additional classification: Conservative  
Service times/days: Sundays 10am and 6pm  
Address/location: Route 110, West Boylston  
Direction from Campus: Go North on route 12 (Park Ave) for 7.5 miles through West Boylston. After crossing Wachusett Reservoir, take a right on Route 110 and travel 2 miles. The church is on the left.  
Transportation available? WPI Christian Bible Fellowship members carpool.  
Additional Information: www.bbcchurch.org

2. Chapel at the Mill

Religion/Denomination: Christian  
Special Programming/appeal for college students: place where Bible believing Christianity college students may enjoy the contemporary Christian music provided by various live bands every Friday night in the “Café” and on Sunday morning during worship before service.  
Address/Location: River Street, Millbury, MA  
Phone: (508) 865-1517  
Direction: 290W to 146S to Main Street in Millbury to River Street. Call Pastor Ernie White for directions if needed.  
Transportation Available? Call Ernie at above number.
3. **First Congregational Church of Hopkinton, MA**

**Religion/denomination:** Christian/Protestant  
**Special Programming/appeal for college students:** The sr pastor was previously the youth pastor, great music!  
**Service times/days:** Sunday 9am and 10:45am  
**Directions from Campus:** Rte 9E to 495S, Exit 21a through Hopkinton, 159 Main Street.  
**Transportation available?** Yes, email taryn@wpi.edu  
**Additional Info:** Contact Taryn (774) 280-0619 or Church Office (508) 435-5900 for questions.

4. **Heritage Bible Chapel**

**Religion/denomination:** Non-denominational  
**Additional classification:** Contemporary  
**Service times/days:** Sunday 10am – 11:30am  
**Address/location:** 182 Brooks Station Rd, Princeton, MA  
**Directions from Campus:** Go West on Institute Rd toward Trowbridge Rd. Turn slight right onto MA-122A/Park Ave/MA-12. Turn left onto Salisbury St. Turn slight left to stay on Salisbury St. Turn left onto MA-122A/Main St. Turn right onto MA-31/Worcester Rd. Continue to follow MA-31. After the Holden/Princeton line, Bear left onto Ball Hill Rd. At 1st 4-way intersection, turn right onto Brooks Station Rd. Church is at the top of the hill on the left.  
**Transportation available?** Contact Edwin and Aimee James (508) 574-1825 or aimeemj@alum.wpi.edu  
**Additional Information:** [http://www.heritagebiblechapel.org](http://www.heritagebiblechapel.org)
5. **Wachusett Valley Christian Church**

**Religion/denomination:** Non-denominational/Evangelical  
**Additional Classification/Description:** Post Modern  
**Special Programming/appeal for college students:** Not your average New England church, very relaxed and dress is casual; currently 15 WPI students attending. Offers Extreme college ministries, a college ministry that exists to ignite a passion for God and to unite college students in a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. [www.extreme911.com](http://www.extreme911.com)  
**Service times/days:**  
  - Sunday 11am – 1pm  
  - Wednesday 6pm - whenever  
**Address/location:** 325 Bullard St in Holden, MA 01520  
**Directions from Campus:** [www.wachusettvalley.org](http://www.wachusettvalley.org)  
**Transportation available?** Contact mikeb@wpi.edu (soon to be changed to mikeburns@wpi.edu), lester@miane.rr.com, or call the church for a ride (508) 829-6475  
**Additional Information:** [www.wachusettvalley.org](http://www.wachusettvalley.org)  
  Pastor Marty Holman is employed for college ministries.
Orthodox:

1. St George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral

Religion/denomination: Orthodox Christianity
Additional Classification/Description: Conservative Christianity since 33AD
Special Programming/appeal for college students: We’re starting an Orthodox Christian Fellowship for college students.
Service times/days: Saturday night Great Vespers 5pm
Sunday morning Orthos (Matins) 9am
Divine Liturgy 10am
Address/location: 30 Anna St Worcester MA
Phone: (508) 752-9150
Directions from Campus: leaving campus go down West St and take a left onto Highland. Follow that until you get to an intersection at the bottom of a big hill in front of Lake Quinsigamond. Take a right at the intersection onto Lake St and Anna St will be on your right after a little bit. Take a right onto Anna St and the church will be on your left after one street.
Transportation available? Email georgem@wpi.edu
Additional Info: Very Rev. Father Michael Abdelahad. You don’t have to be Orthodox to attend.
Presbyterian:

1. *Westminster Presbyterian Church*

   **Religion/denomination:** Presbyterian
   **Special Programming/appeal for college students:** A small faithful church where the Gospel is really taught and reasonable faith can be found.
   **Service times/days:** Sunday 10am
   **Address/location:** 83 Bay State Ave, Worcester MA 01606
   **Directions from Campus:** about 3 miles from campus
   **Transportation available?** yes
   **Walk Time:** 1 hr walk, 10-15 min on bike.
   **Phone:** (508) 852-1211
   **Additional Info:** Pastor- Reverend Philip Adams
ISLAM

1. *Islamic Society of Greater Worcester*

   **Religion/denomination:** Islam  
   **Special Programming/appeal for college students:** Students can break their fast everyday of Ramadan in the mosque for free  
   **Service times/days:** Friday at 1pm  
   **Address/location:** 57 Laurel St, Worcester, MA 01605  
   **Directions from Campus:** Travel east on Highland St and continue straight onto Belmont St. Take a right onto Edward St., then a left onto Laural St. The mosque is on the right.  
   **Transportation available?** msa@wpi.edu for carpool Fridays  
   **Walk time from campus:** 15 – 20 minutes
JEWISH

1. Temple Israel

Religion/Denomination: Judaism
Address/Location: 107 Walnut Street, Athol, MA 01331
Phone: (978) 249-9481
Additional Info: Rabbi Yosef Zylberberg

Conservative:

1. Congregation of Agudat Achim

Religion/Denomination: Judaism (Conservative)
Address/Location: 268 Washington St, Leominster, MA 01453
Phone: (978) 534-6121
Additional Info: website [www.uscj.org/neweng/leominster](http://www.uscj.org/neweng/leominster)  
   Barry Lew, President and Alan Alpert, Rabbi

2. Congregation Beth Israel

Religion/Denomination: Judaism (Conservative)
Address/Location: 15 Jamesbury Drive Worcester, MA 01609
Phone: (508) 756-6204
Fax: (508) 757-6650
Additional Info: Dr. Howard Fixler, President and Joel Pitkowsky, Rabbi  
   Website: [http://www.bethisraelworc.org/index.php](http://www.bethisraelworc.org/index.php)
High Holidays: tickets, but free
3. Congregation of Beth Tikvah

Religion/Denomination: Judaism (Conservative)
President: Debby Saltzman
Rabbi: Alfred Benjamin
Address/Location: PO Box 1042, Westboro, MA 01581
Phone: (508) 616-9037
Additional Info: http://www.beth tikvahsynagogue.org/
Orthodox:

1. Chabad of Westboro

   Religion/Denomination: Judaism (Orthodox)
   Address/Location: 54 South Street, Westboro, MA 01581
   Phone: (508) 366-0499

2. Congregation of Beth Judah; Young Israel of Worcester

   Religion/Denomination: Judaism (Orthodox)
   President: Rabbi Reuven Fischer
   Address/Location: 899 Pleasant Street, Worcester, MA 01602
   Phone: (508) 754-3681
   http://www.youngisrael.org/articles/196001.htm
   High Holidays: no tickets necessary, but extremely shomer Shabbas.

3. Congregation Shaarai Torah; Sons of Abraham West

   Religion/Denomination: Judaism (Orthodox)
   Address/Location: 835 Pleasant Street, Worcester, MA 01602
   Phone: (508) 791-0013
   Additional Info: http://www.shaaraitorah.org/
   Steve Kressler, President
4. **Yeshiva Tifereth Israel, Sons of Jacob**

Religion/Denomination: Judaism (Orthodox, Chabad)  
Rabbi: Hershel Fogelman

Address/Location: 22 Newton Avenue, Worcester, MA 01602  
Phone: (508) 752-0904  
Fax: (508) 799-7413  
Additional Info: [http://www.cbnaishalom.org](http://www.cbnaishalom.org)  
High Holidays: no tickets necessary
Reform:

1. **Congregation of B’nai Shalom**

   **Religion/Denomination:** Judaism (Reform)
   **Address/Location:** 117 East Main St., Westboro, MA 01581
   **Phone:** (508) 366-7191
   **Fax:** (508) 870-0608
   **Additional Info:** [http://www.cbnaishalom.org/](http://www.cbnaishalom.org/)
   - Jonathan Barnett, President and Rabbi Debra Hachen and Cantor Irving Neil
   **High Holidays:** tickets are free, but must have a college ID and pick up forms for free tickets between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM on Monday.

2. **Temple Emanuel**

   **Religion/Denomination:** Judaism (Reform)
   **Address/Location:** 280 May Street, Worcester, MA 01602
   **Phone:** (508) 755-1257
   **Fax:** (508) 795-0417
   **Additional Info:** [http://www.temple-emanuel.org](http://www.temple-emanuel.org)
   - Carlton Watson, President and Rabbi Jordan Millstein and Rabbi Paula Feldstein and Cantor Sally Neff
   **High Holidays:** tickets are free, but call Dianne after September 1.
4. **Temple Sinai**

**Religion/Denomination:** Judaism (Reform)  
**Address/Location:** 661 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA 01609  
**Phone:** (508) 755-2519  
**Fax:** (508) 756-6059  
**Additional Info:** [http://www.uahcweb.org/ma/ma022](http://www.uahcweb.org/ma/ma022)  
   Michael Wolpert, President and Rabbi Seth Bernstein and Cantor Claire Metzger  
**High Holidays:** no tickets necessary, open to anyone.
SELF MEDITATION

1. Higgins Lawn

**Religion/Denomination:** Buddhist/Non-denominational  
**Special Appeal:** peaceful nature for meditation of any sort  
**Service time:** whenever weather permits  
**Directions from Campus:** go to the fields surrounding Higgins House.  
**Additional Info:** Many pleasant places there. Boynton Hill is also quite nice. In general, no one will bother or disturb you in either place.
SIKHISM

1. New England Sikh Study Circle (NESSC) Gurudwara Sahib

Religion/denomination: Sikhism
Service times/days: Sunday 9am-3pm & Langar (Lunch service) on Sunday 12pm
Address/location: 224 East Main Street, Milford MA 01757
Directions from Campus: Take 290E to 495S. Take exit 20 towards 85 South/Milford. Turn left when 85S ends onto E. Main St. Gurudwara will be on the left around half a mile from here.
Transportation available? Nothing definite but for any carpooling question you can contact the Indian Students Org (iso@wpi.edu).
Phone: (508) 478-2469
Additional Info: email address- milford_gurudwara@yahoo.com