

# Forest Hill Church PRESBYTERIAN



*Discovering God's call, celebrating the Spirit's presence,  
Witnessing to Christ's transformative power!*

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*Service of Worship*  
**May 2, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Celebration of Communion**

*Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.*

If you are visiting, please print your name on a name tag and wear it so that we might greet you. Large print editions of the Bible, the Hymnal, and today's bulletin as well as hearing devices are available from the ushers on request.

■■■ *Prayer of Preparation*

Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

i thank You God for most this  
amazing  
day: for the leaping greenly spirits of  
trees  
and a blue true dream of sky; and  
for everything  
which is natural which is infinite  
which is yes

e. e. cummings

**Welcome**

**The Prelude**

“Prelude in E Major”

J. S. Bach

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

**The Call to Worship** from Psalm 148

Elder Chris Bell

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God from the heights!**

Leader: Praise God all you angels, praise God all you hosts!

**People: Praise God sun and moon; praise God all you shining stars.**

Leader: Let everyone praise the name of the Lord for God's name alone is exalted.

**People: Praise the Lord!**

Leader: Praise the Lord! Let us worship God.

**\* The Processional Hymn No. 555**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

**■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God***

**The Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Clover Beal

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**A Time of Silent Confession**

**Kyrie eleison** (*Lord, have mercy*)

Merbecke

**■ ■ ■ *Affirming the Good News in Our Lives***

**The Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Gloria, Gloria No. 576**

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

*2<sup>nd</sup> time, men begin; women begin 2 measures later;*

*Children and youth begin 2 measures after that.*

**■ ■ ■ *Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word***

**The Scripture Lesson**

Psalm 148

*After the reading*

**Leader:** Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God’s people.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**The Sermon**

Dr. John Lentz

“Praise and Thanks!”

**The Ritual of Friendship**

*all are asked to sign the tablets as a record of attendance*

**The Offering of Our Gifts**

**The Offertory**

B. Tate

“Gate, Gate”

*Translation of Sanskrit text:*

*Gone. Gone from suffering to the liberation of suffering.*

*Gone from forgetfulness to mindfulness.*

*Everyone gone to the other shore, the light inside. Hallelujah.*

**\* The 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.

**■ ■ ■ *The Eucharist and Anointing***

**The Invitation**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Leader:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**Leader:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Sanctus**

A. Wilson

**The Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

*(please use debts, debtors)*

**The Communion of the People**

**Music During Communion**

“Schoscholoza”

Zimbabwe trad.

Hymn No. 500

“Become to Us the Living Bread”

*congregation sings refrain:*

**Prayer after Communion**

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in our eternal kingdom. Send us out into the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

■ ■ ■ *Going Forth to Live as God's People*

\* **The Closing Hymn No. 514**

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

\* **The Commission and Blessing**

\* **The Choral Benediction**

\* **The Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *The Postlude*

W. A. Mozart

“Rondo in C”



■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

**Chancel Flowers**

The flowers today are given by Joan Bacon in loving memory of her father Richard Benson; and by Kay and Bill Currie in honor of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Prayer Concerns this Week**

Bill Burcham	Elizabeth Kosnik	Mike Tucker
Polly Cohen	Mary Lewis	Debbie Ungemach
Molly & Ralph Dise	Connie May	Dennis Wedding
Betty Farnfield	Jay Middleton	Patti Wisnieski
Marion Flanigan	Charlie Mossbrook	Betty Woodruff
Marian Frederick	Frank Spisak	Doug, Marcie and Lucy Harvey
Jason Himmelsteib		

**We invite you to write prayer requests** on a slip of paper from the envelope rack and pass it to an usher during the singing of the middle hymn, to be included in the prayers later in the service.

**This Month's Ushers**

Roger Heineman, Lead Usher; Robyn Hales, Paula Harvey, Tom Harvey, Jason Hidek, Diane McFiggen, Tom McFiggen, Dick Peterjohn (assistant lead), Chuck Smith. Roger Heineman, Head Usher

**Nursery care** for babies and young children is available on the second floor of the Monticello Wing.

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

**TODAY**

*Welcome Visitors!*

Please stop by the Visitor Information table in the Courtyard Foyer following worship. We're looking forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Visitor welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex.

If you have a few minutes after church and would like to meet and get to know other members of Forest Hill Church, come to **Connections Corner** in Fellowship Hall. Look for the table by the brightly colored signs to the left as you enter the room. Come for coffee, a tasty treat, conversation and connection!

*Today Is Hunger Sunday*

Any cash or checks in envelopes marked "Hunger" will be used 100% for support of local hunger programs. Each month we send the money to the Heights Emergency Food Center.

*Forest Hill Church Softball*

Both teams play at 3:30 today: FHC's A team will play Church of the Saviour B at Roxboro Middle School, and the B team will play Fairmount Presbyterian at Monticello Middle School.

*Lectio Divina:*

Interested in increasing your prayer life? Hearing what the Bible is saying to you in your life? A Lectio Divina group will meet in the Chapel from 5:30 – 6:30 on Sundays through May 23. Call Jennifer Blakeney for more information (216-481-9844).



### ***May Cabaret***

It's the **MAY CABARET!** This evening, beginning with a Morag Keefe-prepared supper (yum!) at 6:15 p.m. and continuing with our family-friendly intergenerational variety show at 7:00 p.m. Some highlights this year include: a special appearance by the award-winning Heights Barbershop Group, the Descant Choir's singing of *Consider Yourself* and the *Fast Food Song* (presented with a disclaimer not to eat at fast food joints, of course), a yo-yo competition, the Bashful Bellringer piece (starring Frank Ragone in the title role), the theme song from GLEE, and the much loved Male Ballet. Come one, come all!

### **THIS WEEK**

#### ***Bible and Bagels***

Bible and Bagels meets Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The lesson for this week is **Acts 16: 9-15**.

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

#### ***Adult Education: 9:30 in South Hall***

#### **Where is God . . .**

- May 9 God in the Workplace, part 2
- May 16 How Are We Treating Each Other?
- May 23 Conclusion: An Integrated Life in Christ

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

#### ***Social Groups and Circles***

##### ***The Group (singles and couples, 60s – 70s)***

The Group will have a potluck supper at Barb Hansen's, 9104 Idlewood Dr., Mentor on Saturday, May 8 beginning at 6:30 p.m. RSVP to Barb ([bhansen@oh.rr.com](mailto:bhansen@oh.rr.com)) or to Cathy Ghiandoni (216-691-1905).

##### ***Hilltoppers (retired singles and couples)***

The Hilltoppers will have a luncheon at Maggiano's Little Italy restaurant on Friday, May 14. Gather at the restaurant at 11:30 for a 12:00 lunch. The cost is \$22 per person; make reservations with Nancy Grube (440-461-4693) by Monday, May 10.

##### ***Iris Circle (all women of the church)***

Iris Circle invites the women of the church to a pot luck dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18 at the home of Carolyn Vrtunski (24050 Hazelmere, Shaker Hts.). Dinner will be followed by a Bible study led by Rev. Clover Beal. Please contact Carolyn for more information ([carolynvrtunski@yahoo.com](mailto:carolynvrtunski@yahoo.com) or 216-752-7131).

### ***Membership Care Group***

The Eden Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during May. Please call the church office to report an illness, hospitalization, family emergency, birth or death. Information will then be passed on to the Care group leaders.

✦ Members of this month's Care group are:

Mary Ball, Deacon leader	Bob & Pat Jeffreys
Doris Allen	Sue & Scott Lafferty
Clover, Tim, Seth & Sophie Beal	Jane Little
Dave & Chris Bell	Peg Weissbrod & Steve Marunowski
Colleen Bloom and family	Clayton & Julie Minder
Jean and Scott Duncan	Ron Polderman & Carol Smith
Jeff Dyck & Lara Troyer	Bob & Peggy Seher
Kris & Bill Fay	Elizabeth Shaw
Shirley Gallagher	Jeff & Anne Smith
Hazel Grant	Elaine Tapié
Mary Hill, Evan & Emily Tuttle	Elaine Turley & Jordan Shoger
Heather & Jon House	Paul & Katie Weissbrod

Volunteering this week: Ron Polderman, Continental Breakfast; Chris and Dave Bell, coffee servers; Chuck and Jane Ishler, greeters; Rosaneil Schenk, greeting card table; Kris Fay, flower delivery.

### ■■■ *FHC Youth*

**Today:** Sine Nomine Choir will rehearse after worship

**MOB: Friday Nights with Mid High** will meet on Friday, May 7 from 6 – 8 p.m. It is a service day and we will either be helping IHN or Abundance Acres or both.

**Senior Highs** will meet on Sundays May 16 and May 23 from 5 – 7 p.m.

### ■■■ *The Lessons*

**Next Sunday: Acts 16: 9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22 – 22:5.** As part of your daily devotions, read the lessons. What image or word catches your attention? How do they settle or challenge you? Keep notes of your observations in a journal. Set aside part of each day for prayer and study. Links to the readings for each Sunday appear on the church's Facebook page, the **Upcoming Sundays** page of our website (<http://www.fhcpresb.org/worship-music/upcoming-sundays/>), and on the "Sundays in May" page of the **TOWER**.

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Come to the May Cabaret!  
This evening: supper at 6:15, show at 7 p.m.  
No reservations required  
Fun for all ages!

*Calendar: May 2 – 9, 2010*

**IHN Hosting this week: 5 p.m. – 7 a.m. every day**

**Sunday, May 2**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8:45 a.m. Child care begins  
9:00 a.m. Parenting Series  
9:30 a.m. Adult and Youth education  
Descant Choir  
10:15 a.m. Descant Choir activity  
10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir  
Continental Breakfast  
11:00 a.m. WORSHIP: Communion  
11:15 a.m. Pathways to Promise Land  
12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour  
Teacher training  
Sine Nomine Choir  
3:30 p.m. Softball:  
'A' vs. Church of the Saviour 'B' at RMS  
'B' vs. Fairmount PC at MMS  
5:00 p.m. MOB: Sr. High \*\*  
Lectio Divina  
6:15 p.m. May Cabaret: supper  
7:00 p.m. May Cabaret: program

**Monday, May 3**

6:00 p.m. Relapse to Recovery  
7:00 p.m. Al Anon  
Cub Scout Pack #36 (dens)  
Bd. of Election set-up  
7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA)  
Boy Scout Troop #403

**Tuesday, May 4**

**Election Day: Polls open 6:30 a.m.**  
7:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #36 (dens)

**Wednesday, May 5**

7:30 a.m. Bible and Bagels  
6:00 p.m. Yoga

**Thursday, May 6**

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

**Friday, May 7**

9:30 a.m. Al Anon

**Saturday, May 8**

6:30 p.m. The Group (at Barb Hansen's)

**Sunday, May 9**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

9:00 a.m. Child care begins  
9:30 a.m. Adult and Youth education  
Descant Choir  
10:15 a.m. Descant Choir activity  
10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir  
Continental Breakfast  
11:00 a.m. WORSHIP  
Pathways to Promise Land  
12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour  
5:30 p.m. Lectio Divina