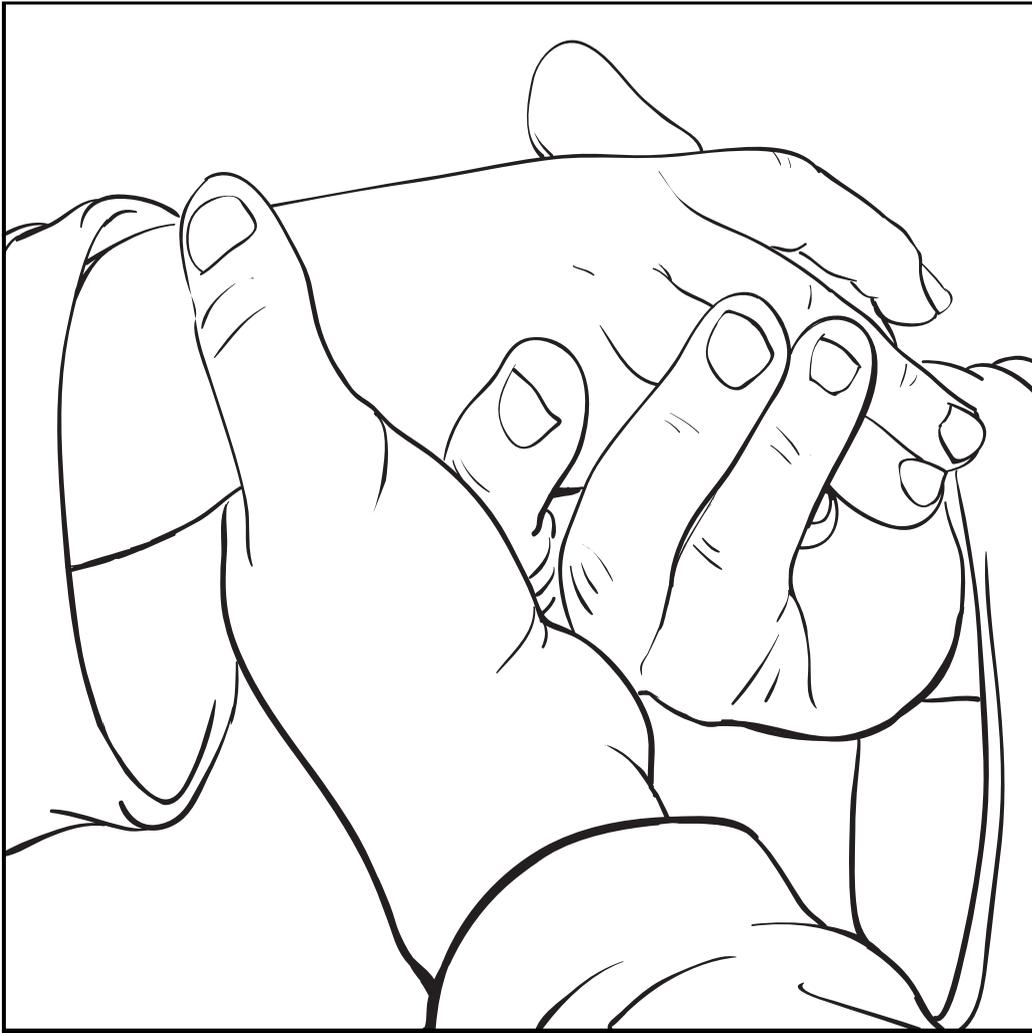


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Service of Worship

February 12, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

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*

Truth-telling, wind-blowing, life-giving spirit—we present ourselves now for our instruction and guidance; breathe your truth among us. Walter Breugemann

Welcome

Prelude

“Life’s a fa la la ra la”

Swedish Folk Song

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Elder Jim Manista

Leader: With friends and strangers, with family and neighbors, we gather:

People: Come among us, Healing God, with that love which never ends.

Leader: With faith reaching out to touch, with hearts straining to trust, we hope:

**People: Come among us, Friend of the broken,
with your compassion which makes us whole.**

Leader: With word and wonder, with silence and song, we wait:

People: Come among us, Dryer of our tears, to lift us to our feet to follow you.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord.

Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr., Pastor
Rev. Clover Reuter Beal, Assoc. Pastor
Rev. Tricia Dykers-Koenig, Parish Assoc.

Anne Wilson, Ministry of Music
Liz Wollaeger, Dir. Of Chr. Education
Kristen Otte, Director of Youth Ministries

*** Processional Hymn**

“We Are Marching” (Siyahamba)
Please alternate languages

Siyahamb’ e-ku-kha-nyen kwen-khos, Siyahamb’ e-ku-kha-nyen kwen-khos. *(Repeat)*
Siyahamba, hamba, siyahamba, oo-oo ,
Siyahamb’ e-ku-kha-nyen kwen-khos. *(Repeat)*

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. *(Repeat)*
We are marching, marching, we are marching, oo-oo,
We are marching in the light of God. *(Repeat)*

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Confession

Dr. John C. Lentz

Holy and 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; 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, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. AMEN.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison *(Lord, have mercy)*

M. Haugen

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

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria, Gloria No. 576**

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!
*2nd time, men begin; women begin 2 measures later;
Youth begin 2 measures after that.*

Dedication of the Forest Hill Steel Drums

Anthem

T. Walker

“Mourning into Dancing”
The Forest Hill Steel Drum Band

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

Minute for Mission

Blake Himes

*** Hymn No. 306**

“Fairest Lord Jesus”
Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

Scripture Lesson

Mark 5: 21-43

After the reading

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Clover Reuter Beal

“Reaching Faith”

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Ritual of Friendship

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

Offertory

Shaker song, arr. K. Siegfried

“Love Is Little”

Jed Koops, tenor

*** 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.**

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

* **Closing Hymn No. 288**

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

* **Commission and Blessing**

* **Choral Benediction**

* **Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

L. Lefebre-Wely

"Sortie"



■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by the Cameron family in loving memory of Mary Margaret Cameron.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Ruth Brickel, Bill Currie, Marian Frederick, Jane Ishler, Ron and Florence Klein, Connie Reynolds, Gene Roy, Carol Scott, Debbie Ungemach, Johanna Wilcott

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Bob Bielek, Pat and Fran Drake, Rose Eaton, Betty Farnfield, Marilyn Gifford, Dorothy Hales, Elizabeth Kosnik, Merdine T. Morris, Joyce Peters, Anne Taylor

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. Lists of ongoing prayer concerns are in each month's **TOWER**.

This Month's Ushers

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

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.

The Forest Hill Steel Drum Band

The FHSDB is made up of interested FHC members and friends who have an interest in learning the "pans" and who understand musical rhythm. If you would like to have your name added to the list of future players, please contact Anne Wilson (annew@fhcpresb.org). Funds donated in memory of Lamont Hansen made the purchase of the pans possible. We are very grateful for this gift!



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 scripture for Wednesday is Mark 8:22-9:1.

"Slavery By Another Name"

PBS will offer "Slavery by Another Name" on Monday, February 13th at 9:00 pm. According to the write-up, it explores the "little known story of the post emancipation era" and is based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning book by Douglas Blackmon (be the same name) about "neoslavery." Perhaps this could provide food for discussion, if we all watch. Any takers? Contact Diana Woodbridge (216-291-3745).

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall

Participants in the Kerygma study of the Gospel of Mark will meet in South Hall from January 29 – February 26. Members of the Zych-Eloff group will meet in Bodwell Hall.

Arts-Enhanced Liturgy

Our series of arts-enhanced liturgies continues next Sunday, February 19 with special music: "Songs of Survival and Lament." Throughout history people have sung their way through hardship – whether from the ravages of slavery or imprisonment in concentration camps or the struggle to survive in war-torn countries. These songs have been a source of solace and courage, and we have much to learn from them. Villanova University Professor Maghan Keita will be the guest preacher. Please invite friends to this special service.

LOOKING AHEAD

Family Promise Hosting

Thank you to all who signed up to help with our next Family Promise host week, February 26 - March 3. We have a really good start on covering all our volunteer opportunities but still have some significant gaps. Coordinators Anne Smith, Sue Lafferty, and Julie Lustic will be in Fellowship Hall next Sunday after the service if you would like to sign up in person or have any questions. You can also email Anne Smith for meals (annejeffsmith@yahoo.com) or Julie Lustic (jlustic@gmail.com) for all other volunteer opportunities.

Youth Dinner & Silent Auction

On Sunday March 4 at 6 pm, join us for this special event hosted by our youth. The evening starts with a delicious dinner prepared and served by our youth (with assistance from our expert chef Morag Keefe). Following dinner, there will be a silent auction. The auction will have special ticket items along with themed baskets including Chocolate Lovers, Game Night, Breakfast in Bed and Sundae Fun. Tickets for the Dinner Auction are \$15 and can be purchased after worship in Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in donating to the auction, contact Kristen Otte (kristeno@fhcpresb.org or 440-223-1036) to be connected with a themed basket.

Care Group

The Eden Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during February. 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	Sue & Scott Lafferty
Doris Allen	Suzanne Marcy
Clover & Tim Beal & family	Steve Marunowski & Peg Weissbrod
Dave & Chris Bell	Lissa McKinley
Jane & Derek Duncan & family	Clayton & Julie Minder
Jean & Scott Duncan	Ron Polderman & Carol Smith
Jeff Dyck & Lara Troyer	Elizabeth Shaw
Kris & Bill Fay	Jeff & Anne Smith
Tim & Leigh Henderson	Elaine Tapié
Mary Hill	Elaine Turley
Bob & Pat Jeffreys	Paul & Katie Weissbrod

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

Today: Mid and Sr High classes meet from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Sine Nomine Choir will rehearse in the chapel immediately after worship.

Converge! at 7 pm at First Baptist Church

Next Sunday: 11 am – Sr High planning meeting

Looking Ahead: February 19, Mid High Girls' Afternoon Out

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: 2 Kings 2: 1-12; Psalm 50: 1-6; Corinthians 4: 3-6; Mark 9: 2-9. 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 February" page of the **TOWER**.

■ ■ ■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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Lent at Forest Hill Church

Ash Wednesday, February 22: 6:30 Light supper, 7:30 worship.
 Child care will be available
Wednesday, March 7: 6:30 Light supper, 7:30 Intergenerational program
 “Care of Creation,” led by Rebecca Barnes-Davies, Associate for
 Environmental Ministries (PCUSA) General Assembly Mission Council -
 Compassion, Peace & Justice Ministry
Wednesday, March 21: 6:30 Light supper, 7:30 Worship
 Child care will be available
Maundy Thursday, April 5: 6:30 Light supper, 7:30 Worship
 Child care will be available

■ ■ *Calendar: February 12 - 19, 2012*

<p>Sunday, February 12 9:00 Child care begins 9:30 Descant Choir Adult and Youth Education Descant Choir 10:15 Descant Choir activity 10:30 Continental Breakfast 11:00 WORSHIP Children in Worship Little Explorers Youth: Sr High Planning Meeting Pathways to the Promise Land 12:15 Coffee hour Sine Nomine Choir 12:30 Black History Month: Movie Gifted Hands 5:00 Faith Leader 7:00 Youth: CONVERGE</p> <p>Monday, February 13 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) 7:00 pm Al Anon Cub Scouts 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA) Boy Scout Troup #403</p> <p>Tuesday, February 14 7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack #36</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 15 7:30 am Bible and Bagels</p> <p>Thursday, February 16 6:20 pm Voices in Bronze 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>Friday, February 17 9:30 am Al Anon</p> <p>Saturday, February 18 9:00 am CEIRS class: John the Baptist</p> <p>Sunday, February 19 9:00 Child care begins 9:30 Descant Choir Adult and Youth Education Descant Choir 10:15 Descant Choir activity 10:30 Continental Breakfast 11:00 WORSHIP Children in Worship Little Explorers 11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land 12:15 Coffee hour 12:30 Black History Month: Conversation about Haiti with Prof. Maghan Keita 5:00 Faith Leader</p>
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Black History Month: Sundays in February, 12:30 - 1:30 pm

Events will begin with a light lunch

February 12th Movie South Hall
Gifted Hands, starring Cuba Goodings (this will last till 2 pm)

February 19th
Professor Maghan Keita will preach during worship and be available after worship for conversation about Haiti. Dr. Keita is Professor of History and the former Director of both Africana Studies and the Center for Arab and Islamic Studies at Villanova University. Dr. Keita now directs the University's undergraduate Institute for Global Interdisciplinary Studies.

February 26th Book discussion on *Kindred*, by Octavia Butler Bodwell Hall
The book will be available for purchase. Please see Pastor Beal if you would like a copy.

We are looking forward to sharing these events with you!

Black History Month organizers: Doris Allen, Barb Cloud, Jordan Dail, Ajah Hales, Robyn Hales, Annette Himes, Vikki Nowak

Mark 5: 21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live."

So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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