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The word "Rejoice!" is written in a highly decorative, calligraphic font. Each letter is filled with a vibrant, multi-colored gradient, transitioning through shades of blue, green, yellow, orange, and red. The letters are thick and have a hand-drawn, artistic feel. The exclamation point at the end is also stylized, with a blue-to-purple gradient.

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Service of Worship

April 12, 2015 at 11:00 am

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.

If you are visiting, please join us in wearing a name tag so that we might greet you.

Our ushers have large print editions of the Bible and today's bulletin, hearing devices, activity bags with quiet activities for children staying in worship, and directions to our Monticello Wing nursery for babies and young children.

Prayer of Preparation

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

Welcome

Prelude

Joe Utterback

"Flutedance"

Choral Introit

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Cate Monaghan

Leader: Christ has risen!

People: He has risen indeed, alleluia!

Leader: The grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord for God is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*** Processional Hymn No. 248**

"Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

**please stand if able*

Easter Prayer

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. From the waters of death you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share in Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

“Alleluia”

Jeannette Sorell

Minute for Mission

“One Great Hour of Sharing”

Anthem

Ghanian folk song, arr. Tom Colvin

“Christ the Lord Is Risen”

Scripture Lesson

John 20: 19-31

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

*** Hymn No. 462**

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

“Telling YOUR Story”

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

Offertory

arr. Don Pearson

“This Joyful Eastertide”

*** 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. 591**

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

*** Commission and Blessing**

*** Choral Benediction**

*** Passing of the Peace**

Postlude

Sarah Glick

“This Joyful Eastertide”



Welcome Visitors!

We look forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Visitor welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex. Take one home with you! And visit our website, **www.fhcpresb.org**, for a complete list of upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and texts and audio of past sermons.

Congregational Notes

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by Julie Wolfram Smith and Andy Smith in honor of their 3rd anniversary; in memory of Lois J. Leslie by the Leslie / Richards / Strachan family; and by Sheryl and John Dugard in honor of their 31st wedding anniversary.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Don Clark, Chuck Ishler, Mary Lewis, Robert Nemcek, Bill Proudfit, Ron Register, George Seidel, George Sentell, Debbie Ungemach.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Bill Currie, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Iris Gilbert, Ron and Florence Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Arlene and Jack Quinn, Margie and Dwight Stauffer, Elaine Tapié.

In Memoriam We Remember

Kathleen Davis Currie (Kay)

Who died April 8, 2015

I am the resurrection and I am the life, says the Lord

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**.

Welcome to the newest member of the Forest Hill Church family – Danielle Jordyn Smith, daughter of Dan and Kristen Smith, sister of Kayleigh and granddaughter of Anne and Jeff Smith. She is also welcomed by Matt, Katie, Chloe and Nikolas Russo.

Thank you to today's ushers and to head usher Roger Heineman. Please contact the church office if you are interested in joining an usher team.

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

Announcements

TODAY

See p. 10 for information about today's One Great Hour of Sharing collection.

Bananagrams

Forest Hill welcomes the Bananagram Team we sponsored for the Lake Erie Ink Bananagram tournament on March 21. Hear them tell you about what this did for them and the community.

THIS WEEK

Bible and Bagels

Bible and Bagels meets Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 am in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The lesson this week is from **Acts 3: 12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3: 1-7; and Luke 24: 36b-48.**

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education

**April 19, 26; May 3, 10 – 9:30 am, South Hall: DVD series
Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture:**

Walter Brueggemann on Confronting Today's "Pharaohs"
Discussion will be facilitated by Tim Beal, PhD

**April 19, 26 – 12:20 pm in South Hall: Book Discussion
Reality, Grief and Hope: Three Urgent Prophetic Tasks
by Walter Brueggemann**

Kermit Lind will facilitate a discussion of this very engaging book by one of the century's most preeminent biblical scholars and theologians. This will be vital groundwork for Dr. Brueggemann's visit June 14 at FHC. Brueggemann will lead an adult education class at 9:30 am, preach at 11 am, and then offer a public lecture at 2 pm. We are delighted to be hosting him!

Labre Project

Warm, gently-used clothing and accessories – coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, blankets for men, women and children – are appreciated for the Labre Project in East Cleveland. Please leave donations in the bin in Fellowship Hall.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Care Group

The Canaan Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during April. 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:

Gretchen Reynolds, Deacon leader	Ginie Mast
Shawn Bittner	Laurie & Eric Muller-Girard & family
Mark Chupp & Sharon Shumaker	Jeanette Nemcek
Lisa Chuppa	John Prentice
Bob & Joanne Dawson	Rob Reynolds
Muriel Dean	Margaret & George Sentell
Libby Dolan	Franklin & Naana Soadwa
Beth & Bill Forsythe & family	Chuck & Rosanna Sprague
Carol Hopkins-Lutz	Joy Stang
Callie Janor	Debbie & Don Ungemach & family
Allan & Zivile Khoury	Todd Webster, Vikki Nowak & family
Lisa & Jed Koops & family	LeAnn West
Laurie & Keith Logan	Peggy Yeager

Social Groups and Circles

Young Adults (20s-30s)

The Young Adults' Second Sunday Brunch will be held at Fire on Shaker Square today. Look for Lane Baldwin by the bulletin boards after worship.

Pacesetters (50s-60s)

In honor of National Poetry Month, the Pacesetters will be celebrating with their Annual Poetry Night on Saturday, April 18 at 7 pm at the home of Scott and Sue Lafferty, 1969 Bromton Drive, Lyndhurst. Please see the weekly enews for details, or contact Sue Lafferty ([440-449-2361](tel:440-449-2361) salaff@sbcglobal.net).

Hilltoppers

Join us on Friday, May 1, at 1 pm for an enlightening and enjoyable presentation of Clover Beal's pastoral three-month sabbatical last summer. She will share her beautiful photos of travels in Italy and Croatia and speak about her growth in the spiritual practices of silence and meditation. A central piece of her presentation will be about her time in Assisi, Italy at the *Simple Peace Hermitage* on a six-day silent retreat, but the overall conversation will be about how each of us incorporates rest, renewal and retreat in our active lives.

Softball

Softball season is approaching. The 9-time Heights Church League Champion FHC softball team is looking for members and visitors to join the softball team for the 2015 season. If you are interested, please contact Jason Hidek (jason.hidek@att.net).

Youth News

Every Sunday

- Mid and Sr High classes meet from 9:30 – 10:30 am.

Today

- Sine Nomine Choir will rehearse in the Chapel immediately after worship.

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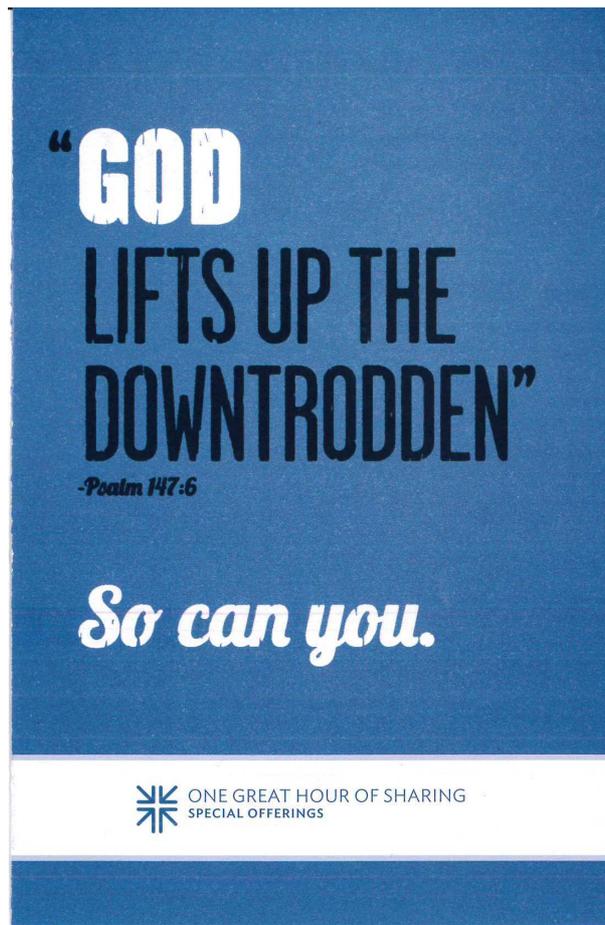
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Calendar: April 12-19, 2015

Sunday, April 12 8:30 Nominating Committee 9:00 Child care begins 9:30 Adult and Youth Education Confirmation Descant Choir 10:15 Descant Choir activity 10:30 Continental Breakfast Chancel Choir 11:00 WORSHIP Children in Worship class Pathways 12:15 Coffee hour Sine Nomine Choir 12:20 Brueggemann class 12:30 Young Adults: Brunch	Thursday, April 16 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class 6:20 pm Voices in Bronze 7:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal Friday, April 17 7:00 am TOWER deadline 10:00 am Al Anon meeting Saturday, April 18 8:00 am Men's Group 9:00 am Adult Ed Comm. Retreat 7:00 pm Pacesetters Sunday, April 19 9:00 Child care begins
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<p>4:40 Labre project</p> <p>Monday, April 13, 2015</p> <p>8:45 am Tai Chi</p> <p>6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)</p> <p>7:00 pm Al Anon Church Growth mtg</p> <p>7:30 pm AA: Borton Group Boy Scout Troop #403</p> <p>Tuesday, April 14</p> <p>1:00 pm Abundance Pantry opens</p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class</p> <p>Wednesday, April 15</p> <p>7:30 am Bible and Bagels</p> <p>12:00 pm Bullshevicks</p> <p>12:30 pm Wednesday Women's AA</p> <p>1:00 pm Hilltop Garden Club</p> <p>7:00 pm Reaching Hts: Spelling Bee Youth Core Team mtg</p>	<p>9:30 Adult and Youth Education Confirmation Descant Choir</p> <p>10:15 Descant Choir activity</p> <p>10:30 Continental Breakfast Chancel Choir</p> <p>11:00 WORSHIP Children in Worship class</p> <p>11:15 Pathways</p> <p>12:00 Confirmation class: Art Museum tour</p> <p>12:15 Coffee hour Blood pressure check</p> <p>12:20 Brueggemann class</p>
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ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: SHARING RESOURCES AND CHANGING LIVES

You can help sustain the important PC(USA) ministries and programs that are supported by One Great Hour of Sharing Offering by [making an online gift](https://www.presbyterianmission.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/OG999999/) (<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/OG999999/>) at any time throughout the year.

A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

- [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#)
- [Presbyterian Hunger Program](#)
- [Self Development of People](#)



Habitat for Humanity – Apostles Build Project

Forest Hill Church will be taking part in this year's **Habitat for Humanity - Apostles Build Project**. This will provide the chance for us to serve others, in the way Jesus' apostles served. We have committed to provide part of the funds and the labor to build a house in the East Cleveland area, in partnership with a local family. We are looking for 6 to 8 volunteers per day to help build or rehab our assigned house. If building is not your strong suit, we are also looking for volunteers to provide lunch on site for the build team each of the three days. A typical construction day runs from 9am - 3:30pm with a break for lunch around noon.

Volunteers will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis until the dates are full. For those interested, please contact Nathan Baldwin at n.baldwin.usaf@gmail.com or by phone at [\(216\) 392-1313](tel:2163921313).

DATES

Saturday, May 9
Saturday, May 16
Thursday, July 16

The Lessons

John 20: 19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to

believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Next Sunday: Acts 3: 12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3: 1-7; Luke 24: 36b-48.
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.

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