

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

February 15, 2009 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*

Loving God, give us pure hearts that we may see you, humble hearts that we may hear you, loving hearts that we may serve you, reverent hearts that we may worship you today and always. In Jesus' name. AMEN.

Welcome

The Prelude

"Prelude in D Major"

J. S. Bach

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

The Choral Introit

Congregation follows cantor

India

The Call to Worship

Leader: The grace 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.

Elder Scott Lafferty

*** The Processional Hymn No. 481**

"Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show"

■■■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

The Prayer of Confession

Todd Webster

O God you are always true to us in love. Yet we are left wanting to say "sorry" for our faithlessness to you and to one another. We forget the poor. We fail to cherish

creation. We would rather blame than praise. We deny our own belovedness. We think we have nothing to offer. Forgive us.

A Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison *(Lord, have mercy)* Rutter

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

The Anthem Ghana
"Free to Serve"

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

The Scripture Lesson Psalm 30 (p.439)

After the reading
Leader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

* **Hymn No. 322**

"Spirit of the Living God"
Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

The Sermon The Rev. Amy Greene
"When Joy Doesn't Come in the Morning"

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer *please use debts, debtors*

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

The Offertory B. Chilcott

"Benedictus" (from *Jazz Mass*)
Sung in Latin; translation: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

* **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.

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

* **The Closing Hymn**

"Go Make a Difference"
Congregation sings refrain: Go make a difference, We can make a difference,
Go make a difference in the world. (repeat)

* **The Commission and Blessing**

* **The Choral Benediction**

* **The Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *The Postlude* J.S. Bach

"Fugue in C Minor"



The crucifer today is Evan Tuttle.

■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by Molly Bergman in honor of loved ones; and by the Cameron family in loving memory of Alan Scott Cameron.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Wendy Anderson	Marian Frederick	Rebecca Martin
Dick Bloomquist	Frances Frey	Jeff Phillips
Allen Bloomquist	Rose Gehring	Jill Roberts
Ralph and Molly Dise	Charles Gilbert	Austin Schwaderer
Fran and Pat Drake	Jason Himmelsteib	Debbie Ungemach
Daniel Eloff	Katie Kickel	Dennis Wedding
	Jane Little	Doug, Marcie and Lucy Harvey

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.

Please keep these people in your prayers as they travel in Israel and Palestine: John Lentz, Clover Beal, Tim Beal, Chris and Dave Bell, Jennifer Blakeney, Nancy Crawford, Peter and Kathryn Eloff, Jane Frederick, Kaye Gardiner, Nancy Glenz (friend of Kaye's), Barbara Hansen, Carol Leslie, Karen and Clyde Loughridge, Laurie Muller-Girard, Bob and Jeannette Nemcek, Mary Grace Neville, Dick and Elspeth Peterjohn, Marilyn Schalge (Kathryn Eloff's sister), Ron Schmidt, Derry and Kathy Stauffer, Liz Wollaeger, Diana and Ted Woodbridge, Vernita Spagnola (cousin of Barb Hansen), Jerry Parker (Fairmount PC member), and Tom Zych. The group returns this Tuesday, February 17.

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, Ayodele Solaru. Sam Manu, Head Usher

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

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

TODAY

Guest Preacher

We welcome to our pulpit the Rev. Amy Greene, Director of Clinical Pastoral Education and Assistant Director of Spiritual Care at the Cleveland Clinic. Amy is an ordained American Baptist minister and a 1986 graduate of Union Theological Seminary in New York City. She is a member of Peace Community Church in Oberlin and worships regularly at Trinity Cathedral in Cleveland. Amy and her husband Thomas Reuter have two grown sons.

We thank Todd Webster for his leadership this morning.

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.

THIS WEEK

Emergency Contact Information

If you need pastoral care while John and Clover are away, please call the church office (216-321-2660 between 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Mon-Fri.). In case of an after-hours emergency, you may call Rev. Tricia Dykers-Koenig (216-381-0156).

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 Wednesday is **Psalm 50: 1-6**.

Yoga

The yoga class meets Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. All are welcome to join as a drop-in or a regular. The cost is \$10 per session.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education: 9:30 in South Hall

LOOKING AHEAD

Exploring Membership

Interested in exploring membership in Forest Hill Church? The next class will be held on Saturday, March 14 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. If you choose to join, you will do that on March 22. Please contact the church office if you are interested (216-321-2660 or office@fhcpresb.org).

Softball Offseason News!

The temperatures may be falling and the snow accumulating, but it is also time to begin preparations for softball spring training. All persons (16 and over) interested in joining the Forest Hill Softball Team should contact Jason Hidek (jason.hidek@att.net or 330-284-5007). February kicks off the league meeting and preseason practice starts in early April. We will be striving to field two teams this year so there is plenty of playing time for everyone. All returning players please confirm plans for this year as well as thoughts and ideas for a preseason kickoff event!

Social Groups and Circles

Iris Circle (all women of the church)

Come to the home of Kay Currie (1172 Berwick Lane, South Euclid) on Tuesday, February 17 at 7:30 p.m. for a book discussion – and bring a favorite book and a 2-minute description of it. We'll share our books and go home wanting to read!

Pacesetters (singles and couples 40 - 60 ish)

Come to the home of Sue and Scott Lafferty (1969 Bromton Dr., Lyndhurst) on Saturday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m. and join in the fun of planning the Pacesetters events for 2009. Please bring an appetizer, salad or dessert to share, and your favorite beer or wine if you wish (non-alcoholic beverages will be provided). Contact the Laffertys for information and directions (440-449-2361 or salaff@sbcglobal.net).

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:

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

■ ■ ■ *FHC Youth*

Today: No MOB meetings

Tomorrow: No school --come for brunch! Noon to 1 p.m. at FHC.

Looking ahead: Sr High Bible study, Wednesday, 7-8 p.m.

Reserve your spot on the ski trip now! We're going skiing on March 7-8. Please see Lindsey for details and reservations.

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: 2 Kings 2: 1-12; Psalm 50: 1-6; 2 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. The lectionary readings for each Sunday are included in the "Sundays in February" page of the **TOWER**.

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, February 24, 6:30 p.m.: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Wednesday, February 25, 7:30 p.m.: Ash Wednesday worship

Childcare will be provided.

■ ■ ■ *Calendar: February 15 – 22, 2009*

Sunday, February 15

The Transfiguration of the Lord

9:30 Child care begins
Adult and Youth Education
Confirmation class
Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)
10:15 Descant Choir activity
10:30 Chancel Choir
Continental Breakfast
11:00 Little Explorers (3 and 4 year olds)
Children in Worship (older 4s, k)
WORSHIP
Pathways to the Promise Land gr. 1-5
12:15 Coffee hour
Blood Pressure check
5:00 Faith Leader class

Monday, February 16

Presidents' Day (office open)

12:00 p.m. MOB: Brunch
7:00 p.m. Sycamore Group
7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA)
Boy Scout Trp #403
Cub Scout dens (Pack #36)

Tuesday, February 17

12:30 p.m. Heather Circle
6:30 p.m. Cub Scout den (Pack #36)
7:30 p.m. Iric Circle (at Kay Currie's)

Wednesday, February 18

7:30 a.m. Bible and Bagels
10:00 a.m. TOWER collators
12:00 p.m. Hilltop Garden Club
12:30 p.m. Bullshevicks (at Wellington's)
5:30 p.m. Yoga
7:00 p.m. Sr High Bible study (Phoenix)
7:30 p.m. Confirmation Bible study

Thursday, February 19

6:20 p.m. Voices in Bronze
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, February 20

Saturday, February 21

8:00 a.m. Men's Spirituality
9:00 a.m. CEIRS: Gospel of John

Sunday, February 22

9:30 Child care begins
Adult and Youth Education
Confirmation class
Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)
10:15 Descant Choir activity
10:30 Chancel Choir
Continental Breakfast
11:00 Little Explorers (3 and 4 year olds)
Children in Worship (older 4s, k)
WORSHIP
Pathways to the Promise Land gr. 1-5
12:15 Coffee hour
Sine Nomine Choir
5:00 Faith Leader class
MOB: Sr. High

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Wanted: Sound and Light Board Operator

For Sunday worship and special services and programs

Interested in running our sound and light boards?

Training provided

Previous experience celebrated but not required

Open to those mid-high and older

Commitment: You would be responsible for sitting up in the balcony and making sure that sound and light are set and running well for services (perhaps a dozen or so worship services a year). Manage both live and recorded sound. Arrive 15 - 20 minutes prior to the service to ensure equipment is turned on and properly set; stay 5 minutes after service to copy CD.

Opportunity to make \$\$\$ during weddings and special events

Contact the church office to sign up or for more details.

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