

Service of Worship

March 1, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

1 Lent

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*

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Matthew 4: 4

Welcome

The Prelude

“Gymnopedie I”

E. Satie

■ ■ ■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

The Choral Introit

The Call to Worship

Elder Eric Muller-Girard

Leader: From Bethlehem to Nazareth, from Jordan to Jericho
From Bethany to Jerusalem, from then to now,

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: To heal the sick, to mend the broken-hearted,
To comfort the disturbed, to disturb the comfortable,
To cleanse the temple, to liberate faith from convention,

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: To carry the cross, to lead the way,
To shoulder the sin of the world, and take it away,

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: Today, to this place, to us,

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

*** The Processional Hymn No. 85**

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Litany of Confession of Sin

Leader: Lent is not a time for being miserable,
but for taking stock and resetting our aims in following Christ.

**People: Loving God, in you I trust,
Let me never fool myself.**

Leader: Lent is an opportunity for healthy repentance –
repentance for our indifference in face of the permeating evil of the world,
repentance for personal sins which we have glossed over.

People: According to your loving kindness, remember me.

Leader: Lent is a time for joy; the joy that comes –
from defying temptations,
from turning our face to the light that shines on the narrow path of Christ,
from walking into adverse winds and enjoying small victories day by day.

**Leader: Make me to know your ways, O God, teach me your paths,
for you are the God of my salvation and my true joy.**

Leader: Jesus says: “The time is ready, the kingdom of God is at hand, repent and
believe the Gospel.”

**People: O come, let us return unto our God,
Who will have mercy and abundantly pardon.**

A Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Bell

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

The Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Fellow travellers, always remember that there is much more forgiveness in
God than we could ever exhaust. Receive from God, through the grace of
Christ, the blessing of sins forgiven and a right relationship restored.

People: Amen! Thanks be to God now and forever!

Choral Response

“Be Still and Know”

J. Bell

Insert here

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

The Scripture Lesson

Mark 1:9-15 (p. 812)

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

*** Hymn**

“Psalm 63”

The Sermon

“Driven Out”

Rev. Clover Beal

The Ritual of Friendship

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

The Offering of Our Gifts

The Offertory

“Love Which Understands”

J. Bell

*** The Response** (*All sing*)

**We give thee but thine own, whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

■ ■ ■ *The Eucharist*

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

Merbecke

The Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

(please use debts, debtors)

The Communion of the People

Music During Communion

“Sanctus” (choir)

B. Chilcott

Hymn No. 513 (all sing)

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Prayer after Communion

Thank you for sharing your life and love with us. Now strengthen us to be your lively and loving people. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit to bring good news to the poor and lift blind eyes to sight, to loose the chains that bind and claim your blessing for all people. In Jesus’ name we pray. AMEN.

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

*** The Closing Hymn**

“The Servant Song”

Won’t you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you.

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, we are family on a road

We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you in the nighttime of your fears

I will hold my hand out to you, speak the words you long to hear.

When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony

Born of all we’ve known together of Christ’s love and agony.

*** The Commission and Blessing**

*** The Choral Benediction**

*** The Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *The Postlude*

J. Brahms

“Symphony I (Theme)”



The crucifer today is Colin Higgs

■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by Sue and Scott Lafferty in loving memory of their children Sarah, Douglas and Daniel and in honor of Christine, Juliann and Peter; and by Carolyn Vrtunski in celebration of life.

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.

This Month’s Ushers

Sam Manu, Lead Usher; Nancy Crawford, Amy Davis, George Dean, Muriel Dean, Scott Duncan, Jean Duncan, Audrey Kellermeyer, Scott Peters, Tish Van Beers-Klein, Johanna Wilcott. Sam Manu, 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.

Grocery Certificates

Buy FHC Grocery Cards and support Forest Hill Mission Trips! The Ministry of Justice and Mission has designated that 90% of the profits from grocery certificates sales from January to June 2009 support future adult and youth mission trips. Grocery gift cards may be purchased in Fellowship Hall after the service most Sunday mornings. Ten per cent of the grocery card profits support the FHC Emergency Food Cupboard on an ongoing basis.

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 divide the money collected in thirds and send it to Heights Emergency Food Center, the Garden Valley Hunger Center, and the Hot Meals Program at First Presbyterian Church, East Cleveland.

Picture Directory Sign-up

We are excited to announce that we're going to create a new **pictorial directory** of our church family. The directory will help us connect names with faces. It will be an ideal outreach tool and will capture the history of our church congregation. Please participate! Have your picture taken by the professional photographer and meet with a portrait consultant at the church – each family participating will receive a free 8x10 portrait and a free directory.

We will be making appointments after church in Fellowship Hall. Please **sign up** as soon as possible to get the best appointment to fit your schedule.

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 this week is **Mark 8: 31-38**.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education: 9:30 a.m. in South Hall

Who Are We as American Christians?

March 8: "The Complex American Religious Landscape," led by Dr. Tim Beal

Bread for the World Advocacy Workshop

Those interested in improving U.S. public policies to alleviate global hunger and poverty are invited to a workshop presented by Bread for the World, a Christian social justice advocacy organization, on Sunday, March 8, 2009 from 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. at Church of the Resurrection, 32001 Cannon Road in Solon. No fee or prior registration are required. Forest Hill Church supports Bread for the World with funds from our sale of grocery store certificates.

LOOKING AHEAD

Care Group

The Mt. Sinai Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during March. 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:

Janet Kickel, Deacon leader

Allen Ball

Bob & Joanne Bielek

Guy Cameron and family

Betty & Don Clark

Sue Conant

Ralph & Molly Dise

Jane Frederick & family

Donna Frey

Sue Gifford & family

Don & Nancy Grube

Barb & Lamont Hansen

Jason & Christine Hidek and family

Chuck & Jane Ishler

Nina Klein

Mary Lewis

Julie & Gary Lusic

Dave & Jane Olson and family

Joyce Peters

Graham & Roz Peters

Jim Picht & Rebecca Martin and family

Sara & Randy Shaner

Anona Stack

Lorian, Ralph & Fran Thomas

Ann & Peter Williams

Betty Woodruff

Warren & Lois Young

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).

Swing to the Lord a New Song II

Save the date! Sunday March 22 at 7:30 p.m. – it’s the second annual ***Swing to the Lord*** concert, featuring the Chancel and Sine Nomine Choirs as well as a jazz combo led by trombonist Paul Ferguson (Anne Wilson’s brother) and trumpeter Jack Schantz (he was amazing last year, remember?). Also appearing will be the Heights Barbershop Group. This concert showcases sacred works written in a jazz or jazz/gospel idiom. It’s a good time to invite your music-loving friends!

■■■ *FHC Youth*

Today: MOB: Sr High, 5 p.m.

Looking ahead: Ski trip, March 7 – 8

■■■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22: 23-31; Romans 4: 13-25; Mark 8: 31-38. 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 March” page of the **TOWER**.

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■■■ *Calendar: March 1 – 8*

Sunday, March 1

1 Lent

- 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
Cherub Choir
- 11:00 Little Explorers (3 and 4 year olds)
Children in Worship (older 4s, k)
WORSHIP: Communion
Pathways to the Promise Land
gr. 1-5
- 12:15 Coffee hour
- 5:00 Faith Leader class
MOB: Sr. High
Kerygma

Monday, March 2

- 6:00 p.m. Special meeting of PWR
(Church of the Covenant)
- 7:00 p.m. Sycamore Group
- 7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA)
Boy Scout Trp #403

Tuesday, March 3

- 1:30 p.m. Adult library mtg
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #36
Bldg campaign mtg

Wednesday, March 4

- 7:30 a.m. Bible and Bagels
- 6:30 p.m. Supper and worship (7:15)
- 7:30 p.m. Confirmation Bible study

Thursday, March 5

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

Friday, March 6

- 1:30 p.m. PWR Mission Council

Saturday, March 7

- 7:00 a.m. MOB Ski trip leaves
- 8:00 a.m. Men’s Spirituality
- 9:00 a.m. PWR Mission Council
- 6:00 p.m. The Group (at Khourys’)

Sunday, March 8

2 Lent

- 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
- 11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land gr. 1-5
- 12:15 Coffee hour
Sine Nomine Choir
Teacher training
- 5:00 Faith Leader class
MOB: Sr. High
Kerygma

Mark 1: 9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."



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LENTEN SUPPER RESPONSE: MARCH 4

SUPPER AT 6:30, WORSHIP AT 7:15

HOW MANY FOR SUPPER? _____

CHILDREN NEEDING CHILD CARE? _____

NAME: _____

PLEASE LEAVE THIS IN THE OFFERING PLATE.

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY REPLIED BY EMAIL

THERE'S NO NEED TO REPLY HERE.