

*Service of Worship*

**March 15, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.**

**3 Lent**

*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*

Merciful God, in Christ you make all things new. Settle our hearts, inspire our worship, empower us to be your people. In Jesus' name. AMEN.

**Welcome**

**The Prelude**

“Ah, Holy Jesus”  
Carmen Massaro, guest organist

arr. F. Ritter

■ ■ ■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

**The Choral Introit**

**The Call to Worship**

Cliff Kowall

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament shows forth the work of God's hands.

People: **Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.**

Leader: Lift up your voice and sing God's praise, O People of God.

People: **Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.**

Leader: Open yourselves to the mercy that comes from on high. Be filled with the Spirit that is ours through Christ Jesus.

People: **Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

\* **The Processional Hymn No. 272**

“God of the Sparrow”

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**The Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Clover Beal

Leader: The Lord God said: I will give you a new heart and a new mind. I will take away your stubborn heart of stone and give you an obedient heart.

People: **We need new hearts and new minds for this new age. Our hearts are troubled and our minds are clouded. We see the problem but don't want to change. We are aware of needs but it is hard to sacrifice. We know well the disquiet and recognize the fear that is all around. Lord, forgive us.**

**A Time of Silent Confession**

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

Merbecke

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

**The Assurance of Pardon**

\***The Response** (*all sing*)

“Be Still and Know”

**Be still and know that I am God.**

**Be still and know that I am God** (*repeat*)

*All sing once; the second time, women begin one measure after men.*

**The Anthem**

P. Sosa (Argentina)

“Behold, How Pleasant” (*Miren qué bueno*)

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

**The Scripture Lesson**

John 2:13-22 (p. 863)

*After the reading*

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

\* **Hymn No. 294**

“Wherever I May Wander”

*Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn*

**The Sermon**

Dr. John Lentz

“In Retrospect”

**The Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

*please use debts, debtors*

song

**The Ritual of Friendship**

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

**The Offertory**

African-Caribbean trad., arr. Bell

“You Hear the Lambs a-Cryin’ ”

**\* 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.**

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

**\* The Closing Hymn**

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”  
*Please see p. 4*

**\* The Commission and Blessing**

**\* The Choral Benediction**

**\* The Passing of the Peace**

**■ ■ ■** *The Postlude*

arr. K. Osterland

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”



*The crucifer today is Emily Mervine.*

■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

**Chancel Flowers**

Today's flowers are given by Marilyn Gifford in memory of her husband Dick; by Jack Prentice in memory of Ricky Prentice; and in honor of Barbara and Lamont Hansen's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, from their friends.

**Prayer Concerns this Week**

Wendy Anderson	Marian Frederick	Rebecca Martin
William Bidelman	Frances Frey	Austin Schwaderer
Dick Bloomquist	Charles Gilbert	Debbie Ungemach
Allen Bloomquist	Jason Himmelsteib	Dennis Wedding
Ralph and Molly Dise	Katie Kickel	Rovena Willis
Fran and Pat Drake	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.

**Welcome to the newest member of the FHC family** – Ella Rosemary Harvey, daughter of Doug and Marcie Harvey and granddaughter of Tom and Paula Harvey, who was born March 9, 2009.

**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. Visitor welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex.

***Welcome Carmen!***

Please welcome guest organist / choir director Carmen Massaro. Carmen has played for us many times, and we are always amazed to remember that he is a pharmacist. There are not many folks out there who can fill prescriptions **and** play the pipe organ! Anne Wilson is accompanying the Cleveland Heights choirs this morning as they sing at St. Bartholomew's Church, New York City as part of their spring tour. Tomorrow Anne will play the great organ at The Cathedral of St. John the Divine, the largest Gothic cathedral in the world.

***Directory Photos***

If you have not already signed up to have your picture taken for our new pictorial directory, please contact the Deacon in charge of your CARE group or call Lynda at 321-2660. Pictures will be taken March 31, April 1, 2, 3, and 4. We want everyone to have their portrait in our new directory. It is free and you will receive a free 8 x 10 photo and a new Forest Hill Church directory. Sign up now! Cathy Ghiandoni will be in Fellowship Hall signing people up after worship.

***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.

**THIS WEEK**

***Foreclosure Prevention Volunteers Needed***

The Home Repair Resource Center, a Forest Hill Church mission partner, seeks volunteers during the week of March 16-20 to help distribute information packets to Cleveland Heights homes considered to be "at-risk" because they are scheduled for foreclosure and/or facing adjustable rate re-sets on mortgages. To volunteer, please contact HRRC Director Kathryn Lad at [klad@hrrc-ch.org](mailto:klad@hrrc-ch.org) or call 216-381-6100.

***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 this week is **John 3: 14-21**.

***Supper and Service***

The next Lenten meal and worship service is this Wednesday, March 18. Please reserve your place at supper by using the reservation form on p. 11.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

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

March 22: **Are You an Evangelist?** led by Elder Tom Zych

***How Does Your Garden Grow?***

Do you love to dig in the dirt? Do you find God in the taste of a ripe tomato, the beauty of an eggplant and the scent of basil? Then we need your help! We are exploring the possibility of planting a Forest Hill Vegetable Garden this summer and sharing the harvest with our local community. If you'd like to volunteer, come to an organizational meeting next Sunday (March 22) immediately after church. Contact Laura Steiner at [lauramsteiner@yahoo.com](mailto:lauramsteiner@yahoo.com) or 216-297-9865 for more information.

***Swing to the Lord a New Song II***

Next 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!

**LOOKING AHEAD**

***Softball Players Needed***

Forest Hill is fielding two teams this year and needs a few more players to round out this year's roster for both teams. Contact Jason Hidek at [jason.hidek@att.net](mailto:jason.hidek@att.net) or 330-284-5007 if you are interested.

***Social Groups and Circles***

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

Iris Circle will meet at the home of Karen Loughridge (34116 Chagrin Blvd, #9101, Moreland Hills) on Tuesday March 17 at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Clover Beal will lead a Bible study. All women are welcome!

***Calling All Library Books***

Read a good book lately? Is it from the FHC adult library? Are you finished with it? Please return it! Thanks!

***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:

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| Janet Kickel, Deacon leader        | Chuck & Jane Ishler                   |
| Allen Ball                         | Nina Klein                            |
| Bob & Joanne Bielek                | Mary Lewis                            |
| Guy Cameron and family             | Julie & Gary Lustic                   |
| Betty & Don Clark                  | Dave & Jane Olson and family          |
| Sue Conant                         | Joyce Peters                          |
| Ralph & Molly Dise                 | Graham & Roz Peters                   |
| Jane Frederick & family            | Jim Picht & Rebecca Martin and family |
| Donna Frey                         | Sara & Randy Shaner                   |
| Sue Gifford & family               | Anona Stack                           |
| Don & Nancy Grube                  | Lorian, Ralph & Fran Thomas           |
| Barb & Lamont Hansen               | Ann & Peter Williams                  |
| Jason & Christine Hidek and family | Betty Woodruff                        |
|                                    | Warren & Lois Young                   |

■ ■ ■ *FHC Youth*

**Today: MOB:** Mid High, 4 p.m.; Sr High, 5 p.m.

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

**Next Sunday: Numbers 21: 4-9; Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2: 1-10; John 3: 14-21.** 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**.

■ ■ ■ *Calendar: March 15 – 22*

**Sunday, March 15**

**3 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  
Pathways to the Promise Land gr. 1-5  
12:15 Coffee hour  
Blood Pressure check  
4:00 Boy Scout Troup #403:  
Awards Dinner  
MOB: Mid High  
5:00 Faith Leader class  
MOB: Sr. High  
Kerygma

**Monday, March 16**

- 5:30 p.m. PWR 08-b Group  
7:00 p.m. Sycamore Group  
7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA)  
Boy Scout Trp #403  
Cub Scout Pack #36 (dens)

**Tuesday, March 17** 

- 10:30 a.m. Abrahamic traditions team  
12:30 p.m. Heather Circle (at Breckenridge)  
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #36 (dens)  
7:30 p.m. Iris Circle (at Kay Currie's)

**Wednesday, March 18**

- 7:30 a.m. Bible and Bagels  
10:00 a.m. TOWER collators  
12:30 p.m. Bullshevicks (at Wellington's)  
1:00 p.m. Hilltop Garden Club

**Wednesday, March 18 (cont)**

- 6:30 p.m. Lenten Supper  
7:15 p.m. Worship  
7:30 p.m. Confirmation Bible study  
8:15 p.m. Min. of Education &  
Spirituality mtg

**Thursday, March 19**

- 6:20 p.m. Voices in Bronze  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir  
Forest Hill Swim Club mtg

**Friday, March 20**

- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Camp-in

**Saturday, March 21**

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Spirituality grp  
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir dress rehearsal

**Sunday, March 22**

**4 Lent**

- 9:30 Child care begins  
Adult and Youth Education  
Confirmation class  
Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)  
10:15 Descant Choir activity  
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Continental Breakfast  
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12:15 Coffee hour  
FHC Garden organizational mtg  
Sine Nomine Choir  
5:00 Faith Leader class  
MOB: Sr. High  
Kerygma  
7:30 Concert:  
Swing to the Lord a New Song

**LENT 2009 at Forest Hill Church**

**Services of Evening Prayer**

**Wednesdays, March 18 and April 1**

**6:30 light supper** served by Morag Keefe

**7:15 worship** in the chapel or sanctuary

Clover, Anne and John will lead simple and beautiful liturgies shaped by the theme that our faith can be the source of refreshment, treasure and freedom. Each service will last about 45 minutes.

**Holy Week**

**Thursday, April 9** We will hold our traditional Maundy Thursday Tenebrae service at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**Friday, April 10** (Good Friday) We will hold our traditional mid-day service from 12 – 1 p.m. in the chapel.

**EASTER**

**Sunday, April 12** We will have services at 9:00 a.m. in the chapel celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary (concluding with the singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus").

There are a limited number of copies of ***Christ Our Hope***, a daily Lenten devotional by Henri J.M. Nouwen available in the information racks.

**Friday, March 27 – Saturday, March 28**

**Women's Retreat: "Reconciling and Rejoicing"**

at the River's Edge Retreat Center in Rocky River

Cost: \$80 (overnight) or \$40 (program only) Register with Clover Beal.

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**LENTEN SUPPER RESPONSE: MARCH 18**

**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.**