

Service of Worship

March 29, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

5 Lent

Sacrament of Baptism

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*

Today, O Lord, I yield myself to you. May your will be my delight today. May your way have perfect sway in me. May your love be the pattern of my living.

Teresa of Avila

Welcome

The Prelude

“Lamento Borrancano”
Voices in Bronze

S. Sebastian

■ ■ ■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

The Call to Worship

Elder Keith Logan

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with you.

People: Let it be this day, O Lord.

Leader: I will put my law within you and I will write it on your hearts. I will be your God and you will be my people.

People: We will be your people and you will be our God. Put your law within us and write it on our hearts.

Leader: For thus the Lord has spoken.

People: Amen. Let us worship God.

from Jeremiah 31: 31-34

*** The Processional Hymn**

“Come, All You People” / Uyai Mose

Hymn here

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

The Litany of Confession (Psalm 51:1-12) Rev. Clover Beal

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from sin.

People: For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against you, you alone have we sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

Leader: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach us wisdom in our secret heart. Purge us with hyssop and we shall be clean; wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow.

People: Let us hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities.

Leader: Create in us a new heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Do not cast us away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from us.

People: Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit.

A Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*) S. Jenks

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

The Assurance of Pardon

*** The Response**

Be still w/music

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

The Sacrament of Infant Baptism for Nikolas Alexander Russo

Congregational Response

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you, Nikolas Alexander, into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ. AMEN.

Children in Pathways may leave following the baptism

*** Hymn No. 492**

“Baptized in Water”

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

The Scripture Lesson Matthew 25:14-30 (p. 807)

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon Dr. John Lentz

“The Big Give”

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 G. Fauré

“Libera me” (from *Requiem*)

Jaired Birks, baritone

*** The Response** (*All sing*) Hymn No. 428

**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**

“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

“Prelude in F Minor”



The crucifer today is Ellen McCumber.

■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by Mr. and Mrs. Roy West and Laura West Stauffer in loving memory of their daughter and sister, Robyn West Mazanec; and by Lorian Thomas and family in loving memory of the Rev. Clarence “Tommy” Thomas.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Wendy Anderson	Marian Frederick	Jane Little
William Bidelman	Frances Frey	Rebecca Martin
Dick Bloomquist	Charles Gilbert	Austin Schwaderer
Allen Bloomquist	Dorothy Hales	Debbie Ungemach
Ralph and Molly Dise	Jason Himmelsteib	Dennis Wedding
Fran and Pat Drake	Carson Kent	Rovena Willis
	Katie Kickel	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 Forest Hill family – Mateo David Saspe, son of Heather (Stauffer) and Ricardo Saspe, who was born March 16, 2009. Mateo is the grandson of Derry and Kathy Stauffer, great-grandson of Dwight and Margy Stauffer, and nephew/cousin of Kevin, Laura, Jacob and Adam Stauffer.

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
Baptism

Today we celebrate the baptism of Nikolas Alexander Russo, son of Katie and Matthew Russo and grandson of Anne and Jeff Smith. Jeff is the Attending Elder, and Molly Smith and Chris Gyor are Nikolas’ godparents.

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.

Picture Directory Sign-up

Smile! This week (Tuesday March 31 – Saturday April 4) Life Touch Pictures will be taking your pictures for the church directory. If you are scheduled to have your portrait taken, check your email or voicemail for a reminder. If you haven’t yet signed up, there are a few slots left this week and there are plenty of available times in June (8-10). Please contact Lynda in the church office to schedule your appointment.

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

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 week is **Mark 14:1 – 15:47** (we will read the full passion narrative together as a group).

Supper and Worship

The next Lenten meal and worship service is this Wednesday, April 1. ***Please reserve your place at supper*** (this is very important) by using the reservation form on p. 10.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education: 9:30 in South Hall

Sunday, April 5 “Are you a disciple?” led by the Rev. Clover Beal

Cherub Choir

We will be participating in the Palm Processional and singing in the worship service on Palm Sunday, April 5. Please meet in the sanctuary at 10:15 on April 5 to rehearse. We will be singing the chorus of “Filled with Excitement” (track 4 on your CD – “Hosanna, hosanna to the king” section) during the processional. We will also sing “Hosanna! Hosanna!” (track 2 on your CD). If you have questions or need a CD, please contact Lisa Koops (2116-691-3316).

LOOKING AHEAD

New Member Potluck

All new and relatively new members are invited to a potluck supper at Diana and Ted Woodbridge’s, 1255 Oakridge, Cleveland Heights, on Saturday April 18 at 6 p.m. Please bring a salad, main dish or dessert to share. RSVP to the church office by April 13 (216-321-2660 or office@fhcpresb.org).

Care Group

The Nazareth 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:

Cindy Newton, Deacon and Leader	Jane & Cliff Kowall
Doris Bartlett	Barb & Kermit Lind
Marcia Beck	Nancy Mann
JoAnne Black	Mel, Robin, Amanda and Emily Mervine
Deborah Chapman & Lyn Hale	Daryl Musick
Ron and Patty Console and family	Dave & Allie Neff
Jeff and Holly Daedelow	Eric Rich, Deborah Peters and family
Jim and Terry Daedelow	Lois Reilly
Pat Drake	Jim Roosa and family
Jeannine Gury, Scott Peters and family	Peggy Sasso
Jennifer and Barry Hartz	Kevin & Laura Stauffer and family
Kathryn Himmelsteib	Megan & Peter Tzefronis and family
Jean Izant	Matt & Sarah Winters and family

Audrey & Bob Kellermeyer
Thanks to the Mt Sinai CARE Group for their work in March.

Social Groups and Circles

The Group (singles and couples, 50 – 70ish)

Join The Group on April 18 to see *The Odd Couple* presented by The Fairmount Performing Arts Conservatory located in the Civic Center at the corner of Wilson Mills and SOM Center Rd. The group rate will be no more than \$18 and the theatre is ADA accessible. We will meet at Anne and David Hunter’s for appetizers at 6:00 PM. Bring your favorite appetizer. Soft drinks and coffee will be provided. RSVP to Cathy Ghiandoni at cgghiandoni@aol.com or 216-691-1905 no later than April 10 to qualify for the group rate.

■ ■ ■ ***FHC Youth***

Tonight: MOB, 4 p.m. Celebration of Seniors Dinner

■ ■ ■ ***The Lessons***

Next Sunday: Isaiah 50: 409a; Psalm 31: 9-16; Philippians 2: 5-11; Mark 14:1 – 15:47. 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 April” page of the **TOWER**.

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■■■ *Calendar: March 29 – April 5*

Sunday, March 29

5 Lent

8:15 Nominating Committee
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:
Baptism of Nikolas Russo
11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land gr. 1-5
12:15 Coffee hour
4:00 MOB: Celebration of Seniors dinner
5:00 Kerygma

Monday, March 30

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

Tuesday, March 31

3 – 9 p.m. Directory Photography
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #36 (dens)

Wednesday, April 1

7:30 a.m. Bible and Bagels
3 – 9 p.m. Directory Photography
6:30 p.m. Supper
7:15 p.m. Worship
7:30 p.m. Confirmation Bible study

Thursday, March 26

3 – 9 p.m. Directory Photography
6:20 p.m. Voices in Bronze
7:00 p.m. Living Fit program
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
FH Swim Club

Friday, April 3

3 – 9 p.m. Directory Photography

Saturday, April 4

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Directory Photography
2:00 p.m. Piano Recital
5:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack #36
Awards Dinner

Sunday, April 5

Palm Sunday: Holy Week begins

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

Easter lilies may be ordered for Easter Day

Name _____

How many (\$7.00 each) _____
(make check payable to Forest Hill Church; memo: Easter lilies)
____ donate ____ take home

Dedication (by whom, in honor of, in memory of):

Please put this in the offering or contact the office with this information

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.

Matthew 25:14-30

“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

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