



*Discovering God's call, celebrating the Spirit's presence,*

*Witnessing to Christ's transformative power!*

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*Service of Worship*

**February 21, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.**

**The First Sunday in the Season of 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*

I cannot cause light. The most I can do is put myself in the path of its beam.

Annie Dillard

**Welcome**

**The Prelude**

"Sonata in A Minor: Largo"  
Alice Catanzaro, piccolo

A. Vivaldi

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

**The Call to Worship**

Elder Dave Neff

Leader: In hope, longing

**People: We're glad to come together.**

Leader: In trust, community

**People: We're glad to come together.**

Leader: In many moods, in many shapes and sizes

**People: We're glad to come together in this Lenten season.**

Leader: We pray: Remind us, O Spirit, that life is worth living.

Remind us, O Creator, that the struggle for justice is worth undertaking.

Remind us, O Mercy, that love and action are one. Let us worship God!

**People: Amen!**

\* **The Processional Hymn No. 138**

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**The Prayer of Confession**

Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

Leader: Before you, Jesus Christ, we admit how and where we have underestimated our influence, letting our words or silences hurt, abusing trust, betraying confidences.

Lord, have mercy.

**People: Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: We admit how and where we have made a show of our religion, attracting more attention to us, and less to you.

Lord, have mercy.

**People: Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: We admit to where in our lives a vague interest has become a dangerous passion, and we are not sure what to do or whether we are still in control.

Lord, have mercy.

**People: Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, if we have looked or longed for an easier gospel, a lighter cross, a less demanding savior, then turn our eyes and avert our longing from what we want to choose to the one who has chosen us.

Forgive our unfaithfulness and, for our better living, give us not the remedy we desire tomorrow, but the grace you offer today.

We ask this for your love's sake.

**People: Amen.**

**A Time of Silent Confession**

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

**The Assurance of Pardon**

**\* The Response**

Be still

*All sing first time; second time, men begin and women enter one measure later*

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

**The Scripture Lesson**

**Luke 4: 1-13**

**A Homiletic Dialogue**

Rev. Clover Beal  
Dr. Lentz

**\* Hymn No. 333**

“Seek Ye First”

**The Ritual of Friendship**

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

**The Offering of Our Gifts**

**The Offertory**

K. Jenkins

“Benedictus”

*Trans.: Blessed are those who have come in the name of the Lord*

**\* The Response**

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.**

■ ■ ■ *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**

“He Came Down That We May Have Love”

Sine Nomine Choir

Cameroon

“God Has Chosen Me” (congregation and choir sing)

J. Bell

Music here

**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 No. 339**

“Be Thou My Vision”

\* **The Commission and Blessing**

\* **The Choral Benediction**

\* **The Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *The Postlude*

J. Brahms

“Theme from Symphony No. 1”



■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

**Chancel Flowers**

The flowers this week are from the Cameron family in loving memory of Alan Scott Cameron.

**Prayer Concerns this Week**

Bill Burcham	David Gury	Graham Peters
Barb Cloud	Jason Himmelsteib	Debbie Ungemach
Polly Cohen	Elizabeth Kosnik	Dennis Wedding
Molly Dise	Mary Lewis	Doug, Marcie and Lucy Harvey
Marian Frederick	Connie May	Gerry & Loretta Losorella
Hazel Grant	Marilyn Oviatt	

**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. Roger Heineman, 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.

**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 **Luke 13: 31-35**.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

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

**Lenten Adult Ed Series – Reconciliation, Healing and Salvation**

Feb. 28	The Spiritual Journey through Grief and Comfort Patricia DeJohn, Hospice Grief Counselor	
Mar. 7	Spirituality and Mental Health	Daryl Musick
Mar. 14	Spirituality through Addiction and Recovery Exploring Membership: Part 2	Tom Zych
Mar. 21	The Spiritual Journey and Art of Forgiveness	Mark Chupp
Mar. 28	Salvation – What Is It?	John Lentz
April 4	EASTER – No Class	

**LOOKING AHEAD**  
**Exploring Membership**

The next Exploring Membership class, for those of you considering membership or just interested in the workings of the church, will be held on Saturday, March 13 and Sunday, March 14. Please contact the church office ([office@fhcpresb.org](mailto:office@fhcpresb.org) or 216-321-2660) if you are interested.

**Care Group**

The Bethlehem 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:

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Mark Waring, Deacon leader           | Bethany and Joe Pinzone and family |
| Jon Adams and Pam Conover and family | Ron Register and family            |
| Katie & Chris Batcheller             | Jean Reinhold                      |
| Dick Bloomquist                      | Baldwin Sawyer                     |
| Clarence and Eloise Boyd             | Rosaneil Schenk                    |
| Kay and Bill Currie                  | Mollie and Dick Secor              |
| Carolyn Doggett                      | Millie Skeivis                     |
| Peter and Kathryn Eloff              | Kevin and Laura Steiner            |
| Sharon Hansen                        | Elizabeth Stiles                   |
| Jenny Himmelman and family           | Carolyn Vrtunski                   |
| Joan Kandare                         | Mark and Julie Waring and family   |
| Morag and Tom Keefe                  | Blanche Winston                    |
| Elizabeth Kosnik                     | Beth and Tom Zych and family       |
| Karen and Clyde Loughridge           |                                    |

**Softball Season Is Here!**

We are just 2 months away from Spring Training as the Forest Hill softball teams look to win our fifth championship and win our fourth in a row! We are looking for five or six more players to add to our teams for the upcoming season. Any member, visitor, family or friend wishing to join the Forest Hill softball teams (actual softball skills not needed!), please contact Jason Hidek @ 330-284-5007 or [jason.hidek@att.net](mailto:jason.hidek@att.net).

■■■ *FHC Youth*

**MOB: Friday Nights with Mid High** will next meet on March 5 from 6 – 8 p.m.  
**Senior Highs** will meet for lunch in Rm 106 immediately following today's worship. There's no meeting this evening.

■■■ *The Lessons*

**Next Sunday: Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17 – 4:1; Luke 13: 31-35.** 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**.

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*Calendar: February 21 - 28, 2010*

**Sunday, February 21**

**1 Lent**

- 9:00 Oversight Committee
- 9:30 Child care begins
  - Adult and Youth education
  - Descant Choir
- 10:15 Descant Choir activity
- 10:30 Chancel Choir
  - Continental Breakfast
- 11:00 WORSHIP: Communion
  - Pathways to the Promise Land
- 12:15 Coffee Hour
  - Blood Pressure check
  - MOB: Sr High
- 5:00 Evangelism Group
  - Faith Leader

**Monday, February 22**

- 6:00 p.m. Relapse to Recovery
- 7:00 p.m. Al Anon
  - Cub Scout Pack #36 (dens)
  - Sycamore Group
- 7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA)
  - Boy Scout Troop #403

**Tuesday, February 23**

- 7:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #36 (dens)

**Wednesday, February 24**

- 7:30 a.m. Bible and Bagels
- 6:00 p.m. Yoga
- 7:00 p.m. Session

**Thursday, February 25**

- 9:45 a.m. Women's Book Group
- 6:20 p.m. Voices in Bronze
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

**Friday, February 26**

- 9:30 a.m. Al Anon
- 6:30 p.m. Fabulous Food Friday

**Saturday, February 27**

- 9:00 a.m. CEIRS class
  - Youth Visioning meeting

**Sunday, February 28**

**2 Lent**

- 9:30 Child care begins
  - Adult and Youth education
  - Descant Choir
- 10:15 Descant Choir activity
- 10:30 Chancel Choir
  - Continental Breakfast
  - Cherub Choir
- 11:00 WORSHIP
  - Pathways to the Promise Land
- 12:15 Coffee Hour
  - Pre-retreat meeting
  - Sine Nomine choir
- 5:00 Evangelism Group
  - Faith Leader