

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
May 16, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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*

Open me to greater faith and help me to perceive not only what is, but also what, by your grace, might be. Amen.

Welcome

The Prelude

"I Am a Witness"
Descant Choir

L. Bodwell

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

The Call to Worship

Carol Hopkins-Lutz

Leader: The Lord is King! Let the earth from coast to coast rejoice.

People: The great power of God lights up the world, creating and transforming the landscapes of this world.

Leader: We rejoice as the energy of God transforms the landscapes of our lives with the love of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: Let all people rejoice and give praise and thanks to God whom we worship as Creator, Christ and Spirit.

The Processional Hymn No. 442

"The Church's One Foundation"

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

The Prayer of Confession

Dr. John C. Lentz

Gracious God, you bring new life out of death. We confess that we need your life-giving power in our lives and our relationships. We have hurt others and been hurt by them. We are often angry or afraid. We are not sure when to assert our needs and when to care for others' needs. We continue to live in ways that do not lead to peace and justice. Forgive us, O God. Pour out your Holy Spirit of wisdom and healing upon us, that by our lives and our loving we may glorify you. Amen.

A Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison

Evan Tuttle

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

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;

Children and youth begin 2 measures after that.

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

The Family Meditation

Dr. Lentz

* **Hymn**

“Open Your Doors”

Children in Pathways may leave during the hymn

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

The Scripture Lessons

Psalm 97

Acts 16: 16-34

After the readings

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

“Shaken and Unshackled”

Rev. Clover Reuter Beal

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

arr. Per Harling

“You Are Holy”

Sine Nomine Choir

* **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 No. 411**

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

* **The Commission and Blessing**

* **The Choral Benediction**

* **The Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *The Postlude*

M. Duruflé

“Come Holy Spirit”



■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by Scott and Jean Duncan and Elizabeth Duncan in loving memory of Gloria and Bill Duncan and Ruth and Leonard Lick.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Polly Cohen

Elizabeth Kosnik

Frank Spisak

Molly & Ralph Dise

Mary Lewis

Debbie Ungemach

Betty Farnfield

Connie May

Dennis Wedding

Marion Flanigan

Maxine Myers

Patti Wisnieski

Jason Himmelsteib

Jay Middleton

Betty Woodruff

Alan Peterson

Doug, Marcie and Lucy Harvey

Florence and Ron Klein

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

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

If you have a few minutes after church and would like to meet and get to know other members of Forest Hill Church, come to **Connections Corner** in Fellowship Hall. Look for the table by the brightly colored signs to the left as you enter the room. Come for coffee, a tasty treat, conversation and connection!

Music Notes

Many thanks to the members of the Descant and Sine Nomine choirs, who are ending their 2009-10 season today. And thanks to the parents and guardians who offer support and encouragement to their singing children!

Today's Kyrie was composed by Shaker High School student Evan Tuttle, who shows great promise as a composer.

Lectio Divina:

Interested in increasing your prayer life? Hearing what the Bible is saying to you in your life? A Lectio Divina group will meet in the Chapel from 5:30 – 6:30 on Sundays through May 23. Call Jennifer Blakeney for more information (216-481-9844)

Softball Today

The FHC 'B' team will play Hillcrest UMC at 3:30 at Roxboro Middle School; the 'A' Team will play St. Ann Parish in Forest Hill Park at 6 p.m.

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 **Acts 2: 1-21**.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education: 9:30 in South Hall

Where is God . . .

May 23 Conclusion: An Integrated Life in Christ

Day of Pentecost: May 23

Next Sunday is Pentecost – it's an FHC tradition to wear red. Pentecost is a time of **red** – a color of fire and zeal and passion and heat. The Spirit is incendiary within us! Renowned jazz trumpeter Jack Schantz will be joining us for Pentecost worship.

LOOKING AHEAD

Care Group

The Eden Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during May. 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:

Mary Ball, Deacon leader

Doris Allen

Clover, Tim, Seth & Sophie Beal

Dave & Chris Bell

Colleen Bloom and family

Jean and Scott Duncan

Jeff Dyck & Lara Troyer

Kris & Bill Fay

Hazel Grant

Mary Hill, Evan & Emily Tuttle

Heather & Jon House

Bob & Pat Jeffreys

Sue & Scott Lafferty

Jane Little

Peg Weissbrod & Steve Marunowski

Clayton & Julie Minder

Ron Polderman & Carol Smith

Elizabeth Shaw

Jeff & Anne Smith

Elaine Tapié

Elaine Turley & Jordan Shoger

Paul & Katie Weissbrod

This week's volunteers: Lara Troyer (Continental Breakfast); Peg Weissbrod and Steve Marunowski (Coffee Hour); Rosaneil Schenk (Greeting Cards); Diana Woodbridge, Vince Taylor and Rosanna Sprague (Greeters).

Social Groups and Circles

Name (age range)

Iris Circle (all women of the church)

Iris Circle invites the women of the church to a pot luck dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18 in Bodwell Hall. Dinner will be followed by a Bible study led by Rev. Clover Beal. Please contact Cathy Ghiandoni for more information (cgghiandoni@aol.com or 216-691-1905).

Pacesetters

The Pacesetters' Progressive Dinner has been moved to May 29. We will be walking as a group from house to house for three different courses. Contact Melody or Linn Obery (obery@sbcglobal.net or 216-291-8323) to join the fun or for more information.

■ ■ ■ *FHC Youth*

MOB: Friday Nights with Mid High will meet on May 21 from 6 – 8 p.m.

Senior Highs will meet this evening and on and May 23 from 5 – 7 p.m.

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: Acts 2: 1-21; Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b; Romans 8: 14-17; John 14: 8-17. 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. Links to the readings for each Sunday appear on the church's Facebook page, the *Upcoming Sundays* page of our website (<http://www.fhcpresb.org/worship-music/upcoming-sundays/>), and on the "Sundays in May" page of the *TOWER*.

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Calendar: May 16 – 23, 2010

Sunday, May 16

Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Child care begins

9:30 a.m. Adult and Youth education
Descant Choir

10:15 a.m. Descant Choir activity

10:30 a.m. Sine Nomine Choir
Continental Breakfast

11:00 a.m. WORSHIP
Pathways to Promise Land

12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour

Ice Cream Social

3:30 p.m. Softball:
'B' team vs Hillcrest UMC, RMS

5:00 p.m. MOB: Senior High

5:30 p.m. Lectio Divina

6:00 p.m. Softball:
'A' Team vs St Ann Parish, FHP

Monday, May 17

6:00 p.m. Progress not Perfection

7:00 p.m. AI Anon
Cub Scout Pack #36 (dens)
Sycamore Group

7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA)
Boy Scout Troop #403

Tuesday, May 18

12:30 p.m. Heather Circle (at Jane Melbourne's)

6:30 p.m. Iris Circle

7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #36 (dens)

Wednesday, May 19

7:30 a.m. Bible and Bagels

12:30 p.m. Bullshevicks (Wellington's)

6:00 p.m. Yoga

Friday, May 21

9:30 a.m. AI Anon

6:00 p.m. MOB: Mid High

Sunday, May 23

Day of Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Child care begins

9:30 a.m. Adult and Youth education
Descant Choir

10:15 a.m. Descant Choir activity

10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
Continental Breakfast

11:00 a.m. WORSHIP: Communion
Pathways to Promise Land

12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour

5:00 p.m. MOB: Senior High

5:30 p.m. Lectio Divina

6:00 p.m. Softball:
A vs Grace Lutheran, RMS
B vs Church of the Redeemer, FHC

The Summer Schedule begins

June 6

Worship will be at 10 a.m

Summer Pathways begins May 30

Summer Bible Study begins June 20