

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
December 26, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.*

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.

Prelude

"As a Star on Cloudless Evenings"

S. Chavez-Melo

Call to Worship

Jack Lentz

Leader: A boy has been born for us;

All: A child has been given to us.

Leader: And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, the Prince of Peace. Once we were no people.

All: Now we are God's people.

Leader: Once we walked in darkness;

All: Now we have seen a great light.

*** Hymn No. 28**

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

A Christmas Reading

from *Cloth for the Cradle (Iona)*

"They Have Heard It on the Hills"

*** Hymn No. 29**

"Go Tell it on the Mountain"

Family Meditation

"A Celebration of Gifts"

Anthem

"Here's a Pretty Little Baby"

arr. A. Thomas

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 2: 13-23

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

*** Hymn No. 61**

“ ‘Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”

Sharing of the Word

Dr. John Lentz

“Christmas Weeping”

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

please use debts, debtors

Ritual of Friendship

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

Offertory

arr. M. Shaw

“Coventry Carol”

*** 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.

*** Closing Hymn No. 44**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

*** Commission and Blessing**

*** Choral Benediction**

*** Passing of the Peace**

Postlude

L. Daquin

“Noel #8”



Many thanks to today’s music leaders:

Patty Console, Melody Obery, Beth Zych, Linn Obery, Jaired Birks and Carl Jenks

■ ■ ■ Parish Notes

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Bii Burcham, George Dean, Robert Eaton, Joy Ferguson, Hazel Grant, Arlene Quinn, Debbie Ungemach, Ted Woodbridge

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Ralph Dise, Pat and Fran Drake, Rose Eaton, Betty Farnfield, Marilyn Gifford, Mary Jean Kent, Elizabeth Kosnik, Mary Lewis, Merdine T. Morris, Joyce Peters

This Month’s Ushers

Scott Peters, Lead Usher; Tish Van Beers-Klein, assistant lead; Amy Davis, Chris Davis, Scott Duncan, Jean Duncan, Brian Klein, Jim Roosa, Ayodele Solaru. 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.

Visitors and newer members – 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 to the left as you enter the room. Come for coffee, a tasty treat, conversation and connection!

Christmas Events at Forest Hill Church

January 2: Worship: Celebration of Epiphany, Communion, and The Three Kings
January 4: Iris Circle: Potluck Dinner, 6 p.m.
Women’s Lessons and Carols, 7 p.m.

THIS WEEK

Bible and Bagels

Bible and Bagels will meet Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The lesson this week is **John 1: 10-18**.

NEXT SUNDAY

Classes and children’s choirs will not meet next Sunday. Worship at 11 a.m. will include celebrations of Epiphany and communion as well as the procession of the Three Kings.

LOOKING AHEAD

Kerygma Begins January 16

Information and registration forms are now available for the next Kerygma series, titled ***Into the Word: The Book of the Acts of the Apostles***. Look for the registration table in Fellowship Hall.

Care Group

All FHC members are responsible for meeting members’ needs during December. 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.

Today’s CARE Group volunteers: Kay Dunlap (Continental Breakfast); Jordan Dail and Monika Juodisius (Coffee Hour); Rosaneil Schenk and Betty Clark (Greeting Cards); Meg Lentz and Seth Beal (Greeters)

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

Next Sunday

Mid High: Meet from 4 – 5:30 for game night

Sr High: Meet from 6:30 – 8 for game night

Looking Ahead

January 8 – Tobogganing

February 12 – Ski Trip

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: Jeremiah 31: 7-14; Psalm 147: 12-20; Ephesians 1: 3-14; John 1: 10-18.

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 January” page of the **TOWER**.

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Calendar: December 26, 2010 – January 2, 2011

<p>Sunday, December 26 10:30 Child care begins 11:00 WORSHIP in Fellowship Hall 12:15 Coffee Hour 7:00 Russian cultural program</p> <p>Monday, December 27 Office closed 6:00 p.m. Progress not Perfection (Al Anon) 7:00 p.m. Al Anon 7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA)</p> <p>Wednesday, December 29 7:30 a.m. Bible & Bagels 9:30 a.m. Al Anon</p>	<p>Friday, December 31 Office closed</p> <p>Sunday, January 2 No classes or children's choirs 10:30 Child care begins Continental Breakfast 11:00 WORSHIP: Celebration of Epiphany, Communion, and The Three Kings 12:15 Coffee Hour 12:30 Abundance Cupboard mtg 4:00 MOB: Mid Hi – game night 5:00 Faith Leader 6:30 MOB: Sr. High – game night</p>
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To: '07 - '10 High School Grads
 Come to the Lentz home and share some SOUP
 as you share the SCOOP of
 Post-High School life at the annual Drop-in!
Thursday, December 30th from 6-8 p.m.
1619 Compton Rd. Cleveland Heights

We know you have busy social lives so come and go as you please -
 just drop in for some fellowship and food!
 Drop an email to pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org
 and let us know if you are coming.