

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

March 13, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

The First Sunday in the Season of 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*

God of love, in Jesus Christ you give yourself to us. In this time of worship may we give ourselves to you. Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us. Let our mouths speak the truth that Christ teaches us. Fill our bodies with that life that is Christ within us. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

Welcome

Prelude

"Dialogue"
Voices in Bronze

S. Walters

Choral Introit

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Peter Williams

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

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: With what shall we come before the Holy One and bow ourselves down before God on high?

People: **God has shown us what is good.**

Leader: What does the Holy One require of us?

People: **To do justice, and to live kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

* **Processional Hymn No. 84**

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Clover Beal

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

A Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison *(Lord, have mercy)*

Merbecke

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

Assurance of Pardon

* **Response**

“Be Still and Know”

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

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

We Welcome New Members

Congregational Welcome

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

* **Hymn No. 322**

“Spirit of the Living God”

Scripture Lesson

Acts 23: 11

“That night the Lord stood near him and said: ‘Keep up your courage! For just as you have testified for me in Jerusalem, so you must bear witness also in Rome.’”

After the reading(s)

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

“Bearing Witness in Rome”

Ritual of Friendship

all are asked to sign tablets as a record of attendance

Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory

Bishop P. Morton

“Chasing After You”

Sine Nomine Choir; Geoffrey Golden, guest conductor

* **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.

■ ■ ■ *Eucharist*

Invitation

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

(please use debts, debtors)

Communion of the People

Music During Communion

J. Koops

"My Lord Knows the Way Through the Wilderness"

Lisa Koops, soprano

Prayer after Communion

We thank you, Gracious Lord, that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. By your Spirit, strengthen our souls to be brave and bold in Christ's service. Use us for your purposes, in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

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

* Closing Hymn No. 344

"Christ of the Upward Way"

* Commission and Blessing

* Choral Benediction

* Passing of the Peace

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

J. S. Bach

"Prelude in F Minor"

■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by Ellen McChesney and Carol and Jeff Phillips in loving memory of Clarence and Marjorie McChesney and Glen and Margaret Phillips; by Marilyn Gifford in memory of her husband Dick; and by Jack Prentice in memory of Ricky Prentice.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Mary Ball, Bob Bielek, Don Clark, George Dean, Joy Ferguson, Janet Kickel, Debbie Ungemach

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

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

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. Lists of ongoing prayer concerns are in each month's **TOWER**.

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.

Please welcome these new members who are joining Forest Hill Church today:

Priscilla Colville

Lissa McKinley, in absentia

Kay Dunlap (*Kay joined in the fall and is being formally received today*)

(Lissa will be received later this month)

Jen Fu

Neil and Kathy Molyneaux

Suzanne Marcy

Barb Morrison

Alice McKinley

Diane Moyer and Jeremy Ryman

■ ■ ■ *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.

Today's Music

Today we welcome Geoffrey Golden as the guest conductor of the Sine Nomine Choir. Geoffrey is Assistant Director of Music at Glenville Church of Christ Holiness and a student at Heights High.

Steel Drums: There will be a demonstration of steel drum playing today at 12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Led by Ron Kerns from Panyard, Inc., the session will feature our own new set of "pans" purchased in memory of Lamont Hansen. All are welcome.

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 3: 1-17**.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education: 9:30 in South Hall

March 20 Holy Land Pilgrimage slides (Dave Bell)

March 27 & April 3 Homelessness in Greater Cleveland (Ministry of Justice and Mission)

LOOKING AHEAD

Softball Season!

Softball season is here! Are you looking for fellowship, great cookouts, chicanery, exercise, and oh yes, some fun competitions with local churches? The Forest Hill softball teams are looking for members, visitors and guests (16 and over) to join this spring. Games are played Sunday late afternoons and evenings at local parks from April thru the end of July. Please contact Jason Hidek at jason.hidek@att.net or 440-646-9093 if you are interested.

Buy Stock in our Youth!

This summer our youth will spend a week in mission in Washington, DC. Our students will be selling stock to raise money for the mission trip through the end of March. For a minimum donation of \$10, investors buy a share in the youth group. The investor will be issued a stock certificate with the name of one of our youth in April. As an investor, you commit to praying for your student. During our week in DC, your student will write a letter to report about the trip. When we return, there will be an ice cream social for the students and investors to share our experience on the mission trip. Please make checks out to Forest Hill Church with Youth Stock in the memo line, or visit the table in Fellowship Hall after worship with questions. Thanks for your support!

Care Group

The Jericho 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:

Jennifer Blakeney, Deacon and Leader
Janet Banis
the Baumgartner family
Jennifer Blakeney and Marius Juodisius
and family
Jack and Mary Ann Breisch
the Brock family
the Burleigh family
Jim and Carol Conway
Joseph and Janet Dauer
Marge Drollinger
Elizabeth Farnfield
Beverly Gairing

Al Gilbert
Tom and Paula Harvey
Candice Hoke and George Taylor
and family
Carol Hopkins-Lutz
Alex and Nancy Jamieson
the Lindquist family
Carol Phillips
the Sampson family
Jean Seeley
Chuck and Lora Smith and family
Sarah and JT Tan and family
Ann Tutton
the Wollaeger family

Social Groups and Circles

Iris Circle (all women of the church)

I Spy: An Artistic Scavenger Hunt

at the Cleveland Museum of Art, with Anne Wilson

Iris Circle invites women of Forest Hill Church to a tour of the Cleveland Museum of Art on Tuesday, March 15, 2011. We will meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. to car pool, and will meet Anne Wilson at the art museum by 10:30 a.m. Anne, a museum docent, will give us a private interactive tour which combines fun with artistic observation. Afterwards, if interested, you may join us for lunch at the Cafe in the Art Museum. If you are interested, please contact Cathy Ghiandoni (cgghiandoni@aol.com or 216-691-1905).

Hilltoppers (retired singles and couples)

The Hilltoppers will meet in Fellowship Hall at 1 p.m. on Friday, March 18, for a K-9 program presented by the South Euclid Police Department. All are welcome to come, and bring a friend!

Pacesetters (singles and couples, 40s – 50s)

Calling all Pacesetters! Come watch Clayton Minder (Pacesetter and choir member) in a production of **Dirty Rotten Scoundrels** at the Chagrin Valley Little Theatre in Chagrin Falls on Saturday, March 19 at 8 p.m. There will be a reception upstairs in the River Room following the performance (please bring an appetizer or dessert and a beverage; no hard liquor please). Tickets are \$18 (adults), \$14 (seniors and students) and can be purchased by calling 440-247-8955 (the theatre box office). If you have already RSVP'd to Beth Zych, she has ordered your ticket – you do not need to call the theatre.

■■■ **Youth News**

Today

Mid High and Sr High: Meet from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Meeting for ALL mission trip participants at 12:30 p.m.

Next Sunday

Mid High and Sr High: Meet from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Looking Ahead

March 18: Mid High Game Night at Cameron Peters', 6 p.m.
March 27: Sr High OTL at 1 p.m.: Mongolian Barbecue on Coventry

■■■ **The Lessons**

Next Sunday: Genesis 12: 1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17; John 3: 1-17. 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 March" page of the **TOWER**.

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Calendar: March 13 - 20, 2011

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| <p>Sunday, March 13: 1 Lent 9:15 Child care begins 9:30 Adult and Youth Education Mid & Sr High Youth Confirmation class Descant Choir 10:15 Descant Choir activity 10:30 Continental Breakfast Chancel Choir Session: Meet with New Members 11:00 WORSHIP: Communion Children in Worship; Little Explorers Sr High Youth 11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land 12:15 Coffee Hour Youth Mission Trip meeting Steel Drum demo (invitation only) 5:00 Faith Leader Holy Conversations Kerygma class</p> <p>Monday, March 14 3:00 p.m. Task Force meeting 6:00 p.m. Progress not Perfection (AA) 6:30 p.m. Turkey-Greece trip dinner 7:00 p.m. Al Anon 7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA) Boy Scouts Troup #403</p> <p>Tuesday, March 15 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #36 Youth Core Team</p> <p>Wednesday, March 16 7:30 a.m. Bible & Bagels 10:00 a.m. TOWER collators 12:30 p.m. Bullshevicks (at Wellington's)</p> | <p>Wednesday (cont) 1:00 p.m. Hilltop Garden Club 7:00 p.m. Ministries meet</p> <p>Thursday, March 17 4:30 p.m. Huron Hospital's Living Fit class 6:20 p.m. Voices in Bronze 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p> <p>Friday, March 18 9:30 a.m. Al Anon 1:00 p.m. Hilltoppers: K-9 program 6:30 p.m. Mid High Game Night</p> <p>Saturday, March 19 8:00 a.m. Men's Group 8:00 p.m. Pacesetters: Chagrin Valley Little Theatre</p> <p>Sunday, March 20: 2 Lent 9:15 Child care begins 9:30 Adult and Youth Education Mid & Sr High Youth Confirmation class Descant Choir 10:15 Descant Choir activity 10:30 Continental Breakfast Chancel Choir 11:00 WORSHIP Children in Worship; Little Explorers Sr High Youth Pathways to the Promise Land 12:15 Coffee Hour Blood Pressure check 5:00 Faith Leader Holy Conversations</p> |
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Lent and Easter 2011 at Forest Hill Church

Wednesday, March 16
 Ministry meetings, 7:00 p.m. (moved from March 9)

Wednesday, March 23
 Session meeting, 7:00 p.m. (regularly scheduled meeting)

Friday, March 25
Pilgrimage to Turkey and Greece departs

Wednesday, March 30
 Lenten dinner, 6:30, and program, 7:30 (Healing and Wholeness)
 Child care will be provided

Wednesday, April 6
 Lenten dinner, 6:30, and program, 7:30 (Healing and Wholeness)
 Child care will be provided

Sunday, April 17: Palm Sunday
 Worship and distribution of palms, 11 a.m.
 AWE: "Swing to the Lord a New Song," 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 21: Maundy Thursday
 Dinner, 6:30; Worship with communion, 7:30
 Child care will be provided
 Pick up Honey Baked Hams, 5 - 8 p.m. (Youth fund-raiser)

Friday, April 22: Good Friday
 Worship: 12:00



Sunday, April 24: Easter Worship, 9:00 and 11:00