

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 15, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

The Fourth Sunday in the Season of Easter

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

for those

Making a Public Profession of Faith

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*

Years ago, our parents desired for us to be baptized and promised "to live the Christian faith, and to teach that faith" to us. This congregation also promised to guide, nurture and encourage us "to follow Christ and be a faithful member of this church."

Today, we are no longer babies, but claim for ourselves those hopes and promises. We pledge today, before God and this faith community, to follow Christ and be faithful members of the church. Thank you, parents. Thank you, members. And most of all, thank you, Holy Spirit.

The God of yesterday, today and tomorrow, guide and inspire us so that the promises made long ago and the vows claimed this day bring your praise and make your kingdom more known.

Welcome

Liz Wollaeger

Prelude

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

Edie Duncan, violin

J. S. Bach

■ ■ ■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship Megan Muller-Girard and Deanne Lentz

Leader: Loving God, you have led us to this place,

People: Not to shield us from heartache and the pain of human life,

Leader: But to heal us and inspire us, to gently redirect us,

People: Til we see the world as you do, and love it with your love.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* **Processional Hymn No. 492**

“Baptized in Water”

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

The Examen Sarah Lentz and Peg Weissbrod

A time of silent confession and self-examination

Today, I am grateful for...

Today, I saw God in my life when...

I was faithful to what I believe when I...

I felt disconnected from God when...

One way I want to do things differently is...

Tomorrow, I need to accept that...

My prayer for tomorrow is...

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Merbecke

■ ■ ■ *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.

Anthem

J. S. Bach

“All Hearts Be Joyful”

Sine Nomine Choir

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

Confirmation

Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

* **Hymn**

“Here Am I”

Scripture Lessons

Jessica Klein and Dele Solaru

Isaiah 35: 5-7

Acts 2:42

After the readings:

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

People: Thanks be to God.

A Conversation with the Confirmands

Anna Brock, Peter Cary, Jessica Klein, Sarah Lentz and Megan Muller-Girard

Affirmation of Faith

Anna Brock and Laura Minder

Anna: We know that God is in the world – was and is and will be. God made it all, and continues to renew and remake and resurrect.

People: We know God best in the life of Jesus, who was and is our maker of hope, the one who saves.

Laura: We know the power and energy of God in the Holy Scripture.

People: We are filled with God's joy.

Anna: We trust in God. We celebrate God. We work together for justice and peace through God.

People: We are never alone.

All: Thanks be to God.

Laura: We are the People of God.

People: We are the sisters and brothers of Jesus.

Anna: We believe in God. We believe in the goodness of God, the presence of God and the nearness of God's love.

People: We believe in Christ. We believe that God was and is revealed in human life.

Laura: We believe in the Holy Spirit, who moves among God's people and invites us into relationship.

People: We are the people of God.

Anna: We are the brothers and sisters of Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People

Anna Brock and Laura Minder

Lord's Prayer

please use debts, debtors

Ritual of Friendship

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

Offertory and Prayers of Thanksgiving

Peter Cary and Robert Brock

Offertory Music

K. Franklin

"Someone Asked the Question"

*** 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*

*** Closing Hymn**

"Go Make a Difference"

*** Commission and Blessing**

the Confirmands

*** Choral Benediction**

*** Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

A. Albinoni

"Allegro"

Lena Console, trumpet



■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Jean and Scott Duncan and Elizabeth Duncan in loving memory of Gloria and Bill Duncan and Ruth and Leonard Lick.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Bob Bielek, George Dean, Joy Ferguson, Debbie Ungemach

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

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

Please welcome this year's confirmation class into FHC membership:

Anna Jean Brock

Peter Michael Cary

Jessica Nicole Klein

Sarah Anne Lentz

Megan Sarah Muller-Girard

This Month's Ushers

Roger Heineman, Lead and Head Usher; Robyn Hales, Paula Harvey, Tom Harvey, Jason Hidek, Diane McFiggen, Tom McFiggen, Dick Peterjohn, Chuck Smith.

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.

Today's Music

Many thanks to the Sine Nomine Choir for taking on the musical leadership this morning. This is the end of the Sine Nomine Choir season, so please thank the choristers when you see them after the service! Thanks also to our two talented young instrumentalists, Edie Duncan (violin) and Lena Console (trumpet). Edie is a 6th grader at Woodbury School in Shaker Heights. Lena has just finished her freshman year at Indiana University.

Change in the Book of Order

A majority of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s 173 presbyteries have ratified an amendment to the church's constitution that replaces the current G-6.0106b. As a result of the vote, ordaining bodies – local church sessions for elders and deacons and presbyteries for ministers – will have more flexibility in determining individual candidates' fitness for ordained office in the denomination. What has changed is that persons in a same-gender relationship can be considered for ordination. The new wording states:

Standards for ordained service reflect the church's desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life. The governing body responsible for ordination and/or installation shall examine each candidate's calling, gifts, preparation and suitability for the responsibilities of office. The examination shall include, but not be limited to, a determination of the candidate's ability and commitment to fulfill all the requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation. Governing bodies shall be guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates.

Bibles

One of our greatest pleasures is giving Bibles to the First Graders and Confirmands. To make each Bible more meaningful we include a bookplate with the child's name and date. Please thank Beth Zych for her eagle eye in placing each bookplate perfectly, and Katie Weissbrod for her calligraphy.

Exterior Renovation Project Report

The Exterior Renovation Project is substantially completed. The front third of the parking lot will be paved this year.

Financial summary

Total cost of project:	\$680,000
Pledge payments received to date:	\$490,000
Current bank loan:	\$190,000

The church is currently paying \$600 in interest each month. All payments received now will immediately reduce the church's interest cost.

To date, 72% of the pledged amount has been paid and 51% of the pledges have been paid in their entirety. Thanks to all of you who have helped keep the financing cost low.

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 this week is **John 14: 1-14**.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall

May 22: Elder Cynthia Bolbach, Moderator of the PC(USA) General Assembly, will speak at 9:30 as well as preach during worship.

To All Current and Past IHN Volunteers

You're invited a brown bag lunch after church on Sunday, May 22 for a chance to share and reflect on your experiences as a volunteer. Do you have feedback about what you've enjoyed and what has been challenging? Has your experience led to deeper questions about homelessness and poverty? How does providing hospitality to IHN guests serve as an expression of your faith? As we come to the end of another host week, join us to reflect together in community about these questions and more. Questions? Contact Julie Lustic or Laura Steiner.

Recital

All are invited to attend the Senior Recital of Jaired Birks, baritone, on Sunday, May 22 at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary. Jaired, a student at Heights High has participated in both Voices in Bronze and the Chancel Choir for three years, and is an Elected Leader on the Ministry of Justice and Mission. He plans to attend Ohio Northern University in the fall.

LOOKING AHEAD

Nursery

Our nursery is in need of volunteers through the summer months. You too can have a chance to eat animal crackers, hold a baby, play with blocks and listen to the worship service. Please sign up in the nursery or contact Liz Wollaeger.

Nurturing the Spiritual Life in Families

What do you say when your child asks about God? How do you respond when your child asks about heaven? When is the best time to talk about life and death? Do you want to include more faith practices in your family, but need help in finding resources?

The Children's Ministry Team is offering a book discussion for parents, grandparents and any other interested adults as an opportunity to explore how to help nurture their Christian faith within families. Using two Sunday mornings, June 5 and 19, the group will meet before worship at 9:00 to explore the book ***Making a Home for Faith, Nurturing the Spiritual Life of your Children*** by Elizabeth Caldwell to help in answering these difficult questions. Please contact Liz Wollaeger (church office or lizw@fhcpresb.org) or Laurie Logan (Laurie.logan@att.net).

Social Groups and Circles

Iris Circle (all women of the church)

Come join us on Tuesday, May 17 at 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall for a tour of Turkey and Greece, presented by several women from Iris Circle who went on the pilgrimage earlier this year. What sights did they see and how was it all connected to Paul in the New Testament? We will be able to discuss the entire trip and discover the blessings of being on a pilgrimage. Refreshments will be served.

Pacesetters (singles and couples, 40s-60s)

Calling all Pacesetters! Join us at the Zych house (2669 Edgehill Road, Cleveland Hts) on Saturday May 28 at 6:30 pm for a night of serious silliness as we watch some of the funniest movies ever made! We'll be starting with Monty Python's "Life of Brian" and, after a short intermission, watch "young Frankenstein"! Be prepared to laugh, hoot and holler out the lines. Bring whatever movie food you like such as popcorn, peanuts and raisinets and BYOB. This is not a dinner but if you feel you couldn't possibly make it through the night only on junk food by all means bring something more substantial!

RSVP to Beth at CubbyO@aol.com with "Movie Night" in the subject line or call (216)371-3381.

The Group (singles and couples 50s-70s)

Enjoy an evening with **Apollo's Fire**, "Plaine & Saucy," Tunes from the British Isles at a concert on Saturday, June 4, 2011, at 8:00 PM, at the **Baroque Music Barn**, on the SW Corner of Chagrin River Road & Shaker Blvd., in Hunting Valley. Tickets cost \$33.00 per person for **Section B General Seating**. Please order your tickets as soon as possible, as the program will soon sell out. Call 1-800-314-2535. When you say you are with the The Group, from Forest Hill Church, you will receive a 10% discount. Tickets can be mailed or will be available at "Will Call." We will plan to meet before the concert to be seated together. (Please let us know if you are attending!) For more information, go to <http://www.apollosfire.org/concerts/plaineand saucy11.html>. Questions? Contact Bob & Pat Jeffreys (216-381-2120, or bobpatj@aol.com). All are welcome!

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:

Doris Allen	Sue & Scott Lafferty
Mary Ball	Suzanne Marcy
Clover, Tim, Seth & Sophie Beal	Lissa McKinley
Dave & Chris Bell	Peg Weissbrod & Steve Marunowski
Colleen Bloom and family	Clayton & Julie Minder
Jean & Scott Duncan	Ron Polderman & Carol Smith
Derek & Jane Duncan & family	Elizabeth Shaw
Jeff Dyck & Lara Troyer	Jeff & Anne Smith
Kris & Bill Fay	Elaine Tapié
Mary Hill, Evan & Emily Tuttle	Elaine Turley & Jordan Shoger
Bob & Pat Jeffreys	Paul & Katie Weissbrod

Forest Hill Softball Teams Schedule

May 15	FHC-1 vs Church of the Saviour-A, FHP #4, 6 pm	
	FHC-2 vs Church of the Redeemer, Roxboro MS, 6 pm	
May 22	FHC-1 vs Central Bible Baptist, FHP #7, 6 pm	
	FHC-2 vs Fairmount PC, Roxboro MS, 6 pm	May 29 NO GAMES

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

Today

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

Mid High: Meet at the Duncans' (20030 Lomond Blvd, SH) for outdoor fun, 5 – 7 pm.

Next Sunday

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

Looking Ahead

Graduating Seniors: Graduation Breakfast: June 5, 9 am

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 3: 13-22; John 14: 1-14. 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.

■ ■ ■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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June 5: Summer Schedule begins

9:00 am Summer Bible Study

9:30 am Child care begins

Summer Choir (June 5 – July 31)

Summer Pathways (every other week, June 5 – Aug 21)

10:00 am Worship

11:15 am Coffee hour



HEAD OVER TO FOREST HILL PARK FOLLOWING WORSHIP ON JUNE 12 FOR AN ALL-CHURCH PICNIC AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL. NOT ONLY WILL MORAG WILL BE GRILLING UP BURGERS AND HOT DOGS, BUT BARB CLOUD WILL BE HOLDING AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL TO SUPPORT THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP. PLEASE BRING

- A POT LUCK SIDE DISH TO SHARE
- PLATES, SILVERWARE AND DRINKS FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

THERE WILL BE GAMES AND LOTS OF FUN FOR ALL!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT CHRISTINA HIDEK
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■■■ *Calendar: May 15 - 22, 2011*

<p>Sunday, May 15: Confirmation 9:15 Child care begins 9:30 Adult and Youth Education Confirmation class Descant Choir 10:15 Descant Choir activity 10:30 Continental Breakfast Sine Nomine Choir 11:00 WORSHIP: Confirmation Children in Worship; Little Explorers 12:15 Coffee Hour Blood Pressure check 5:00 Mid Highs: Meet at Duncans' 5:30 IHN Hosting begins 6:00 FHC-1 vs Church of the Saviour-A FHP #4, FHC-2 vs Church of the Redeemer, Roxboro MS</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p style="text-align: center;">IHN Hosting: 5 pm – 7 am May 15 - 21</p> </div> <p>Monday, May 16 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) 7:00 pm Al Anon Sycamore Group 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA) Boy Scouts Troup #403</p> <p>Tuesday, May 17 7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack #36 Racial Conversation facilitators' mtg 7:30 pm Iris Circle</p>	<p>Wednesday, May 18 7:30 am Bible and Bagels 10:00 am TOWER collators 12:30 pm Bullshevicks (at Wellington's) 1:00 pm Hilltop Garden Club</p> <p>Thursday, May 19 7:30 pm Chancel Choir party @ Ginie Mast's</p> <p>Friday, May 20 9:30 am Al Anon</p> <p>Saturday, May 21 8:00 am Men's Group 9:30 am Abundance Acres work day Worship planning meeting</p> <p>Sunday, May 22 9:15 Child care begins 9:30 Adult and Youth Education Confirmation class Descant Choir (party in the park) 10:00 Green Team meeting 10:15 Descant Choir activity 10:30 Continental Breakfast Chancel Choir 11:00 WORSHIP Children in Worship; Little Explorers 11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land 12:15 Coffee Hour Volunteer lunch (byo lunch) 6:00 FHC-1 vs Central Bible Baptist FHP #7, FHC-2 vs Fairmount PC, Roxboro MS 7:30 Jaired Birks: Senior Recital</p>
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