

# 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 3, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.*  
*The Third Sunday in the Season of Lent*  
*Sacrament of Infant Baptism*

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.

If you are visiting, please join us in wearing a name tag so that we might greet you. Our ushers are ready to help! They have large print editions of the Bible, Hymnal, and today's bulletin; hearing devices; and directions to our safe, loving nursery in our Monticello Wing for babies and young children.

■ ■ ■ *Prayer of Preparation*

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life, may we always thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness. Amen.

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

arr. Ted Fredericks

"What Wondrous Love Is This"  
Voices in Bronze

■ ■ ■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

**Call to Worship**

Mark Waring

One: Come into the sanctuary and look around.

Behold the beauty and splendor of God's people.

**All: God's steadfast love is better than life;  
let our lips praise God as long as we live.**

One: Listen, for the voice of God comes near!

**All: We come to worship the God who became one of us,  
who calls us by name.**

One: So with faith – both bold and timid – let us praise the Lord!

**\* Processional Hymn No. 482**

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**Prayer of Confession**

Dr. John C. Lentz

Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. AMEN.

**Time of Silent Confession**

**Kyrie eleison** (*Lord, have mercy*)

Ukraine

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

\* **Response**

**Come, O come and fill this temple,  
Fill this temple with the glory of the Lord.**

**Anthem**

Andrea Ramsey

**"God Be in My Head"**

Sine Nomine Choir

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

**Sacrament of Baptism for Ryan Charles Batcheller**

**Congregational Welcome**

Ryan, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ. Amen.

## Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 55: 1-9

*After the reading*

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

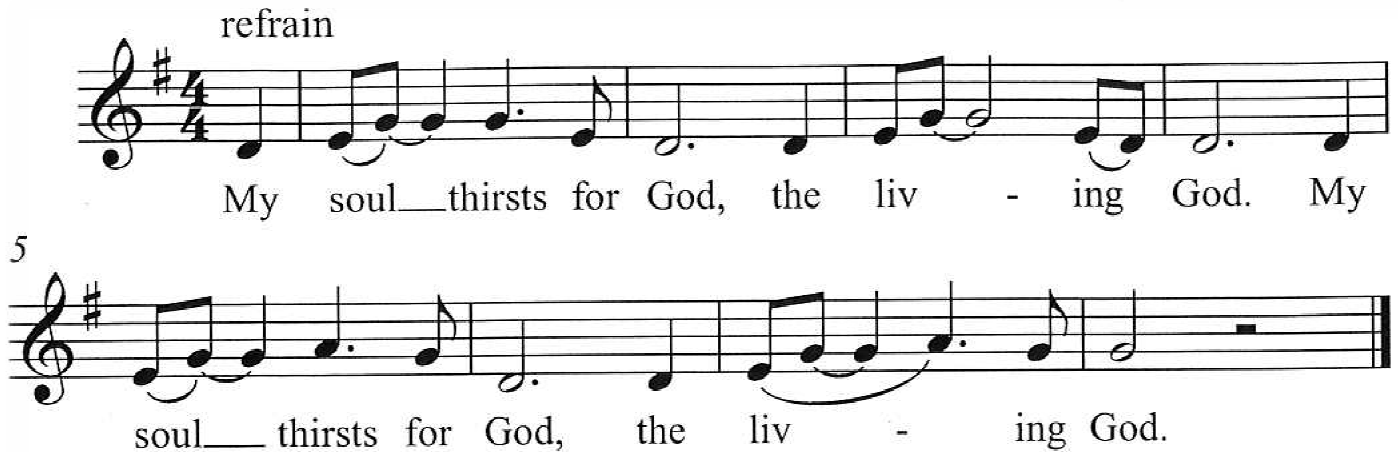
People: **Thanks be to God.**

## \* Hymn

### "Psalm 63"

*Congregation, please sing refrain:*

refrain



My soul\_\_ thirsts for God, the liv - ing God. My

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soul\_\_ thirsts for God, the liv - ing God.

*Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn*

## Sermon

Rev. Clover Reuter Beal

"Obey Your Thirst"

## Prayers of the People

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Ritual of Friendship**

all are asked to sign as a record of attendance

**Offertory**

Charles Stanford

“Beati Quorum Via”

*Blessed are they whose ways are blameless,  
Who walk in the law of the Lord.*

*Psalm 119:1*

**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.**

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

\* **Closing Hymn No. 85**

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

\* **Commission and Blessing**

\* **Choral Benediction**

\* **Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

Cesar Franck

“Chorale in A Minor”



**Please contact the church office if you need to reach someone  
associated with a church activity**

***Welcome Visitors!***

We look forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Welcome bags are available throughout the building. Take one home with you!

## ■ ■ ■ *Congregational Notes*

### **Baptism**

Today we celebrate the baptism of Ryan Batcheller, son of Katie and Chris Batcheller and brother of Ellie and Andy. Kate Burleigh is the attending Elder. Ryan's godparents are Beth Ingerman and Sean McMillan.

### **Chancel Flowers**

The flowers today are given by Sue and Scott Lafferty in loving memory of their children Sarah, Douglas and Daniel, and in honor of Christine, Juliann and Peter; and by the Cameron family in loving memory of Donald B. Cameron.

### **Prayer Concerns this Week**

#### **Please pray for these pilgrims who leave for Rome on March 8:**

Sally Davis, John Lentz, Jon Adams, Carol Leslie, Clover and Tim Beal, Peg Weissbrod and Steve Marunowski, Beth Zych, Karen Loughridge, Peter and Kathryn Eloff, Richard and Elspeth Peterjohn, Kathy Hanna-Stauffer and Derry Stauffer, Paul and Katie Weissbrod, Jeanette and Bob Nemcek, Elizabeth Shaw, Barb Cloud, Ann and Peter Williams, Sally and Stephen Root.

#### **Prayers are requested this week for the following:**

Ruth and Arthur Brickel, Ellison Chapman, Bill Currie, Dorothy Hales, Marian Frederick, Iris Gilbert, Ron and Florence Klein, Lissa McKinley, Arlene and Jack Quinn, Charles Sawyer, Mollie Secor, Debbie Ungemach.

#### **Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:**

Dick Bloomquist, Pat and Fran Drake, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Elizabeth Kosnik, Emelia McGuire, Merdine T. Morris, Joyce Peters, Anne Taylor, Elaine Tapié.

**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**

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

**Nursery care** for babies and young children is available on the second floor of the Monticello Wing.

**Attendance last week (including Christian Education children): 250**

### ■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

#### **TODAY**

#### ***Crib and Nursery (Infants-2 year olds): Volunteers Needed***

The crib and nursery room is a wonderful place for our little ones to come and be cared for while parents are in worship. We hope all families will find this place to be a caring and nurturing place to leave their children.

The nursery is staffed by a paid Child Care Provider with the help of volunteers. Please consider helping: the commitment is small, just one or two Sundays each quarter, and rewards are huge – babies to hold, and of course a snack. You can even listen to the worship service! Our nursery is in great need of volunteers for the spring months. Sign up in the nursery or contact Liz Wollaeger for more information.

## ***Do You Have the Gift of Hospitality?***

Join the ushers! We are seeking volunteers to welcome and assist worshippers at FHC. If you are interested in meeting and greeting people and being attentive to the needs of the congregation during worship services, then please contact the church office or Roger Heineman, or stop by the usher-recruiting table in Fellowship Hall today or the next two Sundays.

### **THIS WEEK**

#### ***Bible and Bagels***

Bible and Bagels meets Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 am in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The lesson this week is **Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32**.

#### ***Opera Opportunity***

Join soprano Lara Troyer and clarinetist Daniel Gilbert for the wonderful and achingly beautiful rendition of the classic story of Orpheus and Eurydice by contemporary composer Ricky Ian Gordon – March 9, 2 pm at the Akron Art Museum (1 South High St, Akron). General admission is \$10, \$5 for students and senior citizens. For tickets, contact 330-575-1477 or [nightingaleoperatheatre@gmail.com](mailto:nightingaleoperatheatre@gmail.com) .

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

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

#### ***Lenten series: "Suffering and the Crisis of Faith"***

**March 10:** Film: "Through a Lens Darkly: Grief, Loss and C.S. Lewis"

**March 17:** Elder Chris Henry: "My Journey with God through Suffering"

**March 24:** Tim Beal, Ph.D., "Job and the Problem of Pain," Part II



## **LOOKING AHEAD**

### ***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:

Carol Phillips, Deacon Leader

Janet Banis

Nick & Phyllis Baumgartner

Jennifer Blakeney, Marius Juodisius & family

Jack & Mary Ann Breisch

Robert & Wendy Brock & family

David & Kate Burleigh & family

Joseph & Janet Dauer

Larry Dorod

Marge Drollinger

Elizabeth Farnfield

Bev Gairing

Tom & Paula Harvey

Alec & Nancy Jamieson

Eunice Manu

Twanda Petterson

Carol Phillips & family

Jean Seeley

JT & Sarah Tan & family

Liz Wollaeger & family

This week's CARE Group volunteers: Carol Phillips, continental breakfast and greeting card table; Kate and Dave Burleigh, greeters; Joe and Jan Dauer, coffee hour; Jennifer Blakeney, flower delivery.

### ***Social Groups and Circles***

#### ***The Group (60s – 70s)***

We will meet to plan the next year of Group activities on Saturday, March 9 at 6:30 pm at the home of Allan and Zivile Khoury. Contact Zivile for reservations and food assignment (it's a potluck) and bring your ideas and brochures.

### ***Hilltoppers (retired)***

Hilltoppers will have lunch and a program on “Hunger in Our Neighborhood,” presented by Lorraine Ranchod of the Pantry Fellowship committee, on Friday, March 22 at 12:00 pm. Lorraine will give an overview of the exciting recent growth of the FHC pantry food distribution, garden and monthly breakfast. All are welcome – bring a friend. RSVP to Betty Clark or Grace Uhle. Please bring a few canned goods to donate to the pantry.

### ***Iris Circle (all women of the church)***

Iris Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 19 at 1 pm at the home of Nancy Grube. We will be reviewing good books we have read over the past year.

### ***Softball Season: Just 5 more weeks!***

Spring training for Forest Hill softball is right around the corner. Players report in only 6 weeks. The softball team is looking for more players to add for the upcoming season. All members, visitors, family, and friends are welcome. Contact Jason Hidek if you are interested.

### ***Buy Stock in Our Youth***

This summer our youth are traveling to Leon, Nicaragua to spend a week serving others while learning about social justice, advocacy and poverty. Our youth will be selling stock to raise money for the mission trip. For a minimum donation of \$20, investors purchase a share of one of the youth who will be traveling to Nicaragua. As an investor, you commit to praying for your student throughout the year and into the summer. In addition, investors are welcome to attend planning meetings and fundraisers with your youth to get to know him or her better. Finally, investors are invited to an ice cream social shortly after we return to hear about the experience in Nicaragua. If you are interested in purchasing stock, pick up an investment form from Kristen Otte.

## ■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

**Today:** Mid high and confirmation classes meet from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.  
Sr highs are invited to attend Adult Education  
Sine Nomine Choir will rehearse today in the chapel after worship  
Nicaragua trip meeting, 4 pm  
**Next Sunday:** *Converge!* 7 pm at First Baptist Church

## ■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

### **Today's Scripture:**

#### **Isaiah 55:1-9**

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**Next Sunday: Joshua 5: 9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21; Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32.** 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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## *FHC Lenten Programs*

### *Worship*

#### **Songs for the Wilderness: A contemplative, participatory worship service Wednesday, March 13 at 7 pm**

This will be a Taizé-inspired service fostering contemplation of our relationship with our Awesome God. Take this opportunity to draw apart into God's presence to draw strength amidst life's challenges, as Jesus did. Rev. Michelle Jean-Mary and Jennifer Blakeney will be worship leaders.

#### **Maundy Thursday, March 28**

6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Worship

#### **Good Friday, March 29**

12:00 pm Community Worship at St Paul's Episcopal Church (Fairmount and Coventry, Cleveland Hts) – Dr. Lentz will be the first of seven preachers. Come when you wish, stay as long as you like.

### *Adult Education: Suffering and the Crisis of Faith*

#### **March 10:** Film: "Through a Lens Darkly: Grief, Loss and C.S. Lewis"

Grief doesn't have to feel like fear. Those facing personal devastation can find a path to healing. In this film, ordinary people touched by significant loss but who have also begun their journey to recovery share their thoughts on the timeless wisdom of C.S. Lewis's most personal and reflective book, *A Grief Observed*. This film uplifts the soul.

#### **March 17:** Elder Chris Henry: "My Journey with God through Suffering"

Chris will speak personally about the suicide of her young adult son ten years ago. She will share her remarkable journey from profound grief toward healing and recovery through her experience of God's partnership in her suffering.

#### **March 24:** Tim Beal, Ph.D., "Job and the Problem of Pain," Part II

■ ■ ■ *Calendar: March 3 - 10, 2013*

<p><b>Sunday, March 3</b>              8:30 Nominating Committee              9:00 Child care begins              9:30 Adult Education              Youth Education; Confirmation              Descant Choir              10:15 Descant Choir activity              10:30 Continental Breakfast              Chancel Choir              11:00 WORSHIP              Little Explorers              Children in Worship              Pathways to the Promise Land              12:15 Coffee Hour              Sine Nomine Choir              4:00 Nicaragua trip meeting              5:00 Faith Leader              6:30 Career and Calling class</p> <p><b>Monday, March 4</b>              6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)              7:00 pm Al Anon              7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)              Boy Scout Troop #403</p> <p><b>Tuesday, March 5</b>              7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack #36</p> <p><b>Wednesday, March 6</b>              7:00 pm Ministry meetings              7:30 pm Confirmation Bible study</p>	<p><b>Friday, March 8</b>              Trip to Rome departs              9:30 am Al Anon meeting</p> <p><b>Saturday, March 9</b>              6:30 pm The Group:              Planning potluck at Khourys'</p> <p><b>Sunday, March 10</b>  <b>Daylight Saving Time begins</b>              9:00 Child care begins              9:30 Adult Education              Youth Education; Confirmation              Descant Choir              10:00 Cherub Choir              10:15 Descant Choir activity              10:30 Continental Breakfast              Chancel Choir              11:00 WORSHIP              Little Explorers              Children in Worship              11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land              12:15 Coffee Hour              5:00 Faith Leader              Dinner: Boy Scout Troop #403              6:30 Career and Calling class              7:00 <i>Converge!</i>              at First Baptist Church</p>
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## What do ushers do? Why do we need them ?

Have you ever watched an usher before, during, and after a worship service? Ever wondered exactly what their responsibilities are?

Let me name a few:

- get the sanctuary ready for worship: lights, bulletins, microphones, water glasses, crucifer robe and cross, chalice and candles, baptismal font and water
- serve the congregation during worship: distribute bulletins, offer hearing devices, count the congregation, collect the offering
- in case of an emergency, ushers are the first responders during worship
- clean up: turn microphones off, extinguish candles, put cross, font, chalice away, clean off communion table, collect bulletins, turn off lights

The ushers and the greeters are the face of FHC to visitors. Their role in making the worship service run smoothly is key! Roger Heineman is here every Sunday at 9 am to prepare for his usher teams.

Won't you consider becoming part of this essential FHC ministry?



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