

# 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*

*April 27, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.*

*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 have large print editions of the Bible and today's bulletin; hearing devices; activity bags with quiet activities for children staying in worship; and directions to our Monticello Wing nursery for babies and young children.

### ■ ■ ■ *Prayer of Preparation*

Living God, thank you for this hour of worship. We come to you with open hearts, open minds and open hands. Fill us with your Holy Spirit and let us be joyful and expectant. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Welcome**

### **Prelude**

Joe Utterback

"Flutedance"

### **Choral Introit**

### ■ ■ ■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

### **Call to Worship**

Edie Duncan

Leader: Christ has risen!

**People: He has risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Leader: Call on the name of the Lord in praise; make known God's deeds among the nations.

**People: Sing to God with joyful songs; tell of God's wonderful deeds.**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: Let us worship God.

**\* Processional Hymn No. 246**

“Christ is Alive!”

**■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God***

**Prayer of Confession**

Shannon Headen

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the powers of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power and to change our lives. Make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.**

**Time of Silent Confession**

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

Merbecke

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Gloria, Gloria No. 583**

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

*2<sup>nd</sup> time, men begin; women begin 2 measures later;  
Children and youth begin 2 measures after that.*

**Anthem**

Gabriel Fauré

“Pie Jesu”

Chanae Curtis, soprano

*Chanae is a student at the Manhattan School of Music  
and a graduate of Heights High.*

*She is a former Chancel Choir member.*

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

### **Family Meditation: Bible Presentation to Pathways Children**

#### **\* Hymn No. 250**

*"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"*

*Children in Pathways may leave during the hymn*

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

#### **Recognition and Welcoming of New Members**

*Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?*

*Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?*

*Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?*

*Will you be an active member of Forest Hill Church, sharing of your time, talents and treasures to the work of God's kingdom?*

#### **Congregational Welcome**

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

#### **Minute for Mission**

Paul Jennings

*"Abundance"*

#### **Scripture Lesson**

John 20: 19-3

*After the reading*

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

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Sermon**

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz

*"Now What?"*

## 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

Robert Ray

*"Hallelujah" (from Gospel Mass)*

### \* 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 No. 750

*"Goodness Is Stronger than Evil"*

### \* Commission and Blessing

### \* Choral Benediction

### \* Passing of the Peace

### ■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

Sarah Glick

*"This Joyful Eastertide"*

*\*please stand if able*



## ***Welcome Visitors!***

We look forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Visitor welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex. Take one home with you! Be sure to visit our website, [www.fhcbpresb.org](http://www.fhcbpresb.org), to find a complete list of upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and texts and audio of past sermons.

## ■ ■ ■ *Congregational Notes*

### **Chancel Flowers**

Today's flowers are given by Joan Bacon in loving memory of her father, Richard Benson; and by Doris Brandt, Cindy and Jon William Newton in memory of E. William, William J., Clara and Amanda Brandt, the Rev. Arthur and Mildred Kinsler, and Nora Newton.

### **Prayer Concerns this Week**

**Prayers are requested this week for the following:** Ruth Brickel, Mary Hopwood Carino, Flora Dannemiller, Bob Nemcek, Mollie Secor, Debbie Ungemach.

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

Dick Bloomquist, Bill Currie, Pat Drake, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Iris Gilbert, Ron and Florence Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Elaine Tapié.

**Please pray** for Veronica Chapman and her family; Veronica's son Derreck Chapman died April 23.

**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**

Joe Andrews, Nick Baumgartner, Charles Ishler, Jane Ishler, Kate Monaghan, Daryl Musick, Victoria Sampson. Roger Heineman, Head Usher

*Want to join an usher team?  
Contact Roger Heineman*

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

**Attendance last week: 9 am, 50; 11 am, 470**

## ■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

### **TODAY**

#### ***Welcome These New Members***

Today we welcome Charity McDonald, Sam and Lauren Miller, Dacia and Dustin Prins, Mark Wedell and Katie Zito into Forest Hill Church membership.

### ***Without a Song:***

**An Evening of Reflection and Song  
with Mother Willie-Mae Wright,  
Featuring the Wright Family Singers**

**This evening at 7 pm**

**FHC Sanctuary  
Reception following  
All are welcome!**

***DISCUSSION ON Education***

In an attempt to discover what education issues specifically concern FHC members, the Greater Cleveland Congregations Core Team will hold small group discussions in South Hall after worship TODAY. We hope to discover your view of the issues we face today in public education, to share what GCC and other groups are doing and to see if there is interest for FHC to become more involved in education issues.

### ***Softball Season Begins Today!***

Forest Hill returns to the softball field this evening at 6 pm in Forest Hill Park, playing against Korean Central PC.

### **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 from **Acts 2: 14a, 36-41; Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1: 17-23; Luke 24: 13-35.**

### ***Spring Work Day***

The spring work day is scheduled for Saturday, May 3 from 9 – 12. Details, p. 12.

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

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

#### ***Getting Ready for the PCUSA 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly, June 2014***

**Mission and Ministry Matters of the PCUSA** – presented by the Rev. Jessie MacMillan, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve.

### ***Criminal Justice Forum***



Criminal justice. Gun control. ***The New Jim Crow***. Do these issues cause your teeth to clench, raise the hair on your neck, and stir your sense of justice and Christian love? If so, please join the FHC Greater Cleveland Congregations Core Team in South Hall next Sunday, May 4 at 12:15 for 45 minutes of small group discussion. We want to know where your passions and concerns lie and tell you what efforts GCC is already working on. Grab a cup of coffee and come share your thoughts – together we can make a difference!

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

### ***Flower Donation Dates Available***

Would you like to donate chancel flowers on either May 18 or June 1? The cost is \$30 per arrangement. Please contact the church office.

### ***Bus Trip to Detroit – May 24***

Join us on a one-day bus trip to Detroit to visit the First Congregational Church and the Charles H. Wright African-American Museum. See the foyer bulletin board for details. The deadline to reserve a seat is May 5!

### ***Abundance Acres and Abundance Pantry***

Want to get your hands dirty in this summer's Abundance Acres garden? Soon it will be time to start prepping and planting. Volunteers are also needed to help with Abundance Pantry, our twice-weekly food distribution and monthly meal. Contact Paul Jennings if you are interested in either (or both!) of these projects.

### ***Care Group***

The Nazareth 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:

Richard Peterjohn, Deacon	Barb & Kermit Lind
Doris Bartlett	Laura Minder
Marcia Beck	Dave & Allie Neff
JoAnne Black	Cindy Newton
Deborah Chapman & Lyn Hale	Elspeth & Richard Peterjohn
Virginia Colville	Scott Peters, Jeannine Gury & family
Ron & Patty Console	Lois Reilly
Jim & Terry Daedelow	Eric Rich & family
Melinda Dus & Curtis Jastremsky	Jim Roosa & family
Beth Garrett	Peggy Sasso
Jennifer & Barry Hartz & family	Kevin & Laura Stauffer & family
Kathryn Himmelsteib	Kimble & Sandy True
Audrey & Bob Kellermeyer	Megan & Peter Tzefronis & family
Jane & Cliff Kowall	Matt & Sarah Winters & family
Wafa Kuri	

Many thanks to all the Canaan CARE Group for their work in April.

Today's volunteers (Canaan CARE Group): Sharon Shumaker, continental breakfast; Will Burleigh and Nora Duncan, greeters; Muriel Dean, coffee hour; Zivile Khoury, flower delivery; Vikki Nowak and Todd Webster, greeting card table.

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

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

Iris Circle will visit the Maltz Museum on Tuesday, April 29. We will meet at the museum at 11 am for a tour, followed by lunch at Valenti's at 12:30. RSVP to Cathy Ghiandoni.

### ***Young Adults***

Celebrate Cleveland's vibrant arts community as the Tri-C Jazzfest and CMA team up for a night of world-class music and art. Join us at MIX at the Cleveland Museum of Art to hear Etienne Charles, one of today's most exciting young jazz artists. RSVP to Charity McDonald. Go to [www.clevelandart.org/events/special-events/mix-at-cma](http://www.clevelandart.org/events/special-events/mix-at-cma) for information and tickets.

### ■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

**Every Sunday:** Mid and Sr High classes meet from 9:30 – 10:30 am.

**Today:** Sine Nomine Choir will rehearse in the chapel after worship.

**Thursday:** Mid High Girls' Group, 6:30 pm

**Friday:** All Youth – Fun night @ FHC, 6:30 pm

**Next Sunday:** Sine Nomine Choir, 12:15 pm; Mission Trip meeting, 4:30 pm

### ■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

**Today's Scripture: John 20: 19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**Next Sunday: Acts 2: 14a, 36-41; Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1: 17-23; Luke 24: 13-35.** 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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The May TOWERs are ready to be picked up  
in the Garden Foyer

*If you normally receive a printed copy,  
look for yours  
before you leave today*

■ ■ ■ *Calendar: April 27 - May 4, 2014*

**Sunday, April 27**

9:15 am Child care begins

**Wednesday, April 30**

7:30 am Bible and Bagels

9:30 am Descant Choir rehearsal  
 Adult Education: David Beach, speaker:  
 "Climate Change and Moral  
 Responsibility"  
 Youth Education  
 10:15 am Descant Choir activity time  
 10:30 am Chancel Choir rehearsal  
 Continental Breakfast  
 10:45 am Children in Worship  
 Cherub Choir  
 11:00 am WORSHIP  
 11:15 am Pathways to the Promise Land  
 12:15 pm Coffee Hour  
 Sine Nomine Choir  
 12:30 pm Education forum  
 3:00 pm Student recital  
 (students of Inna Onofrei)  
 4:40 pm Labre Project  
 6:00 pm Softball: FH vs St John  
 Lutheran, FH Park  
 7:00 pm ***Without a Song: An Evening of  
 Reflection and Song with  
 Mother Willie-Mae Wright***  
 Reception following

**Monday, April 28**

8:45 am Tai Chi class  
 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)  
 7:00 pm Al Anon  
 7:30 pm AA: Borton Group  
 Boy Scout Troop #403

**Tuesday, April 29**

8:45 am Tai Chi class  
 9:00 am Abundance Pantry  
 food distribution  
 11:00 am Iris Circle:  
 Maltz Museum tour and lunch  
 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class  
 7:00 pm Adult ed team meeting

8:45 am Tai Chi class

**Thursday, May 1**

8:45 am Tai Chi class  
 1:00 pm Abundance Pantry open  
 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class  
 6:20 pm Voices in Bronze  
 6:30 pm Mid High Girls' Group  
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

**Friday, May 2**

10:00 am Al Anon

**Saturday, May 3**

9:00 am Spring Work Day  
 10:00 am Soup Group

**Sunday, May 4**

8:30 am Nominating Comm. mtg  
 9:15 am Child care begins  
 9:30 am Descant Choir rehearsal  
 Adult Education: Mission and Ministry  
 Matters of the PCUSA  
 Youth Education  
 10:15 am Descant Choir activity time  
 10:30 am Chancel Choir rehearsal  
 Continental Breakfast  
 10:45 am Children in Worship  
 11:00 am WORSHIP  
 11:15 am Pathways to the Promise Land  
 12:15 pm Coffee Hour  
 Sine Nomine Choir  
 12:30 pm Criminal Justice forum  
 Sacred Space committee  
 4:30 pm Youth: Mission trip meeting  
 6:00 pm Concert (Russian community)  
 Softball vs St. John Lutheran, FHP



## **ALL-CHURCH SPRING WORKDAY: MAY 3**

**WORK FROM 9:00 AM UNTIL 12:00**

### **INSIDE WORK:**

**REMOVING STORMS, WASHING WINDOWS AND  
INSTALLING SCREENS  
ALL SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED**

### **OUTSIDE WORK:**

**WEEDING, RAKING, TRIMMING AND SPREADING OF MULCH  
PLEASE BRING A RAKE, HOE & TRIMMER**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED**

**LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT 12:00**

**PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH IF YOU NEED CHILD CARE**