

Forest Hill Church

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Service of Worship
March 15, 2015 at 11:00 am
The Fourth Sunday in the Season of Lent

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

Come to the Lord with openness, seeking God's presence whatever it brings. Bring doubt, bring trust. Seek the Lord and live.

Welcome

Prelude

Johann Pachebel

"Canon in D"

Henry Dyck, piano

*Henry is a first-grader at Roxboro Elementary School
and the son of Lara Troyer and Jeff Dyck.*

Choral Introit

(from Ps. 100)

"Make a Joyful Noise"

Descant Choir

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Elder Dave Bell

Leader: From water to wilderness:

People: God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

Leader: On stone and in hearts:

People: God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

Leader: From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:

People: God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

Leader: We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,

People: For where he is, we would be also.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*** Processional Hymn No. 772**

"Live into Hope"

**please stand if able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

Have mercy on us, God of love, and forgive us for the power we give to temptation in our lives. Help us to become as vulnerable as Jesus, for in that vulnerability, we find the humility to trust you in all things; in that trust, we discover the grace which sets us free from the grasp of the shrewd one; in that freedom, we live more joy-filled lives. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Glenn McClure

"Kyrie" from *Caribbean Mass*

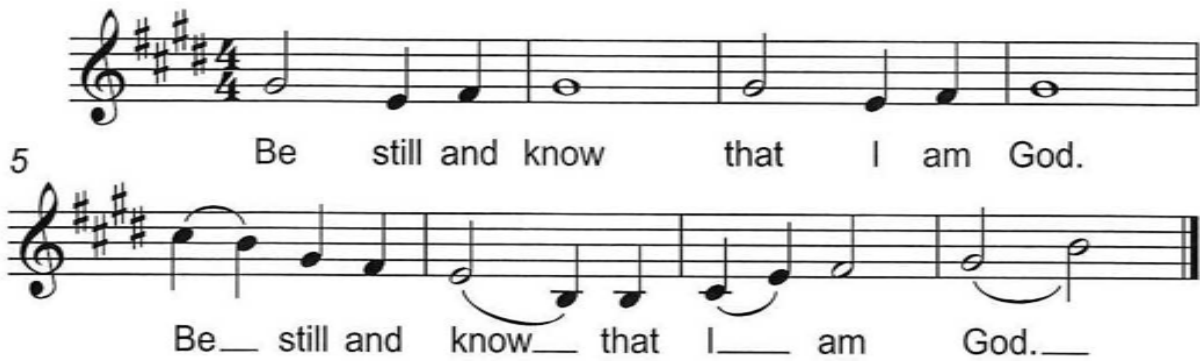
Chris Vandall, steel drums; Sue Yelanjian, bass

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Assurance of Pardon

* **Response** (John Bell)

First: All sing
Second: Men start, women and children start 1 measure later



Anthem

Swedish folk song

“Life’s a Fa-la-la-la-ra-la”

Sine Nomine Choir

Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word

Minute for Mission

Jason Hidek, Scott Lafferty

“Softball and Prison Ministry”

* **Hymn No. 792**

“There is Balm in Gilead”

Children in Pathways may leave during the hymn

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 4: 1-11

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Clover Reuter Beal

“Three Lies and the Truth”

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

Offertory

arr. Jason Krug

**"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"
Voices in Bronze**

* 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. 408

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

* Commission and Blessing

* Choral Benediction

* Passing of the Peace

Postlude

William Walton

"Crown Imperial March"



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.fhcpresb.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 Don and Nancy Grube in honor of their 56th anniversary.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Don Clark, Kay Currie, Chuck Ishler, Mary Lewis, Robert Nemcek, Bill Proudfit, Connie Sekerak, George Seidel, Margaret and George Sentell, Debbie Ungemach.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Bill Currie, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Iris Gilbert, Ron and Florence Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Arlene and Jack Quinn, Margie and Dwight Stauffer, Elaine Tapié.

In Memoriam We Remember

Patricia Macomber Drake

who died March 8, 2015

I am the resurrection and I am the life, says the Lord

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**.

Thank you to today's ushers and to head usher Roger Heineman. Please contact the church office if you are interested in joining an usher team.

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

Attendance last week (including Pathways children): 211

Announcements

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 **Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Psalm 51: 1-12; Hebrews 5: 5-10; John 12: 20-33.**

Women's Lenten Worship: Daughters of Miriam

FHC Chapel, Tuesday, March 17, 7 pm

Join us for a service of meditation and celebration of the power of the liberating God as told through the story of Miriam and her sisters in the book of Exodus.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30

South Hall: Race Matters, March 22, 29

March 22: We will continue the dialogue and discussion, led by Ron Register and Kathryn Eloff.

March 29: Dr. Joy Bostic, Professor of Religion at CWRU, will lead a discussion on "The Black Church Experience."

Bodwell Hall: with Dr. Natalie Weaver, Ursuline College

March 22: The Sexual Person in Christian Tradition - Past and Present

We will explore Biblical texts about sexuality, specifically homosexuality, informed by Israel's purity laws. Then we will look at sexual anthropology in the early Christian world, and move into the contemporary challenges of integrating best science and its disruption of the ideology of two distinct sexes.

Natalie Weaver, Ph.D., Chair, Religious Studies, Ursuline College.

AWE Worship, March 22

Next Sunday, March 22, renowned violinist Jinjoo Cho will join us during worship. During this special AWE service we'll be celebrating the music of J. S. Bach.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Care Group

The Mt. Sinai 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:

Kathy Hanna-Stauffer, Deacon leader

Joanne Bielek

Guy Cameron & family

Betty & Don Clark

Barb Cloud

Jerry Delva & Carline Paul-Blanc

Jane Frederick & family

Donna Frey

Sue Gifford & family

Al Gilbert

Don & Nancy Grube

Barb Hansen

Chuck & Jane Ishler

Janet Kickel

Nina Klein

Mary Lewis

Julie & Gary Lustic

Nancy Lyon-Stadler & family

Brooke Marcy & family

Dave & Jane Olson & family

Graham & Roz Peters

Joyce Peters

Marjorie Ravas

Matt & Katie Russo & family

Gary Sampson

Sara & Randy Shaner

Anona Stack

Kathy Hanna-Stauffer and Derry Stauffer

Lorian, Ralph & Fran Thomas

Ann & Peter Williams

Warren Young

Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC) News

Come hear first-hand the results of the meeting between the Criminal Justice Leadership Team of GCC and Mayor Jackson concerning GCC's four recommendations that we requested be included in the consent decree being negotiated between Mayor Jackson and the Department of Justice. Learn how GCC plans to pursue our recommendations to reform the Cleveland Police Department based on the results of this meeting.

We need a big turnout to show power and encourage real reform!

Your presence will make a difference!

Please come!

GCC Delegate Assembly: Thursday March 26, 7pm, Trinity Cathedral

Reserve your seat with the FHC group. Sign up after church today, or email Diana Woodbridge (dwoodbridge@sbcglobal.net). Carpools will leave FHC by 6:05 – we need drivers as well as riders.

Social Groups and Circles

Iris Circle (all women)

Come to the Women's Lenten Worship this Tuesday at 7 pm in the chapel – a service of meditation and celebration. Bring a friend, and invite another FHC woman to join you. Fellowship and cookies will follow the service.

Hilltoppers (retired)

Hilltoppers will meet in South Hall on March 20 at 1 pm for a travel talk on Namibia by Dave Neff.

Pacesetters (50s-60s)

Pacesetters – and anyone else looking for an evening of food, music and fun –are invited to the Music Box Supper Club on March 21. Details may be found in the weekly enews or by contacting the church office.

Softball

Softball season is approaching. The 9-time Heights Church League Champion FHC softball team is looking for members and visitors to join the softball team for the 2015 season. If you are interested, please contact Jason Hidek (jason.hidek@att.net).

Youth News

Every Sunday

- Mid and Sr High classes meet from 9:30 – 10:30 am.

Today

- Confirmation Bible Study, 5:30 at the Lentz's

Coming up

- Mission trip meeting, March 29 (details, p xx)

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Calendar: March 15-22, 2015

Sunday, March 15: 3 Lent

- 9:00 Child care begins
9:30 Adult and Youth Education
Confirmation
Descant Choir
10:15 Descant Choir activity
10:30 Continental Breakfast
Chancel Choir
Cherub Choir rehearsal
11:00 WORSHIP
Children in Worship class
11:15 Pathways
12:15 Coffee hour
Blood pressure check
12:30 Exploring Membership class
5:00 Living in the Spirit class
Boy Scout Troop #403: Dinner
5:30 Confirmation Bible Study

Monday, March 16

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

Tuesday, March 17

- 1:00 pm Abundance Pantry opens
5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class
7:00 pm Women's Lenten Worship:
Daughters of Miriam

Wednesday, March 18

- 7:30 am Bible and Bagels
10:00 am **TOWER** collators
12:00 pm Bullshevicks
12:30 pm Wednesday Women's AA
1:00 pm Hilltop Garden Club
7:00 pm Stewardship Ministry mtg

Thursday, March 19

- 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class
5:30 pm East Cleveland Health Class
6:20 pm Voices in Bronze rehearsal
7:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

Friday, March 20

- 10:00 am Al Anon meeting
1:00 pm Hilltoppers: Namibia
Travelogue with Dave Neff
7:00 pm Recital (Luke Dumm)

Saturday, March 21

- 6:30 pm Pacesetters to Music Box
Supper Club

Sunday, March 22: 4 Lent

- 8:30 Nominating Comm.
9:00 Child care begins
9:30 Adult and Youth Education
Confirmation
Descant Choir
10:15 Descant Choir activity
10:30 Continental Breakfast
Chancel Choir
Cherub Choir rehearsal
11:00 WORSHIP
Children in Worship class
11:15 Pathways
12:15 Coffee hour
Sine Nomine Choir
12:30 Exploring Membership class
Child Protection Policy training
5:00 Living in the Spirit class
5:30 Confirmation Bible Study



Good Morning FHC Youth and
Parents...your Mission, should you
decide to accept it is to attend:

Youth Mission Trip Informational Meeting

Sunday March 29, 2015

12:30 pm

Koinonia Room

Contact: Shannon@fhcpresb.org

As always, if you or anyone on your
team is interested in attending, the
Youth Director will need knowledge of
this information by **March 27th.**



Order Easter Lilies for Easter worship!

Name: _____

How many do you want (they are \$7.00 each)? _____

Do you want to take any home? How many? _____

Dedication (in memory of, in honor of, in thanksgiving for)



The Lesson: Matthew 4: 1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Next Sunday: Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Psalm 51: 1-12; Hebrews 5: 5-10; John 12: 20-33. 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.

Attention Children and Youth Volunteers

To continue assuring the safety and well-being of our children and youth, we are holding a brief training session on FHC's Child Protection Policy. If you've never attended or would like a refresher, please plan to attend this mandatory training Sunday March 22, 2015 at 12:30 p.m. in the Library.

For more info please contact:

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All scripture is useful for teaching, reproof, training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. 2 Tim. 2: 16-17

On the cover:

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