

# Forest Hill Church

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Keeping a  
Holy Lent

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*Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming*

*Service of Worship*  
*March 19, 2017 at 11:00 am*  
*Third Sunday 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 hearing devices, large print editions of the bulletin, activity bags for children staying in worship, and directions to our nursery for babies and young children.

*Centering Words*

Water gushing from a rock...Living waters welling up to eternal life...These are gifts from the One who pours love into our hearts, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Come and drink deeply. Taste and see that our God is good.

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

Rabbi Neil Comess-Daniels

“Open My Lips, Lord, and My Mouth Will Declare Your Praise”

Derek Snyder, cello

*Greeting Our God with Joy*

**Call to Worship**

Elder Jack Breisch

Leader: Come into God’s presence with thanksgiving.

**People: Worship the Holy One with joy.**

Leader: Let us sing to our God.

**People: Make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.**

Leader: For we are the sheep of God’s pasture.

**People: We are the lambs of God’s flock.**

Leader: Come into God’s presence with thanksgiving.

**People: Worship the Holy One with joy and praise.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

**\* Processional Hymn No. 386**

“Come, Worship God”

*\*please stand if able*

*Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Lois Annich

**Wellspring of salvation, when we are parched from thirst and turn to the dry wells of worldly promise, restore us with the healing waters of your grace; when the course ahead is littered with wreckage and refuse from our past, wash away our sins and our sorrows, and carry us forward on the river of your mercy and love. Shower us with your living water, and refresh our souls, that we may be washed clean in the river of your forgiveness and your grace.**

**Time of Silent Confession**

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

Betty Pulkingham

*Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\* Response**

John Bell

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics 'Be still and know that I am God.' are written below the notes. The second staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics 'Be\_\_ still and know\_\_ that I\_\_ am God.\_\_' are written below the notes, with a measure rest (two horizontal lines) under the first 'Be' and the second 'God'.

**First, all sing in unison. Second, low voices start, high voices start one measure later.**

**Anthem**

Anne Wilson

"Blessed Are the Clean of Heart"

*Opening Our Hearts to God's Word***Family Meditation**

Kate Burleigh

**\* Hymn No. 473"**

"Shepherd Me, O God

*Prayer requests to be read during the Prayers of the People  
may be passed to the ushers during this hymn*

**Scripture Lesson**

from John 4: 7-42

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The

woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

John C. Lentz, Jr., Pastor

“What Do You Care About?”

**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

### Offering

### Offertory

arr. Roland E. Martin

### "Come Thou Fount"

Sine Nomine Choir; Molly Webster, soprano;

Derek Snyder, cello

### \* Response

Hymn No. 697

5 Take my life\_ and\_ let it be con - se - crat - ted, Lord, to\_ thee;

8 take my mo - ments and my days;\_ let them flow in

cease - less\_ praise;\_ let them flow in\_ cease - less praise.

### \* Prayer of Dedication

*Going Forth to Live as God's People*

\* **Closing Hymn No. 726**

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

**St. 3: High voices**

**St. 4: Low voices**

\* **Commission and Blessing**

\* **Choral Benediction**

\* **Passing of the Peace**

*Postlude*

J. S. Bach

“Prelude in F Minor”

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*Worship resources from **The Abingdon Worship Annual 2017**, B.J. Bue;  
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*Welcome Visitors!*

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

*Any and all visitors are invited to an informal dinner on March 24.*

*For information, please contact*

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## *Notes & Announcements*

**Chancel Flowers:** The flowers today are given by Roz, Graham and Joyce Peters in loving memory of Evelyn and Vladimir Peters and Flora Dannemiller, grandparents of Scott Peters and Deborah Peters and great-grandparents of Alexandra, Mackenzie, Cameron, Caleb and Aidan; and by Don and Nancy Grube in memory of loved ones.

**Prayers are requested this week for:** Max Harmon, Wafa Kuri, Keith Logan, Robin Richards, Robert Ruggeri, George Sentell, Joy Stang, and Dorothy Turick.

**Please pray for the family of Paul Richter,** who died March 14. Paul and Lou were long-time visitors and Hilltopper members.

**Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:** Marge Drollinger, Emma Jane Gibbs, Iris and Al Gilbert, Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Jack Quinn, Margie Stauffer, Elaine Tapié, and Lorian Thomas.

**The Deacons encourage you to stop by the Greeting Card Table in Fellowship Hall before or after worship to sign a card for one or more of our homebound members. We will address and mail the card for you.**

**Care Group:** The Eden Care Group is responsible for assisting the clergy in 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.

**Today's music:** Please welcome cellist Derek Snyder, founder and cellist in the nuevo tango band The Oblivion Project. Derek teaches at the Music School Settlement and is the head of a publishing company specializing in cello music ([www.cellocelli.com](http://www.cellocelli.com)).

## *Coming Up*

### **TODAY**

***Gifts, Skills and Passions:*** Please complete the Gifts Questionnaire (insert) and place it in the basket at the back of Fellowship Hall, on the floor under the Ministry descriptions posted on the divider. Members of the ministries will be available during coffee hour to answer any questions you may have about each ministry. Please stop by to chat and thank them for their leadership.

***Service of Compline, 7:30:*** Join us for the ancient monastic service of Compline, sung this evening in the candle-lit sanctuary. Anne Wilson's new anthem, "Love Is the Only Response," will receive its premiere.

*(Dinner at 6:30 is reservation-only).*

### **THIS WEEK**

***Bible Study:*** The lessons for this week are: **1 Samuel 16: 1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5: 8-14; John 9: 1-41.**

***Bible and Bagels*** discusses next Sunday's text(s) on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 to 8:30. All are welcome!

***Lectio Divina – Praying the Scriptures*** meets Sundays at 5 pm. (*not today*)

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

**Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall:** Dr. Lentz will continue the 8-week series on the Sacraments: “Equipping the Saints for Ministry.” First up: Baptism. Who gets baptized? Why do we baptize? What does it mean?

*Coming April 2: Communion*

**Labyrinth:** From 9 am – 2 pm every Sunday during Lent, the Labyrinth in Bodwell Hall will be available for anyone who would like to experience it. It will also be available following the evening Lectio Divina class, and by appointment (call the church office).

### *Events of Interest*

**Season of Justice: A Presbytery-wide retreat, provoking thought and inspiring action, March 24-27** – a convocation, workshops on poverty and on reconciliation, movies and a book study. Contact the Presbytery office (216-241-3966) for more information, or go to their website: [www.preswesres.org](http://www.preswesres.org).

### *Youth News*

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

**Next Sunday:** Sine Nomine Choir rehearsal

## *Staff Emails*

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*Calendar: March 19-26, 2017*

**Sunday, March 19: 3 Lent**

8:30 Nominating Committee  
9:00 Labyrinth open  
9:30 Adult & Youth Education  
    Descant Choir followed by  
        Descant Choir Activity  
    Childcare for children thru Kdg  
10:30 Continental Breakfast  
    Chancel Choir  
11:00 WORSHIP  
    Children's Worship Class (preK-K)  
    *Pathways children will attend church  
        with their families*  
12:15 Coffee and Fellowship  
    Blood pressure check  
6:30 Fund-raising dinner  
7:30 Service of Compline

**Monday, March 20**

6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)  
7:00 pm Al Anon  
7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)  
    Boy Scout Troop #403

**Tuesday, March 21**

1:00 pm Abundance Pantry  
2:30 pm Apollo's Fire rehearsal  
5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class

**Wednesday, March 22**

7:30 am Bible and Bagels  
10:00 am **TOWER** assembly  
12:30 pm Wed. Women's AA  
7:00 Session meeting

**Thursday, March 23**

5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class  
6:20 pm Voices in Bronze  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

**Friday, March 24**

10:00 am Al Anon  
6:00 pm Confirmation  
7:00 pm Visitors' Dinner (at Finns')

**Sunday, March 26: 4 Lent**

9:00 Labyrinth open  
9:30 Adult & Youth Education  
    Descant Choir followed by  
        Descant Choir Activity  
    Childcare for children thru Kdg  
10:30 Continental Breakfast  
    Chancel Choir; Cherub Choir  
11:00 WORSHIP  
    Children's Worship Class (preK-K)  
11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land  
12:15 Coffee and Fellowship  
    Sine Nomine Choir  
5:00 Lectio Divina:  
    praying the scriptures