

Forest Hill Church

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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Service of Worship
Easter: The Day of Resurrection
April 21, 2019 at 11:00 am

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.

This morning we celebrate the Eucharist (the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion) by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup).

Prayer of Preparation

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen."

Welcome

Prelude

Anne Wilson

"Easter Fanfare"
Andrew Dame, trumpet

Easter Alleluia

Marty Haugen

Clayton Minder, tenor

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Lia Clement

Morning has broken, but this morning is different.

The birds are singing tunes of joy in the trees surrounding the graves. The flower buds are bursting in colors vibrant around each stone.

We've come to visit the grave of a friend, but "he is not here."

The Sun is rising in the East; the shadowed grays turn bright!

The Son is risen in our Hearts; darkness and death end in defeat.

Now we understand what Christ said, what God did.

Now we can proclaim, **CHRIST IS RISEN! HALLELUJAH!**

By: Rev. Nathan Decker

*** Processional Hymn No. 246**

"Christ Is Alive"

**please stand as able*

Easter Collect

Rev. John C. Lentz Jr.

God of mystery and might, when we dread the dawn of grief and pain, surprise us with the light of your wondrous love. In the holy awe of Easter morning, may our hearts rest in silent gratitude before they shout that Christ is alive and has called us by name.

Gloria

F. J. Haydn

Family Meditation

Rev. David Wigger

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Children are welcome to stay up front for a quiet activity during the sermon

Scripture Lesson

Lia Clement

1 Corinthians 15:9-26

Luke 24:1-12

After the readings

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Veronica R. Goines

"Empty Tombs, Reluctant Witnesses, and Perplexed Believers"

Ritual of Friendship

Children may return to their families

Offering

Offertory

"Alleluia"

Hans Hassler

*** Alleluia**

Jeannette Sorrell

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Eucharist

Invitation/Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Rev. Veronica R. Goines

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.

"For the Beauty of the Earth" (*congregation responds after each verse*)

"Source of all, to Thee we raise, this our sacrifice of praise."

Holy, holy, holy

Lord, God Almighty

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea

Holy, holy, holy

Merciful and mighty

God in three persons blessed Trinity

Communion of the People

Music during Communion

"Pastorale"

Dwight Stone

"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"

Graham Kendrick

"Iona Alleluia"

John Bell

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ, for the gifts of grace we have received from your hand. Now send us forth to reflect your light, proclaiming your saving death and resurrection until you come again in glory. Amen.

Going Forth to Live as God's People

* **Closing Hymn No. 240**

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

* **Commission and Blessing**

* **Choral Benediction**

G. F. Handel

"Hallelujah Chorus" from *Messiah*

* **Passing of the Peace**

Postlude

C. M. Widor

"Toccata (Symphony No. 5)"



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, for a list of upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and past sermon texts and audio.

Notes & Announcements

Easter Lilly Donations:

- Barb Hansen in loving memory of Lamont Hansen and Ethel Van Fleet.
- Anne and Jeff Smith thanksgiving for Kemp Jaycox and Steve Sedam for creating and leading the "Reconnecting with God's Creation" class.
- Carolyn Sloan-Smith in memory of my parents, Robert and Grace Sloan and Rev. Andy and Rev. Dwight and Josephine Smith.
- Lara Troyer and Jeff Dyck in memory of Gordon Dyck.
- Dene Young in memory of loved ones.
- Carol Leslie in honor of Carter Hugh and Gavin Bruce Strachan, Jackson Taylor Richards and Hugh Allen Macklin.
- Jeanette Nemcek in memory of Bob Nemcek.
- Chris and Dave Bell thanksgiving for family and friends.
- Robin Mervine in memory of Mel Mervine and Betty Miller.
- Bill Finn and Rachel Martinez-Finn in memory of Barry Finn, Jaime and Diana Martinez.
- The Wollaeger and Olson families in memory of Madge Wollaeger, Nancy and Bill Olson.
- Pat Seeders in honor of her brother Boyd Kevin Rice.

- Debbie Chapman and Lyn Hale in memory of loved ones.
- Nancy Burcham in memory of loved ones.
- Linda and David Rainey in memory of loved ones.
- Mary and Steve Hosier in thanksgiving for Marcy Hoiser.
- Cliff and Jane Kowall in memory of parents Walter and Elaine Grasson, Paul and Dorothy Kowall.
- Linda Martin in loving memory of family.
- Morag Keefe in loving memory of Tom Keefe and Sheila MacMorran.

Prayers are requested this week for the following: Mary Ball (foot surgery), Clover Beal (death of mother Adele), Barb Cloud, Mark Davidson, Nan Dorer, Dan Fuller, Grace Glaros, Robyn Hales, David Hunter, Darla Character-Johnson, Wanda Nelson, Ron Register, Elizabeth Shaw, Jimmy Strong, Wesley Washington, Chris Wollaeger and Ollie.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Marge Drollinger, Iris and Al Gilbert, Florence and Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Judy Sieck, Margie Stauffer, Elaine Tapié, Lorian Thomas, and Beryl and Henrietta Williams.

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 Canaan Care Group will assist our pastors in meeting members' needs during April. 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.

Thank you to Deborah Erwin and Robyn Hales, head ushers, and today's usher team.

Coming Up

TODAY

Linda Martin has requested photos from the cross recessional, please share the photos with her via email (martin3386@ameritech.net).

One Great Hour of Sharing collection. This vital fund of the Presbyterian Church, USA, reaches needs around the world by providing disaster assistance, and funding for hunger programs and projects that promote the "Self Development of People". Besides filling and turning in your fish bank, please give generously by using the envelopes in the pews or electronically.

Are you interested in joining Forest Hill Church? Please reach out to the Church Growth Team (churchgrowth@fhcpresb.org) for more information!

Flower donations are needed! Are you interested in donating a flower arrangement in honor or in memory of someone? The arrangements are \$45 each and you may donate the flowers (the deacons will find a recipient) or you may take them home. **Please email office @fhcpresb.org if you would like to take this opportunity to help beautify the sanctuary.**

The Ministry of Justice and Mission announces the beginning of the community grant (application due June 1st) and endowment cycle. We hope you will help us reach out to groups connected to FHC as well as community programs and organizations which seek to serve those in need and to work for justice and self-empowerment. **Please contact Jennifer Blakeney (jablakeney.13@gmail.com) for details on each application or refer to future weekly emails.**

Abundance Pantry News: The pantry provides an average of 50 pounds of groceries for 180 families. Monetary donations to the pantry ministry may be made to Forest Hill Church; in the memo line, please write Abundance Pantry or to Abundance Lunch. Abundance Pantry is open every Tuesday from 12-3. **Volunteers are needed. Contact Paul Jennings (440-570-6736) for more information.**

THIS WEEK

Bible and Bagels (Bible Study) discusses next Sunday's texts on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 to 8:30. The lessons for this week are **Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 150; John 20:19-31; Revelation 1:4-8.**

The deadline for the bulletin or weekly email is Tuesday of each week at 5 pm. **The next TOWER deadline** is May 16 (for June) at 8:00 am. You may submit your written request to office@fhcpresb.com.

NEXT SUNDAY

Join the Pacesetters! Please join us on Saturday, Apr. 27 for a docent-led history tour of Lake View Cemetery aboard Lolly the Trolley. Meet at Forest Hill Church parking lot. Lolly the Trolley will transport us from church to the tour. The 2.5 hour tour begins at 9:30 am *SHARP* and the cost is \$25.00 per person. **Please RSVP to: Sheryl Dugard @ dugard.sheryl@gmail.com or Deborah Erwin @ deberwinnash@aol.com**

On Sunday, April 28, Adult Ed and Justice and Mission will meet in South Hall at 9:30 am for a combined class entitled "Living The Resurrection-How Do We Live an Easter Faith in a Good Friday World?" Together we will discuss the experiences shared while participating in the classes, dinners and discussions during the Lenten season. As enlightened and privileged modern day Christians, how do we carry our faith into the world? Did any of our Lenten practices give us inspiration for how we might change our lives going forward? What can we do as an individual and what can we do as a church to live like we are celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ? What can we do in the future to help enrich the Easter experience for you? All are welcome to join the wrap up discussion.

In commemoration of Earth Day 2019, all are invited to a free event at the Cleveland Museum of Art! The enlightening program "Next Silent Spring" will be held on Sunday, April 28, from 2 - 4 PM. Conservation advocate Laurel Hopwood, along with an excellent panel, will share how everyone can move forward to heal our soil and gardens and thus our communities. For more information, please contact Laurel Hopwood at lhopwood@roadrunner.com.

April 28, we are honored to have Kemp Jaycox preaching!

LOOKING AHEAD

Installation of Rev. Dr. Veronica Goines, Sunday May 5, 4:00 pm. Celebrate with us! "God is doing a new thing!"

Adult Ed and the Spiritual Formation Ministry 9:30 am in South Hall:

May 5 - "Camp Lilac" a celebration of Transgender kids - Ann Williams

May 12 - "Why Christians should care about Climate Change" - Dave Neff

May 19 - "Becoming a More Light Church" - Rev. David Wigger and FHC Youth

May 26 - "How to Read the Bible" - Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

Softball Spring Training is here!!! The (aging) Forest Hill softball team is looking for the next generation of players to join the team. Starting the last week in April through the last weekend of July, the softball team plays other churches on Sunday afternoons at 3:30 across the street at Forest Hill Park. We are looking for a handful or more of new players to join the team. **Members, visitors, friends, or family 16 and over should contact Jason Hidek at jason.hidek@att.net or 440-264-3296 if interested.**

New small groups are forming! They will meet weekly at different times but all will provide an opportunity to grow in faith. Requested commitment: 5 meetings. To sign up for a group, please email the group leader listed below. To lead an additional group please email Lisa Koops (lisa.koops@gmail.com).

All Ages / Any and Every one Small Group

Leader: Debbie Wilber, debbiedooski@yahoo.com

Location: Wilbers' House in Shaker Hts.-Every other Thursday 6:30 to 8pm, starting May 2

Lectio Divina / Divine Reading Small Group

Leader: Liz Wollaeger, lizwollaeger@gmail.com

Location: Forest Hill Church-Thursday, 7:00-7:45PM, April 25-May 23

Family and Faith Small Group

Leaders: Lisa & Jed Koops, lisa.koops@gmail.com

Location: Koops's House in Shaker Heights-One Saturday a month, 4:30-6:30 PM, starting Saturday, May 4

On May 4th from 9 am-noon. Come Play in the Dirt!!! Spring work day is approaching! We will spread mulch, take down storms, wash windows, and put up screens to let in the breezes of summer!!! Okay, so it doesn't sound like a lot of fun but many hands make light work and.... FHC needs you!! Childcare and bagels are available. **To sign up, please email Ann Donkin (adonkin@fhcpresb.org).**

The Cleveland Nonviolence Network (CNVN) and People's Justice and Peace Convention 2016 are hosting 'Active Nonviolence: Registering Black Voters'. The event will be on Saturday, May 4 from 4pm - 8pm. North Presbyterian Church (in the Lutheran Metro Ministries Building) 4515 Superior Ave. Talk with Michael Bibler about his work doing voter registration in the South and his work promoting voting rights, school integration and open housing. Michael Bibler was field staff for SCLC and worked with some of the original Freedom Riders. There is plenty of parking in the gated lot across the street. A light soup dinner will be served and a free will offering will be accepted.

Young Adult Brunch! Please join us for a young adult potluck brunch after church on May 19 in Bodwell Hall. Bring your favorite brunch food to share with the group. This is an opportunity to connect with other young adults and families. We will also be sharing ideas for future events. Children and babies are welcome. Please RSVP to Charity at **CharityRMcDonald@gmail.com**. Hope to see you there!

Communion Volunteers Needed! Anyone who is an active member of FHC may serve communion. **If you are willing to add your name to the list of servers please contact Mary Ball (ml.ball47@gmail.com or 216-255-0842).**

Youth News

Youth Events (Sign-up for youth news at: bit.ly/FHCyouth):

Sundays: Classes for all youth (gr. 6-12) meet at 9:30am in the Ruah Room

Wednesday, April 24: Present More Light Proposal to Session

Saturday, April 27: Escape Room, 10:45am (RSVP to ce@fhcpresb.org, only 3 spots left)

Sunday, April 28: Sine Nomine Rehearsal, after church

Sunday, April 28: House Church (Wadsworth-Wigger House).

Sunday, May 5: Orthodox Church Field Trip



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Calendar: April 21-28

Sunday, April 21: Easter Sunday

9:00 am Worship in the Chapel
9:15 am Childcare begins
10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt
10:30 am Continental Breakfast
11:00 am Worship

Monday, April 22:

6:00 pm AA: Progress not Perfection
7:00 pm Al Anon: Now There's Hope
7:30 pm AA: Borton Group
Boy Scout Troop #403

Tuesday, April 23:

12:00 pm Abundance Pantry
Registration
5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise
Bulletin and Email Deadline
6:00 pm HCC training
7:00 pm Black History Meeting

Wednesday, April 24:

7:30 am Bible and Bagels
12:00 pm Bill Gruber and Camp
12:30 pm Wednesday Women's
Group
Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Session Meeting

Thursday, April 25:

9:30 am Pantry Group Meeting
1:30 pm English Country Dance
4:00 pm ICE vigil
5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise
5:30 pm Ladies in Training (Drill
Team Practice)
6:20 pm Voices in Bronze
7:00 pm Lection-Divina
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 26:

10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand

Saturday, April 27:

4:00 pm Youth trip to the Escape
Room

Sunday, April 28:

9:15 am Childcare begins
9:30 am Adult Education
Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)
Youth Education
(gr. 6-12)
10:10 am Pathways (gr. 1-5)
10:30 am Chancel Choir
Continental Breakfast
Cherub's Choir
11:00 am Worship and Children's
Worship
12:00 pm Coffee and Conversation
Sine Nomine Rehearsal
Pastors Meeting
4:00 pm Reconnecting with
God's Creation class
7:00 pm House Church at the
Wigger's

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