



*Discovering God's call, celebrating the Spirit's presence,
Witnessing to Christ's transformative power!*

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Service of Worship

February 22, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

Transfiguration of the Lord

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.

If you are visiting, please print your name on a name tag and wear it so that we might greet you. Large print editions of the Bible, the Hymnal, and today's bulletin as well as hearing devices are available from the ushers on request.

■■■ *Prayer of Preparation*

O God, we seek you this day with a sincere heart. Reveal your beauty and power to us. Strengthen us in faith. Enable us to embrace the mystery of the cross and walk the path of discipleship. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.

Welcome

The Prelude

"Ricercare"

A. Ginastera

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

The Choral Introit

Sweden

The Call to Worship

Sophie Beal

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Beloved, we are God's children now.

People: With open hearts to receive you and voices to proclaim your praise, let us worship you in sincerity and in joy!

Leader: Let us worship the living God.

*** The Processional Hymn No. 446**

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

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.

This Month’s Ushers

Roger Heineman, Lead Usher; Robyn Hales, Paula Harvey, Tom Harvey, Jason Hidek, Diane McFiggen, Tom McFiggen, Dick Peterjohn (assistant lead), Chuck Smith, Ayodele Solaru. Sam Manu, Head Usher

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

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

TODAY

Welcome Visitors!

Please stop by the Visitor Information table in the Courtyard Foyer following worship. We’re looking forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Visitor welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex.

Grocery Certificates

Buy FHC Grocery Cards and support Forest Hill Mission Trips! The Ministry of Justice and Mission has designated that 90% of the profits from grocery certificates sales from January to June 2009 support future adult and youth mission trips. Grocery gift cards may be purchased in Fellowship Hall after the service most Sunday mornings. Ten per cent of the grocery card profits support the FHC Emergency Food Cupboard on an ongoing basis.

Picture Directory Sign-up

We are excited to announce that we're going to create a new **pictorial directory** of our church family. The directory will help us connect names with faces. It will be an ideal outreach tool and will capture the history of our church congregation. Please participate! Have your picture taken by the professional photographer and meet with a portrait consultant at the church – each family participating will receive a free 8x10 portrait and a free directory.

We will be making appointments after church in Fellowship Hall. Please **sign up** as soon as possible to get the best appointment to fit your schedule.

THIS WEEK

Interfaith Hospitality Network Families Here This Week

This evening Forest Hill Church begins another week of hosting several homeless families in our education wing through the Interfaith Hospitality Network. Thanks to all church members who are providing supper, evening activities, and overnight stays for our guests.

Tuesday, February 24, 6:30 p.m.: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Wednesday, February 25, 7:30 p.m.: Ash Wednesday worship
Childcare will be provided.

Bible and Bagels

Bible and Bagels meets Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The lesson for this Wednesday is **Mark 1: 9-15**.

Yoga

The yoga class meets Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. All are welcome to join as a drop-in or a regular. The cost is \$10 per session.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education: 9:30 in South Hall

March 1 “The African American Church’s Influence on America,” led by Dr. Joy Bostic, CWRU Dept of Religious Studies

LOOKING AHEAD

Softball Offseason News!

The temperatures may be falling and the snow accumulating, but it is also time to begin preparations for softball spring training. All persons (16 and over) interested in joining the Forest Hill Softball Team should contact Jason Hidek (jason.hidek@att.net or 330-284-5007). February kicks off the league meeting and preseason practice starts in early April. We will be striving to field two teams this year so there is plenty of playing time for everyone. All returning players please confirm plans for this year as well as thoughts and ideas for a preseason kickoff event!

Exploring Membership

Interested in exploring membership in Forest Hill Church? The next class will be held on Saturday, March 14 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. If you choose to join, you will do that on March 22. Please contact the church office if you are interested (216-321-2660 or office@fhcpresb.org).

Care Group

The Eden Care Group is responsible for meeting members’ needs during February. 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:

Doris Allen, Deacon leader	Sue and Scott Lafferty
Deborah Adrine	Jane Little
Clover, Tim, Seth and Sophie Beal	Peg and Steve Marunowski
Dave and Chris Bell	Clayton and Julie Minder
Colleen Bloom and family	Ron Polderman, Carol Smith, and Sarah Smith-Polderman
Jean and Scott Duncan	Bob and Peggy Seher
Jeff Dyck and Lara Troyer	Elizabeth Shaw
Kris and Bill Fay	Jeff and Anne Smith
Shirley Gallagher	Elaine Tapié
Hazel Grant	Thomas Taylor
Mary Hill and Evan Tuttle	Elaine Turley and Jordan Shoger
Heather and Jon House	Paul and Katie Weissbrod
Bob and Pat Jeffreys	

■■■ *FHC Youth*

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

MOB: Sr. Highs will meet at 5 p.m.

Reserve your spot on the ski trip now! We’re going skiing on March 7-8. Please see Lindsey for details and reservations.

■■■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: Genesis 9: 8-17; Psalm 25: 1-10; 1 Peter 3: 18-22; Mark 1: 9-15.

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. The lectionary readings for each Sunday are included in the “Sundays in March” page of the **TOWER**.

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■■■ *Calendar: February 22 – March 1, 2009*

We are hosting IHN families this week (5 p.m. – 7 a.m.)

Sunday, February 22

The Transfiguration of the Lord

9:30 Child care begins
Adult and Youth Education
Confirmation class
Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)
10:15 Descant Choir activity
10:30 Chancel Choir
Continental Breakfast
11:00 Little Explorers (3 and 4 year olds)
Children in Worship (older 4s, k)
WORSHIP
Pathways to the Promise Land gr. 1-5 12:15 Coffee hour
Sine Nomine Choir
5:00 Faith Leader class
MOB: Sr. High

Monday, February 23

7:00 p.m. Sycamore Group
7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA)
Boy Scout Trp #403
Cub Scout dens (Pack #36)

Tuesday, February 24

Shrove Tuesday

6:30 p.m. Pancake Dinner
Cub Scout den (Pack #36)



Wednesday, February 25

Ash Wednesday

7:30 a.m. Bible and Bagels
5:30 p.m. Yoga
7:30 p.m. Worship: Communion and Imposition of Ashes

Thursday, February 26

6:20 p.m. Voices in Bronze
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, February 27

7:00 p.m. Mid High Lock-in

Saturday, February 28

9:00 a.m. CEIRS: Gospel of John

Sunday, March 1

1 Lent

9:30 Child care begins
Adult and Youth Education
Confirmation class
Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)
10:15 Descant Choir activity
10:30 Chancel Choir
Continental Breakfast
Cherub Choir
11:00 Little Explorers (3 and 4 year olds)
Children in Worship (older 4s, k)
WORSHIP: Communion
Pathways to the Promise Land gr. 1-5 12:15 Coffee hour
5:00 Faith Leader class
MOB: Sr. High

Psalm 84: 5-7

Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

Mark 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Tuesday, February 24, 6:30 p.m.
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Entertainment after supper
Please reply using the form on p. 12

Wednesday, February 25, 7:30 p.m.
Ash Wednesday worship
Childcare will be provided



COMING TO THE PANCAKE SUPPER?
PLEASE LET US KNOW!

HOW MANY ADULTS? _____
CHILDREN UNDER 12? _____

NAME:_____

PLEASE LEAVE THIS IN THE OFFERING PLATE.
IF YOU HAVE ALREADY REPLIED BY EMAIL
THERE'S NO NEED TO REPLY HERE.