

*Service of Worship*

**March 22, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.**

**4 Lent**

*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*

Draw us, O God, to your heart at the heart of the world, at once joyful, aching, expectant, and loving, that we may care for others as you care for us, each and every moment of our lives; in the name of your Beloved, our Savior Jesus Christ.

**Welcome**

**The Prelude**

“Deep River”  
arr. Utterback

■ ■ ■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

**The Choral Introit**

**The Call to Worship** Elena Juodisius

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.  
**People: God’s love endures forever.**  
Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God’s kindness lasts through all generations.  
**People: God’s love endures forever.**  
Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God’s anger lingers but a moment.  
**People: God’s mercy endures forever.**  
Leader: Let us worship God.

**\* The Processional Hymn No. 473**  
“For the Beauty of the Earth”

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**The Prayer of Confession** Dr. John Lentz  
Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, forgive us for all we do to hurt ourselves and our neighbors. By your strength, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. By your power to heal and to forgive, graciously cleanse us from all sin and give us strength to follow you. AMEN.

**A Time of Silent Confession**

**Kyrie eleison** (Lord, have mercy) J. F. Haydn

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

**The Assurance of Pardon**

**\*The Response** (all sing)  
“Be Still and Know”  
**Be still and know that I am God.**  
**Be still and know that I am God** (repeat)  
*All sing once; the second time, women begin one measure after men.*  
*Children in Pathways may leave following the response*

■ ■ ■ *Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word*

**The Reception of New Members**  
**The Scripture Lessons** Numbers 21:4-9 (p. 122)  
John 3: 14-21 (p. 864)

*After the readings*  
Leader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God’s people.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\* Hymn No. 244**  
“Let Us with a Gladsome Mind”  
*Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn*

**The Sermon** Rev. Clover Reuter Beal

“Bitten and Blessed”

**The Prayers of the People**



**Welcome New Members**

Please welcome these new members who are joining Forest Hill Church today:

Amy Bell 3413 Kildare Cleveland Hts OH 44118 440-590-5295	Amy is married to Scott Bell (son of Chris and Dave Bell). She and Scott have a son, Alexander  Mt. Sinai CARE Group
Brooke Marcy 2408 Edgerton University Hts OH 44118 216-321-3500 <a href="mailto:ebmarcy@hotmail.com">ebmarcy@hotmail.com</a>	Brooke is a preschool teacher at Hawken School. She has a son, Caleb, who will turn 10 next month.  Mt. Sinai CARE Group
Callie True 2851 Edgehill Cleveland Hts OH 44118 216-346-7052 <a href="mailto:sungirl1421@yahoo.com">sungirl1421@yahoo.com</a>	Callie and her fiancé, Joshua Janor, will be married at FHC on September 19.  Mt. Sinai CARE Group

**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.

**How Does Your Garden Grow?**

Do you love to dig in the dirt? Do you find God in the taste of a ripe tomato, the beauty of an eggplant and the scent of basil? Then we need your help! We are exploring the possibility of planting a Forest Hill Vegetable Garden this summer and sharing the harvest with our local community. If you'd like to volunteer, come to an organizational meeting in Rm 106 today immediately after church. Contact Laura Steiner at 216-297-9865 or [lauramsteiner@yahoo.com](mailto:lauramsteiner@yahoo.com) for more information.

**Swing to the Lord a New Song II**

This evening at 7:30 p.m. – it's the second annual *Swing to the Lord* concert, featuring the Chancel and Sine Nomine Choirs as well as a jazz combo led by trombonist Paul Ferguson (Anne Wilson's brother) and trumpeter Jack Schantz (he was amazing last year, remember?). Also appearing will be the Heights Barbershop Group. This concert showcases sacred works written in a jazz or jazz/gospel idiom. It's a good time to invite your music-loving friends!

**THIS WEEK**

***Bible and Bagels***

Bible and Bagels meets Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The scripture this week is **John 12: 20-33**.

***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 29: "Are You a Prophet?" led by Elder Derry Stauffer

**LOOKING AHEAD**

***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:

Janet Kickel, Deacon leader	Chuck & Jane Ishler
Allen Ball	Nina Klein
Bob & Joanne Bielek	Mary Lewis
Guy Cameron and family	Julie & Gary Lustic
Betty & Don Clark	Dave & Jane Olson and family
Sue Conant	Joyce Peters
Ralph & Molly Dise	Graham & Roz Peters
Jane Frederick & family	Jim Picht & Rebecca Martin and family
Donna Frey	Sara & Randy Shaner
Sue Gifford & family	Anona Stack
Don & Nancy Grube	Lorian, Ralph & Fran Thomas
Barb & Lamont Hansen	Ann & Peter Williams
Jason & Christine Hidek and family	Betty Woodruff

Warren & Lois Young

***Softball Players Needed***

Forest Hill is fielding two teams this year and needs a few more players to round out this year's roster for both teams. Contact Jason Hidek at [jason.hidek@att.net](mailto:jason.hidek@att.net) or 330-284-5007 if you are interested.

***NOAH News***

**March 24: Strategy team Meeting**, 7 p.m. at Church of the Covenant (11205 Euclid Ave). Join us to plot a long-term course for NOAH (Northeast Ohio Alliance for Hope).  
**March 30: East Cleveland / NOAH March Planning Meeting** at New Covenant Lutheran Church, 1424 Hayden Ave, East Cleveland.

■ ■ ■ *FHC Youth*

**Today: 12:15** Sine Nomine Choir rehearsal

**5:00** MOB – Sr. High

**This Week: Tuesday, 7 p.m.:** Mid High Bible Study

**Wednesday, 7:p.m.:** Sr High Bible study

**Next Week: Sunday, 4 p.m.** Celebration of Seniors Dinner

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

**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.

■ ■ ■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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■ ■ ■ *Calendar: March 22 – 29*

**Sunday, March 22**

**4 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  
Session meets with new members  
11:00 Little Explorers (3 and 4 year olds)  
Children in Worship (older 4s, k)  
WORSHIP  
11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land gr. 1-5  
12:15 Coffee hour  
FHC Garden organizational mtg  
Sine Nomine Choir  
5:00 Faith Leader class  
MOB: Sr. High  
Kerygma  
7:30 Concert:   
Swing to the Lord a New Song

**Monday, March 23**

4:45 p.m. PWR Meeting at Avon Lake PC  
7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA)  
Boy Scout Trp #403  
Cub Scout Pack #36 (dens)

**Tuesday, March 24**

7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #36 (dens)  
Mid High Bible study

**Wednesday, March 25**

7:30 a.m. Bible and Bagels  
7:00 p.m. Sr High Bible study (Phoenix)  
7:30 p.m. Session meeting


**Thursday, March 26**

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

**Friday, March 27**

7:00 p.m. Women's Retreat (River's Edge)

**Saturday, March 28**

4:00 p.m. FHC Softball   
Teams: potluck

**Sunday, March 29**

**5 Lent**

8:15 Nominating Committee  
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:  
Baptism of Nikolas Russo  
11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land gr. 1-5  
12:15 Coffee hour  
4:00 MOB: Celebration of Seniors dinner  
5:00 Faith Leader class  
Kerygma

LENT 2009 at Forest Hill Church

Service of Evening Prayer

**Wednesday, April 1**

**6:30 light supper** served by Morag Keefe

**7:15 worship** in the chapel or sanctuary

Clover, Anne and John will lead a simple and beautiful liturgy shaped by the theme that our faith can be the source of refreshment, treasure and freedom. Each service will last about 45 minutes.

Holy Week

**Thursday, April 9** We will hold our traditional Maundy Thursday Tenebrae service at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**Friday, April 10** (Good Friday) We will hold our traditional mid-day service from 12 – 1 p.m. in the chapel.

EASTER

**Sunday, April 12** We will have services at 9:00 a.m. in the chapel celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary (concluding with the singing of the “Hallelujah Chorus”).

**Friday, March 27 – Saturday, March 28**  
**Women’s Retreat: “Reconciling and Rejoicing”**  
at the River’s Edge Retreat Center in Rocky River

Cost: \$80 (overnight) or \$40 (program only) Register with Clover Beal.

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

John 3: 14-21

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”



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## **Easter lilies may be ordered for Easter Day**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

How many (\$7.00 each) \_\_\_\_\_

(make check payable to Forest Hill Church; memo: Easter lilies)

\_\_\_\_ donate

\_\_\_\_ take home

Dedication (by whom, in honor of, in memory of):

Please put this in the offering or contact the office with this information