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*Service of Worship*

**April 19, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*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*

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of God's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

**Welcome**

**The Prelude**

"This Joyful Eastertide"

S. Glick

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

**The Choral Introit**

**The Call to Worship**

Bill Armstrong

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: O praise the Lord with me.

**People: We will exalt God's name together. Alleluia!**

Leader: Let us worship God.

**\* The Processional Hymn No. 108**

"Christ is Alive!"



**Prayer Concerns this Week**

Wendy Anderson	Marian Frederick	Jane Little
William Bidelman	Charles Gilbert	Rebecca Martin
Dick Bloomquist	Dorothy Hales	Aiesha Minor
Allen Bloomquist	Jason Himmelsteib	Austin Schwaderer
Ralph and Molly Dise	Carson Kent	Debbie Ungemach
Carolyn Doggett	Katie Kickel	Dennis Wedding
Fran and Pat Drake		Doug, Marcie and Lucy Harvey

**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.

■ ■ ■ *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.

*Welcome to Our Guest Preacher*

We extend a warm welcome to the Rev. Dr. Tony Minor, today's guest preacher. Dr. Minor is the Founder and Senior Pastor of the Community of Faith Assembly in Cleveland, Ohio. He is a strong voice for social justice and is a former aide to Ambassador Andrew Young and Dr. Joseph Lowery, two former associates of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He was recently cited by the New York Times and USA Today for his work in voter empowerment and election protection.

Dr. Minor currently serves as the Advocacy Director at the Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry, one of the largest social service agencies in Greater Cleveland. He also serves on several boards, including United Pastors In Mission, Cleveland Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Jobs With Justice, and We Believe Ohio.

He is a widower and has two sons, a daughter, and a grandson. He is currently engaged to Natoya Walker, a Cleveland native who is the Deputy Chief of Operations for Mayor Frank Jackson and is an active member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

*Softball Season Opens Today!*

Both games are at Forest Hill Park at 6 p.m.: Team A will play Grace Lutheran and Team B will play Central Baptist Bible.

**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 lesson this week is **Acts 3: 12-19**.

*Art and Music Night*

The next **Art and Music Night** will take place this Friday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. Anne Wilson's topic will be *Great Britain: From Stonehenge to Graffiti*. Music by Byrd, Purcell, Handel and Elgar. Cookies, coffee and conversation!

*Spring Work Day*

The trustees will be hosting the annual Spring Work Day on Saturday, April 25 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Morning munchies and lunch will be provided; child care will be provided on request. We will be removing storm windows and cleaning up the gardens. Please bring your favorite garden tools (wheelbarrows are needed too).

RSVP to Gary Lustic (216-371-2084 or [GALustic@gmail.com](mailto:GALustic@gmail.com)) if you can attend and if you need childcare for the morning.

*Tools Needed*

The Forest Hill Vegetable Garden is taking root! We will be preparing the soil for the garden during the church work day on April 25 and need some extra tools for the volunteers. If you have any of the following items that you could loan us for the day, please contact Laura Steiner at [lauramsteiner@yahoo.com](mailto:lauramsteiner@yahoo.com) or 216-297-9865: long-handled shovels, hoes, claw-type cultivators, garden rakes, or a rototiller (we have one rototiller available, but would like a second).

**NEXT SUNDAY**

*Softball*

Both games are at 3:30 p.m.: Team A will play Church of the Saviour B at Monticello Middle School, and Team B will play Church of the Redeemer at Roxboro Middle School.

***Adult Education: 9:30 in South Hall***

**April 26, May 3, 10**

**“Who are we? We are Forest Hill Church.”**

Answering the question, *Who are we and how did we get this way?* will not be complete without a conversation about our own congregation’s identity and history. We will have members of our church – long time, middlers, and newbies – discuss their perspectives on our congregation's past and future.

On May 10, Pastors John Lentz and Clover Beal will discuss their visions for our church’s life. **Please join us!**

**LOOKING AHEAD**

***Help With Neighborhood Project Repair***

The Home Repair Resource Center, a Forest Hill Church-supported agency, seeks volunteers to deliver information packets on its home revitalization programs door-to-door in the Monticello-Taylor-Noble area, evenings during the week of April 27. Please email Kathryn Lad at: [klad@hrrc-ch.org](mailto:klad@hrrc-ch.org), or call 216-381-6100.

***Care Group***

The Nazareth Care Group is responsible for 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.

★ Members of this month’s Care group are:

Cindy Newton, Deacon and Leader	Audrey & Bob Kellermeyer
Doris Bartlett	Jane & Cliff Kowall
Marcia Beck	Barb & Kermit Lind
JoAnne Black	Mel, Robin, Amanda and Emily Mervine
Deborah Chapman & Lyn Hale	Daryl Musick
Ron and Patty Console and family	Dave & Allie Neff
Jeff and Holly Daedelow	Eric Rich, Deborah Peters and family
Jim and Terry Daedelow	Lois Reilly
Pat Drake	Jim Roosa and family
Jeannine Gury, Scott Peters and family	Peggy Sasso
Jennifer and Barry Hartz	Kevin & Laura Stauffer and family
Kathryn Himmelsteib	Megan & Peter Tzefronis and family
Jean Izant	Matt & Sarah Winters and family

***May Cabaret***

Please mark your calendars for the annual May Cabaret, which will take place on May 3rd beginning with a Morag Keefe-prepared supper (yum!) at 6:15 p.m. and continuing with our intergenerational variety show at 7:00. Some highlights this year include: a special appearance by the Heights Barbershop Group, a jump rope competition (hot pepper!), and a return of the much loved Male Ballet. Barb Cloud is also running an ice cream social at this event (a Big Give idea), so you can purchase your tickets for that in advance or at the event.

***Social Groups and Circles***

***Iris Circle*** (all FHC women)

All FHC women are invited to join Iris Circle to hear about the February pilgrimage to Israel and Palestine. The circle will meet Tuesday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

■ ■ ■ *FHC Youth*

**Today:** Sine Nomine Choir will rehearse after worship.

**This Week:** Sr High Bible study, 7 p.m. on April 22 (Phoenix Coffee House)

**Next Sunday: MOB:** Mid High, 4:00; Sr High, 5:00

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

**Next Sunday: Acts 3: 12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3: 1-7; Luke 24: 36b-48.** 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 April” page of the **TOWER**.

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Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

■■■ Calendar: April 12 – 19, 2009

<b>Sunday, April 19</b> <b>2 Easter</b> 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 Cherub Choir 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 Blood Pressure check Sine Nomine Choir 5:00 Kerygma 6:00 Softball: A vs Grace Lutheran, FH Park B vs Central Bible Baptist FH Park	<b>Wednesday, April 22</b> 7:30 a.m. Bible and Bagels 10:00 a.m. <b>TOWER</b> collators 7:00 p.m. Sr High Bible study (Phoenix) Session meeting
<b>Monday, April 20</b> 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout den (Pack #36) 7:00 p.m. Sycamore Group 7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA) Boy Scout Trp #403	<b>Thursday, April 23</b> 6:20 p.m. Voices in Bronze 7:00 p.m. Living Fit program 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
<b>Tuesday, April 21</b> 12:30 p.m. Heather Circle 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout dens (Pack #36)	<b>Friday, April 24</b> 7:00 p.m. Art & Music Night: Britain from Stonehenge to Grafitti Art
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# BIG GIVE FESTIVAL AND FLEA MARKET

Saturday, May 16  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Wondering how to maximize the return on the BIG GIVE gift? Why not join the FHC Big Give Festival and Flea Market!



Sell your products to the larger community.

Clear out your basements and attics and sell your “goodies” to the larger world.

Set your own prices! Give what you want to the Big Give project.

Reserve a table by May 1 (First come, first serve).

Contact the church office (216-321-2660 or [office@fhcpresb.org](mailto:office@fhcpresb.org)). You may have a full 8' table, part of an 8' table, a round table or a card table.

We hope to be both inside and outside.

Church will be open to receive items on Thursday, May 14 and Friday, May 15 ***but all items are the property and responsibility of the donor.***

On Saturday, May 16 the church will open at 7:00 a.m. for set up.

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Don't know what to do with your \$50 Big Give? Jason Hidek is looking for volunteers to combine their \$50 gifts and purchase a big ticket item(s) to raffle off at the flea market (iPods, flat screen TVs, etc). Individuals will be given raffle ticket templates to sell to acquaintances for a chance to win.

**We need to act fast!**

If interested, contact Jason at 330-284-5007 or [jason.hidek@fedex.com](mailto:jason.hidek@fedex.com) for details

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Big Give Bake Sale! With all those shoppers working hard to find bargains, I will bet folks will work up an appetite. I invite anyone who is interested in investing their \$50.00 to feed the masses to join me in offering baked goods at a bake sale table during the Big Give Festival and Flea Market. If you are interested in joining me, please let me know at [Valerie.Flechtner@Yahoo.com](mailto:Valerie.Flechtner@Yahoo.com) or at 216-291-2012. Let's try to get a variety of items to tempt the buyers. Let me know what baked goods you want to sell. Based on the response I will reserve a table and work up a selling schedule. – Val Flechtner

### **A Dinner to Benefit Forest Hill Church's Ministry of Justice and Mission**

Two spaces are still available for dinner on Sunday, April 26, at 6:00 p.m., when local amateur chefs Traci Ext and Loren Toplitz will be serving a Greek-themed dinner at their Cleveland Heights home. Dinner will begin with a tzatziki appetizer, followed by a plentiful Greek salad and a vegetarian Greek pasta main dish with Traci's special, made-from-scratch sauce. Loren will be serving up his signature crepes for dessert, along with his special-brew coffee. Suggested donation is \$20 per person, with 100% of the proceeds going to the mission and outreach programs of Forest Hill Church. Reservations can be made by phone to (216) 321-5101 or by e-mail to [ttext42@gmail.com](mailto:ttext42@gmail.com).

### **It's Michigan versus Ohio State!**

Cast your vote for your favorite team by purchasing a fringed fleece blanket loving crafted by FHC members, Diana Woodbridge and Chessie Bleick

- . . . Diana for the University of Michigan (Go Blue!)
- . . . and Chessie for the Ohio State University (Go Buckeyes!)

Cost: a mere \$39.95

Support for your team (and for the Big Give for Mission): priceless

Diana and Chessie will be vying for your support after worship on **Sunday, April 19th** in Fellowship Hall. We'll each have a sample blanket to promote our team (and to sell) – and we'll be ready to take orders.

Be the first to cast your vote and own your very own team blanket!

*Votes/orders can also be emailed to [dwoodbridge@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dwoodbridge@sbcglobal.net) (Michigan) or [bleick@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bleick@sbcglobal.net) (OSU)*

P.S. Ted Woodbridge makes great bird feeders. For only \$22 you will be able to draw cardinals, warblers and woodpeckers and more to your yard.

A sample bird feeder will be available for you to check out (and buy) on the 19th, as well as instructions on how to hang it so it will be squirrel proof.

**THERE IS MORE BIG GIVE INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE AND  
IN THE WEEKLY EMAIL.**