

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

Pastor
John C. Lentz, Jr., M Div, PhD

Ministry of Music Anne Wilson, MM, FAGO, ChM

Associate Pastor
Director of Lay Leadership
Clover Reuter Beal, M Div

Director of Christian Education Liz Wollaeger

3031 Monticello Blvd, Cleveland Hts OH 44118 216-321-2660 Fax: 216-320-1214 Email: office@fhcpresb.org

Email: office@fhcpresb.org Website: <u>www.fhcpresb.org</u>

Service of Worship

March 28 at 11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday One Great Hour of Sharing

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

Loving God, as you have sent Jesus to be for us light and truth, send now your Spirit upon us to grant us grace and strength to follow in his footsteps this day. Amen.

Welcome

The Prelude

South African trad., arr. Grundahl

"Sing Hosanna! Sannanina!"

■■ Greeting Our God with Joy

The Call to Worship

Kate Monaghan

One: Open the gates of righteousness.

Many: Enter in and give thanks to the Lord.

One: This is the gate of God. **Many: Enter in and be saved!** One: This is the gate of God.

Many: Give thanks as you enter in.
One: This is the place where God answers.

Many: Enter in; give thanks to the Lord for salvation!

One: The stone the builders rejected is the strongest part of God's house.

Many: Jesus is that stone; give thanks as you enter in. One: The stone that was rejected is our rock and strength.

Many: The Lord has made it so, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

One: This is the day the Lord has made. Many: We rejoice and are glad in it!

One: We join the festive procession from age to age and place to place.

All: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's love endures forever!

* Procession of Palms

"Filled with Excitement (Mantos y Palmas)"

■ ■ Renewing Our Relationship with God

The Prayer of Confession
Lord Jesus Christ, you come in unexpected ways.
You entered Jerusalem in humility,
a servant king, riding on a donkey.
But the people saw only what they wanted,
a warrior king, bringing an end to oppression.
We, too, look to you to fight our battles.
In our name we wound one another with doctrine,
or worse—with weapons. King Jesus, forgive and restore us.
Help us to follow you humbly, even to a cross.

A Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison M. Obery

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

Assurance of Pardon

*The Response

The Anthem H. Kemp

"A Lenten Love Song"
Descant Choir
Katie Muller-Girard, soloist

■ ■ Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

* Hymn No. 89

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Children in Pathways may leave during the hymn

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

The Scripture Lesson

Luke 19:28-40

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon Rev. Clover Reuter Beal

"Stumbling toward the Kingdom"

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer please use debts, debtors

The Ritual of FriendshipPlease sign the tablet as a record of attendance

The Offertory G. Faure

"Libera Me" (from "Requiem") Jaired Birks, Soloist

* The Response

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is thin alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

■ ■ Going Forth to Live as God's People

* The Closing Hymn No. 91

"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

Rev. John Lentz

- * The Commission and Blessing
- * The Choral Benediction
- * The Passing of the Peace

 $\blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare$ The Postlude A. Campra

"Rigaudon"

■ ■ Parish Notes

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by LeAnn West and the Kevin & Laura Stauffer family in memory of Roy West and his daughter Robyn Mazanecher, and by Lorian Thomas and her family in memory of the Rev. Clarence "Tommy" Thomas.

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

This Month's Ushers

Scott Peters, Lead Usher; Tish Van Beers-Klein, assistant lead; Amy Davis, Chris Davis, Scott Duncan, Jean Duncan, Brian Klein, Jim Roosa, Ayodele Solaru. Roger Heineman, Head Usher

Prayer Concerns this Week

Bill Burcham Jason Himmelsteib Graham Peters
Barb Cloud Elizabeth Kosnik Arlene Quinn
Polly Cohen Mary Lewis Chris Schaljo
Molly & Ralph Dise Connie May Debbie Ungemach
Marian Frederick Charlie Mossbrook Dennis Wedding

Bev Gairing Marilyn Oviatt Doug, Marcie and Lucy Harvey Gerry & Loretta Losorella

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.

$\blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare$ 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. If you have a few minutes after church and would like to meet and get to know other members of Forest Hill Church, come to *Connections Corner* in Fellowship Hall. Look for the table by the brightly colored signs to the left as you enter the room. Come for coffee, a tasty treat, conversation and connection!

THIS WEEK

Bible and Bagels meets Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The scripture this week isLuke 23:1-49.

The women's book group is reading Anne Lamott's *Traveling Mercies*. Come on Thursday mornings from 9:45-11:15. All women are welcome – call Rev. Clover Beal with questions.

Holy Week 2010

Thursday, April 1 – Maundy Thursday, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7:30 p.m. worship We will commemorate Maundy Thursday, Jesus' last supper with his disciples, remembering Christ's new mandate that we are to "love one another." A meal will be served in Fellowship Hall. Those who come will be expected to offer a side dish, salad or dessert to the gathering. Reservations are required. After dinner the very dramatic liturgy of Tenebrae will be observed and Communion will be served.

Friday, April 2 – Good Friday, 12 p.m. Pastors Lentz and Beal will lead the annual remembrance service in the chapel from 12 noon - 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 4: **Easter Sunday**, 9 and 11 a.m.

We will arise to celebrate the good news of Christ's resurrection and our liberation. Services will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the chapel and 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education: 9:30 in South Hall

April 4 EASTER – No Class

The Spiritual Practice of Pilgrimage

April 11 The Practice of Pilgrimage

April 18 A Panel of Pilgrims

April 25 Roadside Religion: American Pilgrimage

Where is God ...

May 2 God in the Workplace

May 9 God in the Family

May 16 God in Everyday Life

May 23 Conclusion: An Integrated Life in Christ

In need of a baked item for an Easter meal?

Please support our Mid- and Senior-high youth by stopping by their Bake Shop in Fellowship Hall next Sunday, April 4th. Baked treats will be available for sale after the 9:00 service, and before and after the 11:00 service. Proceeds will go towards their summer mission trips to the 2010 Presbyterian Youth Triennium at Perdue University in Indiana (Senior Highs) and the Pittsburgh Project Summer Service Camp (Mid Highs) in July. Please stop by!

LOOKING AHEAD

Abundance Acres Returns! Garden Volunteers Needed

Sign up is starting for volunteers for this year's Abundance Acres vegetable garden! Tasks include digging, planting, tending and much more--stop by in the fellowship hall today after church or email Laura Steiner (lauramsteiner@yahoo.com) to learn about the volunteer possibilities and sign up to help. Gardening experience is not required!

4th AWE! "Swing to the Lord a New Song"

The fourth in our season of *AWE*s (Alternative Worship Experiences) will be held on Sunday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. That's "Low Sunday" (the Sunday after Easter), but there's nothing "low" about this service! *Swing to the Lord a New Song* will feature the Chancel and Sine Nomine Choirs accompanied by a jazz combo led by trombonist Paul Ferguson and trumpeter Jack Schantz. Also appearing will be the Heights Barbershop Group in which several FHC youth sing (Jack Lentz, Seth Ungemach and Jaired Birks). Please invite your music-loving friends to this event!

Membership Care Group

The Jericho 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 be passed on to the Care group leaders.

→ Members of this month's Care group are:

+

Jennifer Blakeney, Deacon and Leader

Janet Banis

The Baumgartner family

Jennifer Blakeney, Marius Juodisius &

family

Wendy and Robert Brock & family Kate and David Burleigh & family

Jim and Carol Conway
Joseph and Janet Dauer

Marj Drollinger Elizabeth Farnfield Beverly Gairing

Al Gilbert

Tom and Paula Harvey

Candice Hoke, George Taylor & family

Carol Hopkins-Lutz The Jamieson family The Lindquist family

Eunice Manu Carol Phillips The Sampson family

Jean Seeley

Chuck and Lora Smith & family

Ann Tutton

The Wollaeger family

This week's volunteers:

Continental Breakfast: Janet Kickel

Greeters: Caty Himmelman, Thomas Taylor Coffee Hour: Eric Brock, Jaiye Sampson

Greeting Cards: Rosaneil Schenk Flowers: Jennifer Blakeney

■■■ Social Groups and Circles

The Group (singles and couple, 60s - 70s)

The Group will attend the Beck Theater's production of *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* on Saturday, April 10. Cost \$18, reservations needed by March 31 – please contact Pat Musick (440-442-3592) or Cathy Ghiandoni (216-691-1905).

Pacesetters (singles and couples, 40s - 60s)

The Pacesetters are "celebrating" National Poetry Month at the Lafferty's (1969 Bromton Drive Lyndhurst) on Saturday, April 17th at 7 p.m. Bring your favorite original verse or poems that have been penned by others along with an appetizer or dessert to share. BYOWoB (Bring your own wine or beer). Soft drinks will be provided. No need to RSVP, but if directions are needed, please call or email Scott or Sue Lafferty 440-449-2361 or salaff@sbcglobal.net.

$\blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare FHC Youth$

MOB:

Friday Nights with MID HIGH will meet on Friday, April 2 from 6 – 8 p.m.

SENIOR HIGHS meet every Sunday from 5 - 7 p.m.

■ ■ The Lessons

Today's Reading: Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it." 'So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!'

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor. 15:19-26; John 20:1-18 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. Links to the readings for each Sunday appear on the church's Facebook page, the Upcoming Sundays page of our website (http://www.fhcpresb.org/worship-music/upcoming-sundays/), and on the "Sundays in March" page of the *TOWER*.

■■■ From the Web

Did you know Forest Hill has an active Facebook presence? If you're on Facebook, go to http://facebook.com/ForestHillChurch and click "Become a Fan" at the top of the page. You'll have access to easy links to upcoming sermon topics and scripture texts, as well as links to the weekly sermon, both audio and text. Upcoming events are always posted on the page, and any member is free to post comments, and add photos and links. There's even a link to the Presbyterian News Service feed under the Boxes tab. Please join us...and suggest our Facebook page to your friends!

■■■ FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions

Program Staff

Rev. Dr. John Lentz, Jr. / pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org, ext. 200

Rev. Clover Beal / <u>pastorbeal@fhcpresb.org</u>, ext 201

Liz Wollaeger / <u>lizw@fhcpresb.org</u>, ext. 206 Anne Wilson / <u>annew@fhcpresb.org</u>, ext. 208

Office Staff

Becky Austin / beckya@fhcpresb.org, ext 203 Lynda Bernays / office@fhcpresb.org, ext 202 Stavros Gazis / office@fhcpresb.org, ext 202

Calendar: March 28 - April 4, 2010

Sunday, March 28 Palm Sunday 9:30 a.m. Child care begins Adult and Youth education Descant Choir 10:15 a.m. Descant Choir activity 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Continental Breakfast
Ham & Turkey Pick-up (til 1p.m.)

11:00 a.m. WORSHIP 11:15 a.m. Pathways to the Promise Land 12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour

Sine Nomine Choir 5:00 p.m. Evangelism Group

NO Faith Leader MOB: Sr High

Monday, March 29

6:00 p.m. Relapse to Recovery

7:00 p.m. Al Anon

Sycamore Group

7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA) Boy Scout Troop #403

Tuesday, March 30

7:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #36

Wednesday, March 31

7:30 a.m. Bible and Bagels

6:00 p.m. Yoga

Thursday, April 1

9:45 a.m. Women's Book Group6:20 p.m. NO Voices in Bronze rehearsal6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Dinner7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday, April 2

9:30 a.m. Al Anon 10:30 a.m. Ham/Turkey Pick-up (til 1p.m.)

12:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship 6:00 p.m. MOB: Mid High Bake for

Sunday Bake Sale

Saturday, April 3

8:00 a.m. Men's Group

Sunday, April 4 Easter

9:00 a.m. Child care begins

WORSHIP: Communion Chapel NO Adult and Youth education

NO Descant Choir 10:15 a.m. NO Descant Choir activity

10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
Continental Breakfast

MOB Bake Sale

11:00 a.m. WORSHIP: Communion NO Pathways to Promise Land

12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour

MOB Bake Sale 5:00 p.m. NO Evangelism Group

NO Faith Leader

NO MOB

