

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

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Service of Worship April 25, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

The Fourth 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.

$\blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare$ Prayer of Preparation

There is nothing I can give you which you do not have, but there is much, very much that, while I cannot give it, you can take it. No heaven can come to us unless our hearts find rest in today. Take heaven! No peace lies in the future which is not hidden in the present instant. Take peace. The gloom of the world is but a shadow. Behind it, yet within reach, is joy. There is radiance and glory in the darkness, could we but see, and to see, we have only to look. I beseech you to look.

— Brother Giovanni

Welcome

The Prelude D. Milhaud

"Modere"

Chris Gemerchak, alto saxophone

Choral Introit traditional

"This Little Light of Mine" Cherub Choir; Lisa Koops, director

■■■ Greeting Our God with Joy

The Call to Worship Elder Jean Reinhold

Leader: How wonderful, O Lord, are the works of your hands.

People: The heavens declare your glory,

Leader: the arch of the sky displays your handiwork.

People: In your love you have given us power to behold the beauty of your world

robed in all its splendor.

Leader: The sun and the stars, the valleys and hills, the rivers and lakes all disclose

your presence.

People: The roaring breakers of the sea tell of your awesome might; the beasts of

the field and the birds of the air bespeak your wondrous will.

Leader: In your goodness you have made us able to hear the music of the world. The

voices of loved ones reveal to us that you are in our midst.

People: A divine voice sings through all creation.

Leader: Let us worship God.

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

■■ Renewing Our Relationship with God

The Prayer of Confession

O God, you are always true to us in love and we are left wanting to say "sorry" for our faithlessness to you and to one another. Forgive us for forgetting the poor and the broken. Forgive us for our failure to cherish creation. Give us life, O God, to change and enable us to change, that we may live. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

A Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison Ukraine

■■ Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria, Gloria No. 576

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia! 2nd time, men begin; women begin 2 measures later;

Children and youth begin 2 measures after that.

The Anthem

South African Zulu song

"Siyahambe (We Are Marching)"
Descant Choir

Siyahamb' e-ku-kha-nyen' kwen-khos, Siyahamb' e-ku-kha-nyen' kwen-khos. (Repeat) Siyahamba, hamba, siyahamba, oo-oo, siyahamb' e-khu-kha-nyen'kwen khos. (Repeat)

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. (Repeat) We are marching, marching, we are marching, oo-oo, We are marching in the light of God. (Repeat)

Children in Pathways may leave following the anthem
Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers towards the end of the anthem

■■ Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

The Scripture Lesson

John 10:22-30

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon Dr. John Lentz

"To Whose Voice Are You Listening?"

* The Affirmation of Faith

Leader: In the midst of hunger and war,

People: We celebrate the promise of plenty and peace.

Leader: In the midst of doubt and despair,

People: We celebrate the promise of faith and love.

Leader: In the midst of fear and betrayal,

People: We celebrate the promise of faith and hope.

Leader: In the midst of hatred and death,

People: We celebrate the promise of love and life.

Leader: In the midst of sin and decay,

People: We celebrate the promise of salvation and renewal.

Leader: In the midst of death on every side,

People: We celebrate the promise of the living Christ. AMEN.

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

please use debts, debtors

The Ritual of Friendship

all are asked to sign the tablets as a record of attendance

The Offertory

C. Marohnic

* The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

■ ■ Going Forth to Live as God's People

* The Closing Hymn

"A Bit Lower Than Angels"

"Walk on the Water"

^{*} The Processional Hymn No. 473

song

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

■ ■ The Postlude L. Vierne

"Finale" (Symphony No. 1)

■ ■ Parish Notes

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given in honor of those who serve in the military; by Karen and Clyde Loughridge in memory of loved ones; and by Cindy Newton in memory of her father William Brandt and her grandmother Clara Brandt.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Bill Burcham	Elizabeth Kosnik	Frank Spisak
Polly Cohen	Mary Lewis	Mike Tucker
Molly & Ralph Dise	Connie May	Debbie Ungemach
Betty Farnfield	Jay Middleton	Dennis Wedding
Marion Flanigan	Charlie Mossbrook	Patti Wisnieski
Marian Frederick	Marilyn Oviatt	Betty Woodruff
T TT' 1 / '1	Cuchom Dotons	Dana Manaia and I

Jason Himmelsteib Graham Peters 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.

This Month's Ushers

Kevin Stauffer, Lead Usher; Joe Andrews, Nick Baumgartner, Charles Ishler, Jane Ishler, Kate Monaghan, Daryl Musick, Victoria Sampson. Roger Heineman, Head Usher

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

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$\blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare$ 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!

TOWER Distribution

If you receive a printed copy of the *TOWER*, please look for yours in Fellowship Hall today. Please help us avoid postage and the increasingly complicated rules of bulk mailing! If you would like to forgo a printed copy and read the *TOWER* on the website, please let the office know. May's *TOWER* is now available on line – you can reach it from the home page of the website (www.fhcpresb.org).

IHN Volunteers Needed

Four families will be staying with us during the week of May 2. There are 4 moms with 9 young children. Volunteers are still needed for most shifts. Please help us out. Sign up will be in Fellowship Hall right after the service. Look for the big IHN sign! You may also contact Julie Lustic for hosting (jlustic@gmail.com) or Anne Smith for food (Annejeffsmith@yahoo.com) if you can lend a hand.

Forest Hill Church Softball

Today the FHC 'A' Team plays First Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m. at Monticello Middle School. The FHC 'B' Team plays Central Bible Baptist at 6:00 p.m. at Forest Hill Park.

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 **Acts 11: 1-18.**

Spring Work Day

The Spring Work Day will be May 1 from 9 - 12. We will serve lunch. Jobs to be done include: take down plexiglass storm windows; rake and clean up debris from property, including the front entrance; trim bushes and trees where needed, including around front signage; clean out garden beds; other minor cleaning, painting, and touch-up as needed. Depending on the drainage work status, we may also try to clean the playground equipment and re-prepare the garden beds.

One Great Hour of Sharing Collection

The total amount collected for OGHS was \$1,662.83. Thank you!

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education: 9:30 in South Hall

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

May Cabaret

It's the *MAY CABARET*! – Sunday, May 2nd beginning with a Morag Keefe-prepared supper (yum!) at 6:15 p.m. and continuing with our family-friendly intergenerational variety show at 7:00 p.m. Some highlights this year include: a special appearance by the award-winning Heights Barbershop Group, the Descant Choir's singing of *Consider Yourself* and the *Fast Food Song* (presented with a disclaimer not to eat at fast food joints, of course), a yo-yo competition, the Bashful Bellringer piece (starring Frank Ragone in the title role), the theme song from GLEE, and the much loved Male Ballet. Come one, come all!





LOOKING AHEAD

Membership 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 leader Cathy Kernich
Doris Bartlett Jane & Cliff Kowall

Marcia Beck Wafa Kuri

JoAnne Black Barb & Kermit Lind

Deborah Chapman & Lyn Hale Mel, Robin, Amanda and Emily Mervine

Ron and Patty Console and family

Jeff and Holly Daedelow

Daryl Musick

Dave & Allie Neff

Jim and Terry Daedelow Eric Rich, Deborah Peters and family

Pat Drake Lois Reilly

Jeannine Gury, Scott Peters and family

Jim Roosa and family

Jennifer and Barry Hartz Peggy Sasso

Kathryn Himmelsteib

Jean Izant

Megan & Peter Tzefronis and family

Audrey & Bob Kellermeyer

Matt & Sarah Winters and family

This week's volunteers (from the Sr High youth): John Cary, Trent Taylor (Coffee Hour); Emily Klein, *David Schellenberg* (Greeters)

$\blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare FHC Youth$

MOB: Friday Nights with Mid High will meet on Friday, May 7 from 6 - 8 p.m. It is a service day and we will either be helping IHN or Abundance Acres or both.

Senior Highs meet every Sunday (thru May 23) from 5 – 7 p.m. In honor of Earth Day today, we will be seeking treasures in Forest Hill Park through hiking. We will pursue wildflowers, edible mushrooms, trash and recycling. We will also introduce the art of Geocaching (http://www.geocaching.com/), which involves searching for a hidden treasure using coordinates and a GPS device.

■ ■ The Lessons

Next Sunday: Acts 11: 1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21: 1-6; John 13: 31-35. 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.

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Forest Hill Church Softball Schedule (May)

A Team

- 5/2 Church of the Saviour B, 3:30, Roxboro Middle School
- 5/9 NO GAMES, Mothers Day
- 5/16 St Ann Parish, 6:00, Forest Hill Park
- 5/23 Grace Lutheran, 6:00, Roxboro Middle School

B Team

- 5/2 Fairmount Presby, 3:30, Monticello Middle School
- 5/9 NO GAMES, Mothers Day
- 5/16 Hillcrest United Methodist, 3:30, Roxboro Middle School
- 5/23 Church of the Redeemer, 6:00, Forest Hill Park

Calendar: April 25 – May 2, 2010

Sunday, April 25	Thursday, April 29
Fourth Sunday of Easter	9:45 a.m. Women's Book Group
8:45 a.m. Child care begins	10:00 a.m. Memorial Service for
9:00 a.m. Parenting Series	Eleanor Shankland
9:30 a.m. Adult and Youth education	Reception following
Descant Choir	6:45 p.m. Voices in Bronze rehearsal
10:15 a.m. Descant Choir activity	7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
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Continental Breakfast	Friday, April 30
11:00 a.m. WORSHIP	9:30 a.m. Al Anon
11:15 a.m. Pathways to Promise Land	1:00 p.m. Sustainability Conference
12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour	5:30 p.m. Black Women's PAC
Sine Nomine Choir	Reception
Abundance Acres: Dig Day	•
1:00 p.m. Piano Recital	Saturday, May 1
2:00 p.m. Hilltoppers:	8:00 a.m. Men's Group
Chagrin Valley Little Theater	9:00 a.m. Spring work day
5:00 p.m. MOB: Sr. High	Bridges of Hope mtg
Evangelism Group	3:00 p.m. Cello recital
6:00 p.m. Softball:	·
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7:00 p.m. Session meeting

John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."