

Service of Lessons and Carols

December 19, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

The Fourth Sunday in the Season of Advent

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.

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

Choral Introit J. Bell
"Voces Angelorum"
Beth Zych, Shelly Jesberger, soloists

■ ■ ■ *Lighting of the Advent Candles*

The Call to Worship Deb Adrine, Advent candle lighter
Leader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. We are preparing ourselves for the days
People: when the Lord will give you a sign: Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel (God is with us).
Leader: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Hymn No. 49 "Once in Royal David's City"
Stanza 1 – James Birdsell, soloist
Stanza 2 – choir
Organ Interlude
* **Stanzas 3 and 4 – all stand and sing**

■ ■ ■ *Lesson 1 When the Time Was Right* (by John Bell)
read by Josh Toombs, Emily Klein, Jack Lentz, Emily Brock,
Sarah Lentz, Edie Duncan, Jaired Birks, Anna Brock
Carol: "This Is the Truth Sent from Above" R. Vaughan Williams
(from "Fantasia on Christmas Carols")
Jaired Birks, bass

■ ■ ■ *Lesson 2 Luke 1: 26-38* read by Nora Duncan
Carol: "The Seven Joys of Mary" trad. British
Descant Choir

■ ■ ■ *Lesson 3 When the World Was Dark* (Iona Community) read by Carl Jenks
Carol No. 37 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

■ ■ ■ *Lesson 4 Luke 2:8-20* read by Will Burleigh
Carol: "Shepherd's Pipe Carol" J. Rutter

■ ■ ■ *Lesson 5 The Lamb* (by William Blake) read by Grant Heineman
Carol No. 24 "Away in a Manger "
Descant Choir: Stanzas 1 & 3 **Congregation: Stanza 2**

■ ■ ■ *Lesson 6 Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7* read by Beth Feroe
* **Carol No. 23 "Angels We Have Heard on High"**
Carol: "Ding Dong Merrily on High" trad. English
Sine Nomine Choir

■ ■ ■ *Lesson 7 John 1: 1-5, 9-14* read by Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

Pastoral Prayer Dr. Lentz

Offertory Carol John Bell
"Sing a Song of Christmas"
Sine Nomine Choir

* **Benediction** Rev. Clover Reuter Beal

Leader: On the eve of Christmas hatred will vanish;
On the eve of Christmas the earth will flourish;
On the eve of Christmas war will be gone;
On the eve of Christmas love will be born.
When we offer a glass of water to a thirsty person,
All: It is Christmas.
Leader: When we clothe a naked person with a gown of love,
All: It is Christmas.
Leader: When in my heart I no longer want to stay apart,
All: It is Christmas.
Leader: When I am buried in the being of God,
All: It is Christmas.

* Carol No. 31

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

* The Commission and Blessing

* The Passing of the Peace

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

L. Daquin

“Noel No. 10”

* Please stand if able



Many thanks to our Advent trumpeter, Scott Lafferty

■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Bii Burcham, George Dean, Robert Eaton, Joy Ferguson, Arlene Quinn, Debbie Ungemach, Ted Woodbridge

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Ralph Dise, Pat and Fran Drake, Rose Eaton, Betty Farnfield, Marilyn Gifford, Mary Jean Kent, Elizabeth Kosnik, Mary Lewis, Merdine T. Morris, Joyce Peters

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. Lists of ongoing prayer concerns are in each month’s **TOWER**.

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

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

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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.

Visitors and newer members – 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 to the left as you enter the room. Come for coffee, a tasty treat, conversation and connection!

Advent and Christmas Events at Forest Hill Church

- December 19: MOB: Christmas Party, 6 – 8 p.m. (Lentzes’)
- December 20: Christmas in a Minor Key, 7 p.m.
- December 24: Family Christmas Eve Worship, 5 p.m.
Christmas Eve Worship, 11 p.m., followed by milk and cookies
(music begins at 10:45)
- December 26: Worship in Fellowship Hall, 11 a.m.
- January 2: Worship: Celebration of Epiphany, Communion, and the Three Kings
- January 4: Iris Circle: Potluck Dinner, 6 p.m.
Women’s Lessons and Carols, 7 p.m.

THIS WEEK

Christmas in a Minor Key ~ a service for the sadness of the season

Monday, December 20, 2010

FHC Chapel

Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian welcomes you to an early evening service of readings, music, and silence designed as a time apart for those challenged by the holidays. The death of a loved one, a relationship or family separation, a job layoff, or another form of personal or family loss -- these events make it difficult to find joy or even to cope with the holiday season. Please join us at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 20, 2010 to celebrate Christmas quietly, in a way that honors the darkness as well as the light. Coffee and hot cider will be available afterward if you would like to stay for conversation.

Bible and Bagels

Bible and Bagels will meet Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The lesson this week is **Matthew 2: 13-23**.

Calling All Bakers!

As you are baking for this holiday season, consider setting aside a dozen here and a dozen there and bringing them on Christmas Eve for the traditional post-midnight milk and cookies time! Contact Melody Obery (216-291-8323 or obery@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

Kerygma Begins January 16

Information and registration forms are now available for the next Kerygma series, titled ***Into the Word: The Book of the Acts of the Apostles***. Look for the registration table in Fellowship Hall.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday's worship will be in Fellowship Hall.

LOOKING AHEAD

Care Group

All FHC members will be responsible for meeting members' needs during December. 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.

Today's CARE Group volunteers: Nancy Burcham (Continental Breakfast); Rosanna Sprague (Coffee Hour); Rosaneil Schenk and Betty Clark (Greeting Cards); Derek and Jane Duncan, Grace Uhle (Greeters)

Women's Lessons and Carols; Iris Circle

The service of Women's Lessons and Carols, as well as the Iris Circle potluck that was to precede it, has been rescheduled to January 4, 2011 (6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. service).

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

Today

MOB Christmas Party at the Lentz home, 6 p.m.

Looking Ahead

See the January **TOWER** for exciting 2011 events!

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: Isaiah 63: 7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2: 10-18; Matthew 2: 13-23. 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 January" page of the **TOWER**.

■ ■ ■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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**Please pick up your January
TOWER today!**

Calendar: December 19-26, 2010

Sunday, December 19 9:15 Child care begins 9:30 Adult and Youth Education Descant Choir 10:15 Descant Choir Activity 10:30 Chancel Choir Cherub Choir Continental Breakfast 11:00 WORSHIP: Festival of Lessons and Carols Children in Worship Little Explorers 12:15 Coffee Hour Christmas Pageant practice Blood pressure check 5:00 Faith Leader 6:00 MOB: Christmas Party @ Lentzes' Monday, December 20 6:00 p.m. Progress not Perfection (Al Anon) 7:00 p.m. Al Anon Christmas in a Minor Key 7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA)	Wednesday, December 22 7:30 a.m. Bible & Bagels 9:30 a.m. Al Anon Thursday, December 23 Office closes at noon Friday, December 23 Office closed 5:00 p.m. Family Worship with Pageant 10:45 p.m. Christmas music 11:00 p.m. Candle light Worship Sunday, December 26 10:30 Child care begins 11:00 WORSHIP in Fellowship Hall 12:15 Coffee Hour 7:00 Russian cultural program
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To: '07 - '10 High School Grads

Come to the Lentz home and share some SOUP as you share the SCOOP of
Post-High School life at the annual Drop-in!
Thursday, December 30th from 6-8 p.m.
1619 Compton Rd. Cleveland Heights

We know you have busy social lives so come and go as you please -
just drop in for some fellowship and food!
Drop an email to pastorlantz@fhcpresb.org
and let us know if you are coming.

**Thank you to Dana Obery
And the Inter-Greek Council
of the College of Wooster
for a truck-load (literally) of canned goods!
Many people have already benefitted from your
generosity.**

The Poinsettias are given by

Betsy and Joe Andrews, in honor of Cooper and Cameron

Chris and Dave Bell, in honor of and in memory of loved ones

Bill and Nancy Burcham, in memory of their former spouses, Beth Burcham and

Dave Halkerston

The Cameron family , in loving memory of Dr. Donald B. Cameron,

Mary Margaret Cameron and Alan Scott Cameron

Don and Betty Clark, in memory of their parents

Jinny and Priscilla Colville, in honor of the Colville family and in honor of Historic First
Presbyterian Church of East Cleveland

Kay Dunlap, in memory of her father, Hudnall B. Dunlap, who died in September 2010

Jane Frederick, in honor of Marion Frederick, mother; and in memory of

Leslie Liedtka, sister

Donna Frey, in memory of Polly Cohen

Don and Nancy Grube, in memory of loved ones

Barbara Hansen, in memory of Lamont Hansen and Ethel Van Fleet

Anne and David Hunter, in memory of loved ones

Chuck and Jane Ishler, in memory of their parents

Joan Kandare, in memory of loved ones

Ronald and Florence Klein, in memory of Mildred Jeavons and Gertrude French

Cliff and Jane Kowall , in honor of their new grandson Walter J. Reed, and in memory
of their parents Walter and Elaine Grasson and Paul and Dorothy Kowall

Deanne Lentz, in honor of those who have lost their story and memories

The Leslie / Richards Family, in memory of Hugh, Lois and Barb Leslie

Karen and Clyde Loughridge, in honor of Linus Rosengarten

The Weissbrod Marunowski family, in honor of Myrtle Weissbrod's 100th birthday

Rosaneil Schenk, in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dillard P. Reynolds, and

Richard's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Erwin Schenk

The Schultz family, in memory of Mignon Emily Haas Schultz

Stephen Sedam, and Virginia Weiss, in memory of Nelson and Ann Weiss and Herbert
and Ruth Sedam

Dorothy Turick, in memory of Frank and Ida Turick

Margy and Dwight Stauffer, in memory of loved ones

Julie and Mark Waring, in memory of Pay Waring

Jill and Kevin White, in memory of their fathers Lamont Hansen and Gerald White

The Winters family, in memory of Barbara Henning, Andrew Celeri, Max Scarborough
and Charles Winters.

The Wollaeger and Olson families, in memory of Bill and Nancy Olson

Diana and Ted Woodbridge, in loving memory of Ted's parents

Bob and Ginny Young, in memory of loved ones

Dene Young, in memory of loved ones

Tom, Beth and Ian Zych, in honor of Gary and Nancy Cubbison and Tony and Irene Zych

Thanks to the Hilltop Garden Club for their donation of wreaths for the front doors of
the sanctuary.



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