

Forest Hill Church PRESBYTERIAN



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

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Service of Worship

January 9, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

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*

Breathe on us, Breath of God. Fill us with life anew.

That we may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.

Welcome

Prelude

"By The Waters of Babylon"

S. Glick

Choral Introit

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Elder Scott Lafferty

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*** Processional Hymn No. 472**

"O Sing to the Lord"

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

George Dean, Ralph Dise, Robert Eaton, Joy Ferguson, Hazel Grant, Arlene Quinn, Leighton Scott, Debbie Ungemach, Ted Woodbridge

Please pray for Tom and Beth Zych and their family; Tom's father Tony Zych died on January 2, 2011.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

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

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.

■■■ *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.

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!

Pathways Today

Pathways children will meet in the Chapel at 11 a.m. this morning.

Sine Nomine Choir

The Sine Nomine Choir will rehearse in the Chapel today after worship.

THIS WEEK

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 **Acts 2: 43-47**.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 a.m.

Information and registration forms are now available for the next Kerygma series, titled **Into the Word: The Book of the Acts of the Apostles** or **Bible 101**, which begins next Sunday. Look for the registration table in Fellowship Hall.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held next Sunday, January 16, 2011. Lunch will be served immediately after worship; the meeting will follow lunch. Please make every effort to attend.

LOOKING AHEAD

Care Group

The Mt. Sinai Care Group is responsible for meeting members’ needs during January. 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 and leader

Allen Ball

Bob & Joanne Bielek

Guy Cameron and family

Betty & Don Clark

Sue Conant

Ralph Dise

Jane Frederick and family

Donna Frey

Sue Gifford and family

Don & Nancy Grube

Barb Hansen

Jason & Christine Hidek and family

Chuck & Jane Ishler

Nina Klein
- Mary Lewis

Julie & Gary Lustic

Brooke Marcy and family

The McCumber family

Dave & Jane Olson and family

Joyce Peters

Graham & Roz Peters

Jim Picht & Rebecca Martin and family

Matt & Katie Russo and family

Sara & Randy Shaner

Anona Stack

Lorian, Ralph & Fran Thomas

Ann & Peter Williams

Betty Woodruff

Warren & Lois Young
- Today’s CARE Group volunteers: Matt Russo (Continental Breakfast); Jane Frederick (Coffee Hour); Betty Clark and Rosaneil Schenk (Greeting Cards); Barb Hansen and Brooke Marcy (Greeters)

Social Groups

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

The Group’s Super Bowl party will be held Sunday, February 6, beginning at 5:30 (½ hr. before kickoff time, which is 6 p.m.) at Hal & Pat Musick's, 369 W. Glen Eagle Dr., Highland Hts. RSVP to the Musicks (440-442-3592) by February 3 to receive your food assignment.

Youth News

Today Today

Mid High: Meet from 4 – 5:30
Sr High: Meet from 6:30 – 8: Faith on the Small Screen

Next Sunday

Youth groups will not meet on January 16.

Looking Ahead

February 12: Ski trip to Peak ‘n Peek! Please sign up by January 30.

The Lessons

Next Sunday: Acts 2: 43-47. 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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Calendar: January 9 - 16, 2011

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Acts 1: 1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Holy Conversations

Have you ever wished that you could:

- Speak more clearly about your faith to others?
- Speak about what happens here on Sundays – beyond that everybody is so friendly, the music fabulous, and the sermons riveting?
- Describe your belief when it comes to the bible, humility, civility, social justice, love, Jesus?

Have any of you ever wished that you could engage in conversation with your kids about matters of faith – be they adult or still young?

If yes, then you may be interested in a small group called Holy Conversation, led by John Lentz and Keith Logan. After a great experience with our first group this past winter, we will begin again on February 6th. We meet for 12 Sunday evenings from 5 – 7 p.m.