

# 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*

*February 20, 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*

Frederick Douglass was born a slave in Maryland in 1818. He learned how to read and write. He taught fellow slaves to read the Bible at weekly Sunday school classes. Douglass escaped from slavery in 1838 and became one of the most famous abolitionists and leaders in US history. He was a believer in the equality of all people, whether black, female, Native American or recent immigrant. He was fond of saying: "I would unite with anybody to do right and with nobody to do wrong." Today, give thanks to God for the legacy of Frederick Douglass and all leaders of vision. Ask God to help you appreciate and celebrate the gifts of others.

## **Welcome**

## **Prelude**

"Passepied"  
Voices in Bronze

A. Campra

## **Choral Introit**

## ■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

## **Call to Worship**

Mark Waring

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

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song;

**People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Leader: Sing, and give praise to God's name.

**People: Tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

\* Processional Hymn No. 442  
"The Church's One Foundation"

■■■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Confession Rev. Clover Beal  
O God, you are always true to us in love. We are sorry for our faithlessness to you and to one another. We forget the poor and the broken. We fail to cherish creation. Give us new life, O God, that we might change. Enable us to change that we might live. In Jesus' name.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy) Pulkingham

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

Assurance of Pardon

\* Gloria, Gloria No. 576

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!  
2<sup>nd</sup> time, men begin; women begin 2 measures later;  
Children and youth begin 2 measures after that.

Anthem South Africa (Xhosa)  
"Amen, Siakumisa"  
Sine Nomine Choir

■■■ *Opening Our Hearts to God's Word*

Family Meditation Liz Wollaeger

\* Hymn No. 335

"Though I May Speak"  
Children in Pathways may leave during the hymn  
Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

Scripture Lesson Acts 15: 1-2, 6-31

After the reading  
Leader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.  
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Dr. John Lentz  
"Fundamentals and Essentials"

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer please use debts, debtors

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

Offertory A. Stradella  
"O Lord, Have Mercy"  
Jaired Birks, Bass  
Sung in Italian; translation:  
O Lord, have mercy, I call upon thee, hear my prayer.  
Grant me Thy favor, shed Thy light upon me and heed my call.  
My soul may languish, but may contrition and Thy grace heal all.

\* 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*

\* Closing Hymn No. 440  
"In Christ There Is No East or West"

\* Commission and Blessing

\* Choral Benediction

\* Passing of the Peace

■■■ *Postlude* J. S. Bach  
"In Thee Is Gladness"



■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

**Chancel Flowers**

The flowers today are given by the Cameron family in loving memory of Alan Scott Cameron.

**Prayer Concerns this Week**

**Prayers are requested this week for the following:**

Mary Ball, Bob Bielek, George Dean, Joy Ferguson, Janet Kickel, Elspeth Peterjohn, Arlene Quinn, Debbie Ungemach, Ted Woodbridge

**Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:**

Pat and Fran Drake, Rose Eaton, Betty Farnfield, Hazel Grant, 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**

Roger Heineman, Lead and Head Usher; Robyn Hales, Paula Harvey, Tom Harvey, Jason Hidek, Diane McFiggen, Tom McFiggen, Dick Peterjohn (assistant lead), Chuck Smith.

**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!

**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 16: 16-34**.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**A.W.E.: Dancing Wheels**

Mark your calendars for our third **A.W.E.** (Alternative Worship Experience) service on **Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 a.m. The service will focus on disability awareness, and will feature *Dancing Wheels*, a dance company that mixes dancers in wheelchairs with upright dancers. There will also be participation by deaf and blind persons who will celebrate their special gifts and share stories with us. Ann Williams will deliver the homily that morning. Special music is planned: the Descant Choir will be using American Sign Language in their song, and the Sine Nomine Choir will sing a song written from the perspective of a deaf child. The Chancel Choir will sing music of Beethoven, who tragically lost his hearing but continued to compose some of the greatest musical works ever written. Please invite friends to this special service.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Buy Stock in our Youth!**

This summer the students of Forest Hill Church are travelling to Washington, DC to spend a week serving others while learning about social justice, advocacy and poverty. We need your support to help defray the cost of the trip. Our students will be selling stock to raise money for the mission trip. For a minimum donation of \$10, investors can buy a share in the youth group. The investor will be issued a stock certificate with the name of one of our youth. As an investor, you commit to praying for your student throughout the year and into the summer. During our week in DC, your student will write a letter to report about the trip. When we return, there will be an ice cream social for the students and investors to share our experience on the mission trip. Please make checks out to Forest Hill Church with Youth Stock in the memo line or see Kristen with questions. Thanks for your support!

### ***Exploring Membership Class***

Interested in exploring membership at FHC?

Join the next class – March 5 and 6.

RSVP to the church office.

### ***Nursery Helpers***

Anyone wishing to help in the nursery between now and Easter may sign up in the nursery, or contact Susanne Peterjohn (751-5357 or [peterjohn@wideopenwest.com](mailto:peterjohn@wideopenwest.com)).

### ***Care Group***

The Bethlehem Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during February. 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:

Julie Waring, Deacon	Bethany & Joe Pinzone and family
Jon Adams & Pam Conover and family	Ron Register
Katie & Chris Batcheller and family	Jean Reinhold
Dick Bloomquist	Baldwin Sawyer
Clarence & Elsie Boyd	Rosaneil Schenk
Kay & Bill Currie	Mollie & Dick Secor
Peter & Kathryn Eloff	Millie Skeivis
Sharon Hansen	Kevin & Laura Steiner
Jenny Himmelman and family	Dorothy Turick
Joan Kandare	Carolyn Vrtunski
Morag & Tom Keefe	Mark & Julie Waring and family
Elizabeth Kosnik	Blanche Winston
Karen & Clyde Loughridge	Beth & Tom Zych and family

Today's CARE Group volunteers: Karen and Clyde Loughridge (Continental Breakfast); Carolyn Vrtunski (Coffee Hour); Rosaneil Schenk (Greeting Cards); Mark Waring, Ron Register (Greeters); Julie Waring (Flowers)

### ***Social Groups and Circles***

#### ***The Back Row (singles and couples, 20s-40s)***

The Back Row will gather for a Mardi Gras party on Saturday, March 5th, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Derek and Jane Duncan (20030 Lomond Blvd., Shaker Hts.). Bring a potluck dish to share. RSVP to Jane Duncan (216-921-9580 or [duncan5oh@yahoo.com](mailto:duncan5oh@yahoo.com)) or for more information. We'll have babysitters and crafts for the kids.

#### ***The Group (singles and couples 60s – 70s)***

The Group will be meeting for a potluck dinner on March 12 at the home of Allan and Zivile Khoury, 930 Worton Park Dr., Mayfield. We will do our planning for the coming months so please bring your ideas, brochures of events, and whatever other information you can gather to help us plan terrific evenings together.

Did you attend the Super Bowl party? Did you hear the magnificent concert at CIM? Did you cheer for the Captains baseball? How about the wine tour? Did you help out a family at Boulevard School at Christmas time? Did you tap your feet at "Backwards in High Heels?" What did you enjoy, and what interests you for next year?

RSVP to Allan and Zivile Khoury for food assignment ([zivile@gmail.com](mailto:zivile@gmail.com) or 440-461-8235).

### **■■■ *Youth News***

#### ***Today Today***

Mid High and Sr High: Meet from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Sine Nomine Choir: Rehearse in the Chapel after worship.

Sr High: Meet for movie night this evening at 6:30

#### ***Next Sunday***

Mid High and Sr High: Meet from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

#### ***Looking Ahead***

Friday, March 4: Ice skating for all youth, CH Rec Center, 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 6: Senior Highs will meet in the Koinonia Room during worship.

■■■ *The Lessons*

**Next Sunday: Acts 16: 16-34.** 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 February” page of the **TOWER**.

■■■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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*Calendar: February 20 - 27, 2011*

<b>Sunday, February 20</b> 9:15 Child care begins 9:30 Adult and Youth Education Mid High Youth Confirmation class Descant Choir 10:15 Descant Choir activity 10:30 Continental Breakfast Chancel Choir 11:00 WORSHIP Children in Worship; Little Explorers 11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land 12:15 Coffee Hour Sine Nomine Choir Blood Pressure check Jericho CARE Group mtg 5:00 Faith Leader Holy Conversations Kerygma class 6:30 MOB: Sr High movie night  <b>Monday, February 21</b> 6:00 p.m. Progress not Perfection 7:00 p.m. Al Anon Greece-Turkey trip: Lecture Sycamore Group 7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA) Boy Scouts Troup #403  <b>Tuesday, February 22</b> 6:30 p.m. Kerygma 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #36	<b>Wednesday, February 23</b> 7:30 a.m. Bible & Bagels 7:00 p.m. Session meeting 7:30 p.m. Confirmation Bible Study  <b>Thursday, February 24</b> 6:20 p.m. Voices in Bronze 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir  <b>Friday, February 25</b> 9:30 a.m. Al Anon 7:00 p.m. Session retreat begins  <b>Saturday, February 26</b> 9:00 a.m. CEIRS class: The Miracles of Jesus  <b>Sunday, February 27</b> 8:15 Nominating Committee 9:15 Child care begins 9:30 Adult and Youth Education Mid High Youth Confirmation class Descant Choir 10:15 Descant Choir activity 10:30 Continental Breakfast Chancel Choir 11:00 WORSHIP: <b>AWE – DANCING WHEELS</b> Children in Worship; Little Explorers 12:15 Coffee Hour 5:00 Faith Leader Holy Conversations Kerygma class
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### Confirmation at Forest Hill Church

#### What is it? What does it mean? Is it a beginning or ending?

This year six Confirmands and their Covenant Partners began this faith journey on January 9. Please keep those involved—Confirmands, Covenant Partners, families and teachers—in your prayers. This year's Confirmands and their Covenant Partners are: Anna Brock – Laura Minder; Peter Cary – Robert Brock; Jessica Klein – Dele Solaru; Sarah Lentz – Peg Weissbrod; Megan Muller-Girard – Deanne Lentz; and Olivia Ungemach – Patty Console.

## Acts 15: 1-2, 6-31

Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders.

The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter. After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “My brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the Gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers. And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us; and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us. Now therefore why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.” The whole assembly kept silence, and listened to Barnabas and Paul as they told of all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the Gentiles. After they finished speaking, James replied, “My brothers, listen to me. Simeon has

related how God first looked favorably on the Gentiles, to take from among them a people for his name. This agrees with the words of the prophets, as it is written, ‘After this I will return, and I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen; from its ruins I will rebuild it, and I will set it up, so that all other peoples may seek the Lord— even all the Gentiles over whom my name has been called. Thus says the Lord, who has been making these things known from long ago.’ Therefore I have reached the decision that we should not trouble those Gentiles who are turning to God, but we should write to them to abstain only from things polluted by idols and from fornication and from whatever has been strangled and from blood. For in every city, for generations past, Moses has had those who proclaim him, for he has been read aloud every sabbath in the synagogues.”

Then the apostles and the elders, with the consent of the whole church, decided to choose men from among their members and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers, with the following letter: “The brothers, both the apostles and the elders, to the believers of Gentile origin in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. Since we have heard that certain persons who have gone out from us, though with no instructions from us, have said things to disturb you and have unsettled your minds, we have decided unanimously to choose representatives and send them to you, along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, who have risked their lives for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to impose on you no further burden than these essentials: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols and from blood and from what is strangled and from fornication. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.” So they were sent off and went down to Antioch. When they gathered the congregation together, they delivered the letter. When its members read it, they rejoiced at the exhortation.