

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

May 8, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

The Third Sunday in the Season 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.

■■■ *Prayer of Preparation*

Today we remember Columba of Iona (521-597). An Irish prince who chose the monastic life, Columba left Ireland in 563 and settled on the isle of Iona off the coast of Scotland. He had a resonant singing voice and was an illuminator of manuscripts. He had a missionary zeal and great prophetic insight. He modeled a life of radical discipleship.

Pray: Thank you, Lord, for Columba. May we also give witness to the radical discipleship of Jesus Christ as a community of faith. May I lift my voice in song and bring beauty to my world. Amen.

Prelude

J. S. Bach

"Sicilienne"

Rachel Wilson, cello

Choral Introit

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Elder Peg Weissbrod

Leader: Christ has risen! Alleluia!

People: Christ has risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: O Lord, let our souls rise up to meet you,

People: As the day rises to meet the sun.

Leader: Glory to you, O God the Creator, and to Jesus Christ the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

People: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever.

Leader: Let us worship God!

*** Processional Hymn No. 111**
“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Confession Rev. Clover Beal
Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison *(Lord, have mercy)* J. Bell

■ ■ ■ *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.*

Anthem Bobby McFerrin
“Psalm 23”
The setting of this psalm is dedicated to McFerrin’s mother

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

Presentation of Bibles to First Graders

*** Hymn No. 314**
“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”
*Children in Pathways may leave during the hymn
Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn*

Scripture Lessons Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1: 3-9

After the readings
Leader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God’s people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Dr. John Lentz
“Resident Aliens”

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 C. Franck
“Panis Angelicus”
*Translation: The angelic bread becomes the bread of men. What wonder!
We beg of you: visit us, just as we worship you. By your ways, lead us where we are heading,
to the light in which you dwell. Amen.*

*** 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**
“For the Healing of the Nations”

*** Commission and Blessing**

*** Choral Benediction**

*** Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *Postlude* W. Walton
“Crown Imperial March”



■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by Don and Cathy Ghiandoni in memory of their mothers, Sophia Ghiandoni and Betty Eileen Gentry; and by Jane Frederick in honor of her mother, Marian Frederick.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Mary Ball, Bob Bielek, George Dean, Joy Ferguson, Suzanne Marcy, Debbie Ungemach, Lou Shepherd

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, Anne Taylor

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**.

In Memoriam We Remember

William P. Bidelman

Who died May 3, 2011

I am the resurrection and I am the life, says the Lord

This Month's Ushers

Roger Heineman, Lead and Head Usher; Robyn Hales, Paula Harvey, Tom Harvey, Jason Hidek, Diane McFiggen, Tom McFiggen, Dick Peterjohn, 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.

Today's Music

Today's guest cellist is Rachel Wilson, daughter of Anne Wilson. Rachel started playing the cello at age 4, and took a break for several years after turning 18. She will finish a master's degree in Child Life at Colorado State University this fall.

IHN Host Week: May 15 – 21

FHC's next IHN host week is coming up. We will be in Fellowship Hall for sign-up after worship today. You may also contact Anne Smith for food preparation (annejeffsmith@yahoo.com) and Julie Lustic (jlustic@gmail.com) for all other jobs.

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 lesson this week is **John 10: 1-10**.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall

May 15: Pilgrims from the trip to Turkey and Greece will speak and show slides.

May 22: Elder Cynthia Bolbach, Moderator of the PC(USA) General Assembly, will speak.

LOOKING AHEAD

Nursery

Our nursery is in need of volunteers through the summer months. You too can have a chance to eat animal crackers, hold a baby, play with blocks and listen to the worship service. Please sign up in the nursery or contact Liz Wollaeger.

Family Ministry
Nurturing the Spiritual Life in Families

What do you say when your child asks about God? How do you respond when your child asks about heaven? When is the best time to talk about life and death? Do you want to include more faith practices in your family, but need help in finding resources?

The Children's Ministry Team is offering a book discussion for parents, grandparents and any other interested adults as an opportunity to explore how to help nurture their Christian faith within families. Using two Sunday mornings, June 5 and 19, the group will meet before worship at 9:00 to explore the book ***Making a Home for Faith, Nurturing the Spiritual Life of your Children*** by Elizabeth Caldwell to help in answering these difficult questions. Please contact Liz Wollaeger (church office or lizw@fhcpresb.org) or Laurie Logan (Laurie.logan@att.net) for more information and book ordering. Child care can be made available if requested.

Social Groups and Circles
The Group (singles and couples, 60s – 70s)

The Group invites you to enjoy "Americana" with the Singers' Club of Cleveland on Saturday, May 14. The program will explore the wide diversity of American-born song writers with works by Aaron Copland and Leonard Bernstein as well as folk songs about America. Join us at the Breen Center for the Performing Arts at St. Ignatius High School, 1911 W. 30th St., Cleveland. Contact Cathy Ghiandoni (cgghiandoni@aol.com or 216 691-1905) for more information.

Hilltoppers (retired singles and couples)

The Hilltoppers' Spring Luncheon will be held Friday, May 13 at 12 noon. We will meet at *Alfredo's at the Inn* (Holiday Inn, Mayfield Village) for a family-style meal. The cost is \$28 per person (cash bar available); please contact Nancy Burcham for more information. Greg McBride of the Cleveland Indians will be our guest.

Iris Circle (all women of the church)

Come join us on Tuesday, May 17 at 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall for a tour of Turkey and Greece, presented by several women from Iris Circle who went on the pilgrimage earlier this year. What sights did they see and how was it all connected to Paul in the New Testament? We will be able to discuss the entire trip and discover the blessings of being on a pilgrimage. Refreshments will be served.

Care Group

The Eden Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during May. 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:

Doris Allen	Sue & Scott Lafferty
Mary Ball	Suzanne Marcy
Clover, Tim, Seth & Sophie Beal	Lissa McKinley
Dave & Chris Bell	Peg Weissbrod & Steve Marunowski
Colleen Bloom and family	Clayton & Julie Minder
Jean & Scott Duncan	Ron Polderman & Carol Smith
Derek & Jane Duncan & family	Elizabeth Shaw
Jeff Dyck & Lara Troyer	Jeff & Anne Smith
Kris & Bill Fay	Elaine Tapié
Mary Hill, Evan & Emily Tuttle	Elaine Turley & Jordan Shoger
Bob & Pat Jeffreys	Paul & Katie Weissbrod

Forest Hill Softball Teams Schedule

May 8	NO GAMES
May 15	FHC-1 vs Church of the Saviour-A, FHP #4, 6 pm FHC-2 vs Church of the Redeemer, Roxboro MS, 6 pm
May 22	FHC-1 vs Central Bible Baptist, FHP #7, 6 pm FHC-2 vs Fairmount PC, Roxboro MS, 6 pm
May 29	NO GAMES

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

Today

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

Next Sunday

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

Mid High: Meet at the Duncans' for outdoor fun from 5 – 7 pm.

Looking Ahead

Graduating Seniors’ Breakfast: June 5, 9 am

■■■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: Acts 2: 42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2: 19-25; John 10: 1-10. 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 May” page of the **TOWER**.

■■■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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**Artists ToGather: There’s no place like home
A Fine Arts Exhibit & Benefit for North Church**

Purpose of Exhibit: To raise funds for the renovation of North Presbyterian Church's new location at E. 45 and Superior. Please come! Enjoy fine art. Help raise money through a purchase, a silent auction, a lottery draw or the lease of some art.

Dates and Times:

Opening reception is on **May 20** from 6 – 10 pm

Continuation of show on **May 21** from 11 am – 9 pm

Continuation and closing of show on **May 22** from 10 – 11 am and 12 – 8 pm

Location: Lyndhurst Community Presbyterian Church (LCPC) in Bloomfield Hall
5312 Mayfield Road, Lyndhurst, Oh, 44124
(a quarter mile east of Richmond Rd.)

Contact information

Contact Denis at 216-856-1970 or denisphotography@aol.com



Save the Dates

June 5: Summer Schedule begins

9:30 am Child care begins
Summer Choir (June 5 – July 31)
Summer Pathways (every other week, June 5 – Aug 21)
10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Coffee hour

June 12: Kick off summer with a picnic and ice cream social in Forest Hill Park

Join us in the shelter house for an afternoon of food, fun and games.
Watch for details!

■■■ *Calendar: May 8 - 15, 2011*

<p>Sunday, May 8 9:15 Child care begins 9:30 Adult and Youth Education 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 4:00 Concert: "From St. Petersburg to Broadway"</p> <p>Monday, May 9 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) 7:00 pm Al Anon Adult Education Team Youth Core team 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA) Boy Scouts Troup #403</p> <p>Tuesday, May 10 7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack #36 7:30 pm Reaching Hts mtg</p> <p>Wednesday, May 11 7:30 am Bible and Bagels 5:45 pm Dinner: Confirmands and Session 7:00 pm Ministries meet</p>	<p>Thursday, May 12 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Forest Hill Swim Club mtg</p> <p>Friday, May 13 7:00 am TOWER deadline 9:30 am Al Anon 12:00 pm Hilltoppers: Lunch at <i>Alfredo's @ the Inn</i></p> <p>Saturday, May 14 9:00 am Confirmation service rehearsal 9:30 am Abundance Acres: Dig Day 10:00 am Pacesetters: Yard clean-up 8:00 pm The Group: Singers' Club concert</p> <p>Sunday, May 15: Confirmation 9:15 Child care begins 9:30 Adult and Youth Education Confirmation class Descant Choir 10:15 Descant Choir activity 10:30 Continental Breakfast Chancel Choir 11:00 WORSHIP: Confirmation Children in Worship; Little Explorers 12:15 Coffee Hour 5:00 Mid Highs: Meet at Duncans' 5:30 IHN Hosting begins 6:00 FHC-1 vs Church of the Saviour-A FHP #4, FHC-2 vs Church of the Redeemer, Roxboro MS</p>
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