

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

March 17, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday in the Season of Lent

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.

If you are visiting, please join us in wearing a name tag so that we might greet you. Our ushers are ready to help! They have large print editions of the Bible, Hymnal, and today's bulletin; hearing devices; activity bags with quiet activities for older children staying in worship; and directions to our safe, loving nursery in our Monticello Wing for babies and young children.

■ ■ ■ *Prayer of Preparation*

attributed to St. Patrick

I bind unto myself the Name,
The strong Name of the Trinity;
By invocation of the same.
The Three in One, and One in Three,
Of Whom all nature hath creation,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.

Welcome

Prelude

Johannes Brahms

"Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness" (Op. 122, No. 5)

Lynn Balaze, guest organist

Choral Introit

■ ■ ■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Elder Laurie Logan

Leader: Christ with us, Christ before us, Christ behind us,

People: Christ in us, Christ beneath us, Christ above us,

Leader: Christ on our right, Christ on our left,

People: Christ when we lie down, Christ when we sit down,

Leader: Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of us,

People: Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of us,

Leader: Christ in the eye that sees us,

People: Christ in the ear that hears us.

Leader: We arise today through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,

People: Through a belief in the Threeness, through a confession of the Oneness of the Creator of creation.

attributed to St. Patrick

*** Processional Hymn No. 487**

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Confession

Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

Leader: You have the power to save us, O Lord, from the sadness,
from the tragic and self-destructing sickness:

**People: of being so imprisoned by self-pity or trapped by the need for security,
so rigid with self-righteousness, or ruled by self-imposed principles,
so embittered by disappointments, or hardened by cynicism,
so blinded by self-deception or cornered by false pride,
so lured by success or tempted by prestige, so seduced by possessions,
subservient to money, or captive to the myth that to have leads to happiness,**

Leader: that we lose the passion for living and loving, the courage for daring and hoping,
that we lose the freedom for growing and changing, the capacity for giving and receiving,

the humility for learning, the tenderness for understanding, the strength for enduring, the trust for believing – and forfeit forever the joy of your kingdom.

People: Save us, O Lord! Forgive us. Free us for gratitude and love, in Jesus' name and for his sake. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison *(Lord, have mercy)*

Merbecke

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

Assurance of Pardon

*** Response**

**Come, O come and fill this temple,
Fill this temple with the glory of the Lord.**

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

*** Hymn No. 400**

"When We Are Living"

Children in Pathways may leave during the hymn

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

Scripture Lesson

John 12: 1-8

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Tricia Dykers Koenig

"Imagining Mary of Bethany"

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Ritual of Friendship

all are asked to sign as a record of attendance

Offertory

Caribbean trad.

"You Hear the Lambs A-Cryin' "

* Response

Hymn No. 428

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

■ ■ ■ *Going Forth to Live as God's People*

* Closing Hymn No. 422

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

* Commission and Blessing

* Choral Benediction

* Passing of the Peace

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

Louise Vierne

"Impromptu" (Opus 54, No. 2)



Welcome Visitors!

We look forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Welcome bags are available throughout the building. Take one home with you!

■ ■ ■ *Congregational Notes*

Today's Guests

Please welcome Lynn Balaze, this morning's guest organist. Lynn holds a Master's degree from the Cleveland Institute of Music and is the mother of two young daughters. Anne Wilson is in New York City, on tour with the Heights High choirs. The choirs are singing at St. Bartholemew's Church this morning.

Tricia Dykers Koenig, today's preacher, is the National Organizer for the Covenant Network of Presbyterians and FHC's Parish Associate. She and her husband, Mark, served Noble Road Church as co-pastors from 1985-2000.

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by Roz, Graham and Joyce Peters in loving memory of parents Evelyn and Vladimir Peters, grandparents of Scott Peters and Deborah Peters and great-grandparents of Alexandra, Mackenzie, Cameron, Caleb and Aidan.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Ruth and Arthur Brickel, Ellison Chapman, Bill Currie, Dorothy Hales, Marian Frederick, Iris Gilbert, Ron and Florence Klein, Lissa McKinley, Arlene and Jack Quinn, Charles Sawyer, Mollie Secor, Lee Thomas, Debbie Ungemach.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Dick Bloomquist, Pat and Fran Drake, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Elizabeth Kosnik, Emelia McGuire, Merdine T. Morris, Joyce Peters, Anne Taylor, Elaine Tapié.

Please pray for Lucy Conde and her family; Lucy's son Tom Conde died March 12; and for Allan and Zivile Khoury and their family; Allan's sister Carol DeTomasso died March 10.

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; 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.

Attendance last week (including Christian Education children): 146

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

TODAY

Do You Have the Gift of Hospitality?

Join the ushers! We are seeking volunteers to welcome and assist worshippers at FHC. If you are interested in meeting and greeting people and being attentive to the needs of the congregation during worship services, then please contact the church office or Roger Heineman (rheineman@jencen.com), or stop by the usher-recruiting table in Fellowship Hall today.

THIS WEEK

Crib and Nursery (Infants-2 year olds): Volunteers Needed

The crib and nursery room is a wonderful place for our little ones to come and be cared for while parents are in worship. We hope all families will find this place to be a caring and nurturing place to leave their children.

The nursery is staffed by a paid Child Care Provider with the help of volunteers. Please consider helping: the commitment is small, just one or two Sundays each quarter, and rewards are huge – babies to hold, and of course a snack. You can even listen to the worship service! Our nursery is in great need of volunteers for the spring months. Sign up in the nursery or contact Liz Wollaeger for more information.

Bible and Bagels

Bible and Bagels meets Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 am in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The lesson this week is **Luke 19: 28-40**.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall

Lenten series: “Suffering and the Crisis of Faith”

March 24: Tim Beal, Ph.D., “Job and the Problem of Pain,” Part II

***To place
Easter Lily orders – see p. 15***

Labre Ministry

This month the FHC Labre Ministry group will partner with the Salvation Army canteen on **March 24** to deliver meals, hygiene kits, blankets, clothes and fellowship in East Cleveland. Donations (clothing, blankets, jackets) may be placed in the Labre donation basket in Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Mary Ann or Jack Breisch (440-247-5599).

LOOKING AHEAD

Maundy Thursday: March 28

Forest Hill Church will observe Maundy Thursday a bit differently this year. Please see details on p. 12.

Care Group

The Jericho Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during March. 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:

Carol Phillips, Deacon Leader Janet Banis Nick & Phyllis Baumgartner Jennifer Blakeney, Marius Juodisius & family Jack & Mary Ann Breisch Robert & Wendy Brock & family David & Kate Burleigh & family Joseph & Janet Dauer Larry Dorod Marge Drollinger	Elizabeth Farnfield Bev Gairing Tom & Paula Harvey Alec & Nancy Jamieson Eunice Manu Twanda Patterson Carol Phillips & family Jean Seeley JT & Sarah Tan & family Liz Wollaeger & family
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Spring Workday: April 13 from 9:00 to 12:00

50 volunteers are needed, for inside or outside work. All skill levels are welcome. Childcare will be provided.

Softball Season: Just a few more weeks!

Spring training for Forest Hill softball is right around the corner. Players report in just a few weeks. The softball team is looking for more players to add for the upcoming season. All members, visitors, family, and friends are welcome. Contact Jason Hidek if you are interested (Jason.hidek@att.net, 440-264-3296)

Social Groups and Circles

Hilltoppers (retired)

Hilltoppers will have lunch and a program on “Hunger in Our Neighborhood,” presented by Lorraine Ranchod of the Pantry Fellowship committee, on Friday, March 22 at 12:00 pm. Lorraine will give an overview of the exciting recent growth of the FHC pantry food distribution, garden and monthly breakfast. All are welcome – bring a friend. RSVP to Betty Clark (216-531-3575) or Grace Uhle (216-514-0304). Please bring a few canned goods to donate to the pantry.

Iris Circle (all women of the church)

Iris Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 19 at 1 pm at the home of Nancy Grube (5261 Graham Dr., Lyndhurst). We will be reviewing good books we have read over the past year.

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

Today: Mid and Sr High classes meet from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Looking Ahead: Game Night, April 5

Buy Stock in Our Youth

This summer our youth are traveling to Leon, Nicaragua to spend a week serving others while learning about social justice, advocacy and poverty. We are selling stock to raise money for the mission trip. For a minimum donation of \$20, investors purchase a share of one of the youth. As an investor, you commit to praying for your student, and you are welcome to attend planning meetings and fundraisers with your youth to get to know him or her better. Finally, investors are invited to an ice cream social shortly after we return to hear about the experience in Nicaragua. If you are interested in purchasing stock, pick up an investment form from Kristen Otte.

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Today's Scripture:

John 12: 1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Next Sunday: Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29; Luke 19: 28-40; Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalm 31: 9-16; Philippians 2: 5-11; Luke 22:14 – 23:56. As part of your daily devotions, read the lessons. What image or word catches your attention?

■■■ *FHC Lenten Programs*

Worship

Maundy Thursday, March 28 *(Please note new schedule)*

6:15 Dinner and worship: Dinner , communion and foot-washing will take place in Fellowship Hall. Worship will continue with a Tenebrae service in the sanctuary. Childcare will begin at 7 pm.

Please make reservations using the form on p. 15, or contact the church office.

Good Friday, March 29

Community Worship at St Paul's Episcopal Church (Fairmount and Coventry, Cleveland Hts) –12 noon to 3:00 pm. Heights-area pastors will focus on The Seven Last Words of Christ. The service also includes hymns, psalms, quiet time for meditation, and choral offerings by St. Paul's Senior Choir. Worshippers are welcome for all or any part of the three-hour service. John Lentz will offer a reflection this year on the First Word, at the outset of the service.

Adult Education: Suffering and the Crisis of Faith

March 24: Tim Beal, Ph.D., "Job and the Problem of Pain," Part II

■ ■ ■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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■ ■ ■ *Calendar: March 17 - 24, 2013*

Sunday, March 17

9:00 Child care begins
 9:30 Adult Education
 Youth Education; Confirmation
 Descant Choir
 10:15 Descant Choir activity
 10:30 Continental Breakfast
 Chancel Choir
 11:00 WORSHIP
 Little Explorers
 Children in Worship
 11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land
 12:15 Coffee Hour
 Blood Pressure check
 5:00 Faith Leader
 Career and Calling class

Monday, March 18

5:00 pm PWR Meeting:
 St Andrew's, N. Olmsted
 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)
 7:00 pm Al Anon
 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)
 Boy Scout Troop #403

Tuesday, March 19

1:00 pm Iris Circle (at Grubes')
 7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack #36
 7:30 pm Reaching Hts meeting

Wednesday, March 20

7:30 am Bible and Bagels
 12:30 pm Bullshevicks
 7:00 pm Session meeting

Thursday, March 21

6:20 Voices in Bronze
 7:30 Chancel Choir

Friday, March 22

9:30 am Al Anon meeting
 12:00 pm Hilltoppers: Hunger program
 7:30 pm Russian community: Speaker

Saturday, March 23

10:00 am Soup Group

Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday

8:30 Nominating Committee mtg
 9:00 Child care begins
 9:30 Adult Education
 Youth Education; Confirmation
 Descant Choir
 10:00 Cherub Choir
 10:15 Descant Choir activity
 10:30 Continental Breakfast
 Chancel Choir
 11:00 WORSHIP
 Little Explorers
 Children in Worship
 11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land
 12:15 Coffee Hour
 Sine Nomine Choir
 5:00 Faith Leader
 Career and Calling class
 5:30 Labre Ministry

Easter Lily order form

Name: _____

Number of lilies (\$7 each): _____

☐ **In memory of** _____

☐ **In honor of** _____

☐ **In thanksgiving for** _____

☐ **donate**

☐ **take them home**

March 28, 6:15 Supper Reservation

Name: _____

Number attending: _____ *adults*

_____ *children*

Childcare Reservation (beginning at 7 pm)

Childcare needed? _____ for ____ children