# 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 Palm Sunday

March 24, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

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.

# $\blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare$ Prayer of Preparation

The God of curved space, the dry God, is not going to help us, but the son Whose blood splattered The hem of his mother's robe.

Jane Kenyon

#### Welcome

Prelude Carol Duebber

"He Is Coming"
Cherub Choir; Beth Zych, director

# $\blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare$ Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship Nora Duncan

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Rejoice greatly, shout aloud.

People: Triumphant and victorious is he. Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Let us worship God.

Palm Processional (please remain seated)

## \* Processional Hymn No. 88

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

# $\blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare$ Renewing Our Relationship with God

## **Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Clover Beal

O God of love, who sent Jesus among us, hear our confession and forgive our sins. When we invoke Christ's name for selfish reasons, have mercy upon us.

When we practice our faith without cost or commitment, have mercy upon us.

When we forget the poor, have mercy upon us.

When we follow the parade of palms

but not the procession to the cross, have mercy upon us.

#### **Time of Silent Confession**

**Kyrie eleison** (Lord, have mercy)

John Bell

# ■■ 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.

## Anthem G. Alan Smith

"Hosanna, Blessed Is He That Comes" Descant Choir; Lisa Koops, soprano

# $\blacksquare \blacksquare \square$ Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Minute for Mission Kay Dunlap

"One Great Hour of Sharing"

## \* Hymn No. 84

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Children in Pathways may leave during the hymn

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

## **Scripture Lesson**

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz

"Were You There?"

## **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

Stephen Paulus

Luke 19: 28-40

"Carol of the Hill"

\* 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.

# $\blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare$ Going Forth to Live as God's People

\* Closing Hymn No. 91

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"

## \* Commission and Blessing

(please be seated)

## **Music during Recessional**

Taizé chant

"Ubi Caritas"

\*please stand if able



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

#### **Chancel Flowers**

The flowers today are given in memory of Roy West and his daughter Robyn Mazanec, by LeAnn West and the Kevin Stauffer family; in memory of the Rev. Clarence "Tommy" Thomas, by Lee and Cathi Thomas and family; and by Russ and Jennifer Dise in loving memory of Ann, Molly and Ralph Dise Sr.

## **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.

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):**

### ■ ■ Announcements

## Your Printed TOWERS Are Ready To Be Picked Up

#### **TODAY**

## One Great Hour of Sharing

Please consider a generous gift to the One Great Hour of Sharing collection this morning. Your gift will join with millions of other Christians to show God's love with our neighbors in need around the world, supporting the following: Presbyterian Disaster Relief, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self Development of People. Move your faith into action today! The Ministry of Justice and Mission thanks you.

#### **Easter Lilies**

Today is the final day to place an order for Easter lilies – please use the form on p. 14.

## **Labre Ministry**

This month the FHC Labre Ministry group will partner with the Salvation Army canteen this evening 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.

#### **THIS WEEK**

This week is Holy Week. Please see p. 12 for worship information

## 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 22:14 – 23:56**.

#### **NEXT SUNDAY**

Please see p. 12 for the Holy Week and Easter schedule. Classes and children's choirs will not meet on Easter.

# LOOKING AHEAD 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	Elizabeth Farnfield
Janet Banis	Bev Gairing
Nick & Phyllis Baumgartner	Tom & Paula Harvey
Jennifer Blakeney, Marius Juodisius	Alec & Nancy Jamieson
& family	Eunice Manu
Jack & Mary Ann Breisch	Twanda Patterson
Robert & Wendy Brock & family	Carol Phillips & family
David & Kate Burleigh & family	Jean Seeley
Joseph & Janet Dauer	JT & Sarah Tan & family
Larry Dorod	Liz Wollaeger & family
Marge Drollinger	

## 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.

## Save the Date: April 7, 7:30 pm

It's our annual *Swing to the Lord a New Song* service! The Chancel and Sine Nomine choirs and the congregation will be accompanied by a jazz combo assembled by trombonist Paul Ferguson (Anne Wilson's brother). A special reception by Morag Keefe will follow. Invite friends!

## **Social Groups and Circles Young Adults** (22 – 30s)

The next Young Adult Bible Study will be April 2 at 7:30 pm at Julie Wolfram Smith's house. Leigh Henderson will lead a discussion about the Book of Confessions, part 1.

## ■■■ *Youth News*

**Today:** Mid and Sr High classes meet from 9:30 – 10:30 am.

Sine Nomine Choir will rehearse in the chapel after worship.

**Looking Ahead:** Game Night, April 5 – 7 pm

Nicaragua trip meeting, April 7 – 4 pm

## **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

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## ■■■ The Lessons

Today's Scripture: Luke 19: 28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

**Next Sunday**: Easter: Acts 10: 34-43; Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26; John 20: 1-18. 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.

# ■ ■ FHC Holy Week and Easter Schedule

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. 11, 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.

## Easter, March 31

9:00 Child care begins
Worship: Holy Eucharist
(in the Chapel)

10:30 Continental Breakfast Chancel Choir

11:00 WORSHIP: Holy Eucharist

12:15 Coffee Hour

# ■ ■ Calendar: 24 - 31 March, 2013

# Holy Week

## Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday

8:15 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 Career and Calling class

5:30 Labre Ministry

## Monday, March 25

8:30 am Pantry Fellowship Breakfast

6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)

7:00 pm Al Anon

7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)

Boy Scout Troop #403

#### Tuesday, March 26

7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack #36

## Wednesday, March 27

7:30 am Bible and Bagels

## Thursday, March 28: Maundy Thursday

6:15 Supper, Eucharist and Foot-washing

7:30 Tenebrae service

## Friday, March 29: Good Friday

9:30 am Al Anon meeting

12:00 pm Office closes

Worship (at St Paul's Episcopal Church, 2747 Coventry)

## Sunday, March 31: Easter

9:00 Child care begins

Worship: Holy Eucharist

(in the Chapel)

10:30 Continental Breakfast

**Chancel Choir** 

11:00 WORSHIP: Holy Eucharist

12:15 Coffee Hour

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	

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