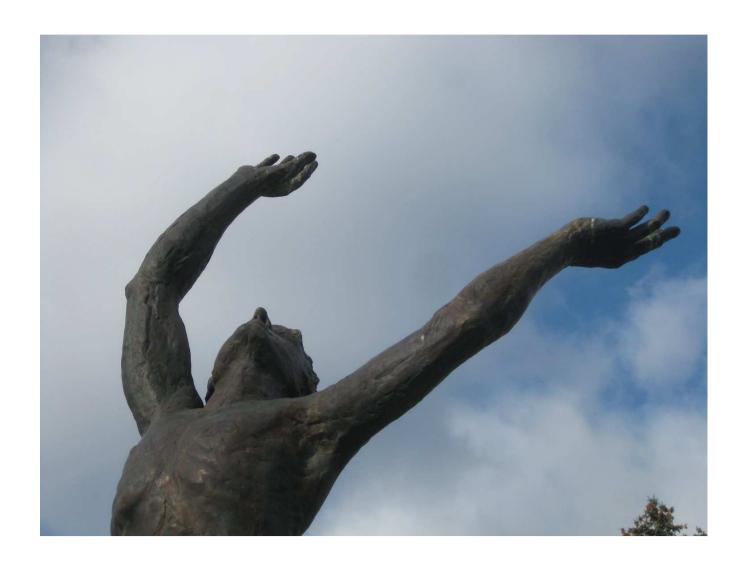
Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian



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

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Service of Worship April 7, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. Second Sunday of the Easter Season

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.

$\blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare$ Prayer of Preparation

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our hearts and minds the risen life we share with Jesus, and help us to grow as your people in this world. Amen.

Welcome

Prelude Astor Piazzolla

"Chiquilin de Bachin" Karen Jenks Donato, violin; Neil Donato, piano

Choral Introit

■■ Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship Elder Barbara Hansen

Leader: Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* Processional Hymn No. 108

"Christ is Alive!"

■ ■ Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Clover Beal

The Lord has risen indeed! And yet, already, we have been pulled back into the old ruts. We want to trust the good news but it is hard to keep focus; there are too many distractions. We, like your disciple Thomas, want more proof of your existence, your power, your presence; we are not satisfied. The world doesn't really look any different. We do not really act any differently either. We are not quite sure what to do. Help us.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)

John 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 William Albright

"Look There, the Christ!"

■ ■ Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Family Meditation Dr. Lentz

Easter Alleluia



Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

Scripture Lessons

Acts 5: 27-32

John 20: 19-31

After the readings

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz

"Show and Tell"

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

Carol Sager and David Foster

"The Prayer"

Mist'a Craig and Jasmine Marks, soloists

* 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

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

Please see p. 6

- * Commission and Blessing
- * Choral Benediction
- * Passing of the Peace

 $\blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare Postlude$ Sarah Glick

"This Joyful Eastertide"

*please stand if able

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

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given in honor of those who serve in the military, and by Barbara Hansen in loving memory of Lamont Hansen and Ethel Van Fleet.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

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

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Dick Bloomquist, Bill Currie, 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

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.

Attendance last week (Easter): 9 am, 40; 11 am, 519

■ ■ Announcements

TODAY

Today Is Hunger Sunday

Any cash or checks in envelopes marked Hunger will be used 100% for support of hunger programs. Each month we send the money to the Hts Emergency Food Cupboard (Disciples Church, Cleveland Hts.), the New Covenant Lutheran Church Hunger Center (East Cleveland), and the Presbyterian Hunger Program in Haiti.

Haiti Mission Trip

The next Haiti Mission trip has been scheduled for late October. There will be an informational meeting in South Hall after worship TODAY for anyone interested.

Swing to the Lord a New Song

Tonight! It's our annual *Swing* to the Lord a New Song jazz vespers at 7:30 pm! The Chancel, Sine Nomine and Descant choirs and congregation will be accompanied by a Cleveland Jazz Orchestra combo: trombonist Paul Ferguson, trumpeter Jack Schantz, pianist Rock Wehrman, bassist Dave Morgan, drummer Val Kent. A special reception by Morag Keefe (including her famous New Orleans bread pudding) will follow. Invite friends!

THIS WEEK 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 **John 21: 1-19**.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall "Forest Hill Church Missions"

April 14: Hunger Missions, led by Paul Jennings and Lorraine Ranchod

April 21: Earth Day and the Green Church Mission, led by Dave Neff

Labre Ministry

Next Sunday, April 14, the FHC Labre Ministry group will again partner with the Salvation Army canteen to deliver meals, hygiene kits, blankets, clothes and fellowship in East Cleveland. Donations may be placed in the Labre donation basket in Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Mary Ann or Jack Breisch.

LOOKING AHEAD

Softball Season Begins April 21!

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. Final recruiting will take place next Sunday.

"Enlightenment"

The CWRU Music Department and the Church of the Covenant present "Enlightenment," an evening of works by Handel and Haydn, on Friday and Saturday, April 12 and 13, at 7:30 pm at Church of the Covenant (11205 Euclid Ave.). Tickets (\$8 for general admission, free for students) are available at the door. For more information, go to http://music.case.edu/spotlight/tickets-now-on-sale/.

Care Group

The Corinth Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during April. 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:

Joan Bacon, Deacon leader Robin & Mel Mervine & family

Molly Bergman Kate Monaghan
John & Patricia Borthwick Margery Nokes

Ed Briskey Linn & Melody Obery

Jeff & Kathy Cameron David & Susanne Peterjohn & family

Lia Clement Bill Proudfit

Priscilla Colville Susan & Randy Reese

Kurt Haas & Dee Dee Pim Ron Schmidt Robert & Lisa Higgs & family Sandy Schultz

Betty Jo Jenkins Dan & Joanne Shaner & family

Cathy Kernich Vincent Taylor Brian & Tish Klein & family Bobbi van Dijk

John & Deanne Lentz & family Kevin & Jill White & family

Tom & Diane McFiggen Dene Young

Alice McKinley

Social Groups and Circles

Iris Circle (all women of the church)

Iris Circle will be treated to a tour in the Cleveland Museum of Art by Anne Wilson on Tuesday, April 16 at 10:30 am, followed by lunch at the Provenance Café for those who wish to stay. RSVP to Barb Hansen.

Young Adults (22-30s)

The FHC Young Adults will meet on Tuesday, April 16 at 7:30 pm at Melissa Hinman's to continue their discussion of The Book of Confessions.

The Group (60s – 70s)

The Group will attend an Irish concert at Happy Days Visitor Center in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park at 8 pm on Saturday, April 20. Contact Hal or Pat Musick for ticket information.

Pacesetters (50s-60s)

Pacesetters' annual Poetry Night will be held Saturday, April 20 at 7 pm at Sue and Scott Lafferty's (1969 Bromton, Lyndhurst). Bring a favorite poem (or several) to share as well as an appetizer or dessert. Contact Sue or Scott for more information.

■■■ Youth News

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

Sine Nomine Choir will meet for a brief rehearsal after worship.

Next Sunday: Mission Trip meeting, 4 pm

Converge! at Mayfield Church, 7 pm

Looking Ahead: April 21, Family Picnic at Squire's Castle (North Chagrin Reservation), 1 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.

■■■ The Lessons

Today's Scripture:

Acts 5: 27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

John 20: 19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Next Sunday: Acts 9: 1-6; Psalm 30; Revelation 5: 11-14; John 21: 1-19

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Gun Violence and Gospel Values

A dialogue with the Rev. James Atwood May 4, 2013 9 am – 4 pm at FHC

Co-Sponsors:

The Church of the Covenant and the Presbytery of the Western Reserve

The workshop will include several presentation by Rev. James Atwood,

author of America and Its Guns: A Theological Exposé

Pastor Emeritus of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Arlington, VA

Chair of the Greater Washington chapter of **Heeding God's Call**, a faith-based ecumenical movement devoted

to encouraging gun shop owners to adopt a code of conduct

to discourage illegal purchases and trafficking

Gun owner and hunter

Please register by April 27: sgillespie@preswesres.org or by calling

Susan Gillespie (216) 241-3966

Free and open to anyone who is interested

\$10 offering requested for breakfast and lunch

■ ■ Calendar: *Apríl* 7 - 14, 2013

7:00 pm Ministry Meetings

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Sunday, April 7		Thursday, April 11
9:00	Child care begins	6:20 Voices in Bronze
9:30	Adult Education	7:30 Chancel Choir
	Youth Education; Confirmation	FH Swim Club mtg
	Descant Choir	
10:00	Cherub Choir rehearsal	Friday, April 12
10:15	Descant Choir activity	7:00 am TOWER deadline
10:30	Continental Breakfast	9:30 am Al Anon meeting
	Chancel Choir	
11:00	WORSHIP	Saturday, April 13
	Little Explorers	9:00 Spring Work Day
	Children in Worship	
11:15	Pathways to the Promise Land	Sunday, April 14
12:15	Coffee Hour	8:00 Nominating Committee mtg
	Sine Nomine Choir	9:00 Child care begins
	Haiti Trip interest meeting	9:30 Adult Education
5:00	Faith Leader	Youth Education; Confirmation
7:30	Swing to the Lord a New Song	Descant Choir
Monday, April 8 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)		Parenting Class follow-up
		10:15 Descant Choir activity
7:00 pm Al Anon		10:30 Continental Breakfast
7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)		Chancel Choir
Boy Scout Troop #403		11:00 WORSHIP
		Little Explorers
Tuesday, April 9		Children in Worship
7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack #36		11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land
7:30 p	om Reaching Hts meeting	12:15 Coffee Hour
Wednesday, April 10 7:30 am Bible and Bagels		5:00 Faith Leader
		5:30 Labre Ministry
6:00 pm Evensong at Trinity Cathedral:		7:00 <i>Converge!</i> at Mayfield Church
Dr. Lentz preaching; Chancel Choir,		
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