

Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian



The 2014 Confirmation Class

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

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Service of Worship
March 30, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Celebration of Confirmation

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 have large print editions of the Bible and today's bulletin;
hearing devices; activity bags with quiet activities for children staying in worship;
and directions to our Monticello Wing nursery for babies and young children.

■ ■ ■ *Prayer of Preparation*

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known? Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Welcome

Prelude

Marcel Grandjany

"Sonata No. 4"
Caitlin Desjardins, harp

■ ■ ■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Laura Peterjohn

Leader: This is the day for openings.

People: **It began for us with an opening of our eyes to the dawning light.**

Leader: We have opened coffee cans and cereal boxes, doors of refrigerators and cars.

People: **We have come into a sanctuary that is open and welcoming to all who seek entrance.**

Leader: Now we open ourselves to the sharing of ministry and the worship of God.

All: **We gather together trusting and believing that God's love will fill us with open spirits to receive it.**

*** Processional Hymn No. 413**

"Come into God's Presence"

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Confession

Adam Stauffer

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Psalm 51: A Scripture Pyramid

Sine Nomine Choir

■ ■ ■ *Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*
Assurance of Pardon

*** Response**

5 Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am God.

First, all sing in unison.

Second, men start, women and children start one measure later.

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

Confirmation

Dr. John Lentz

Today we welcome these young people into membership in Forest Hill Church: Grant Heineman, Laura Peterjohn, Adam Stauffer, and Ian Zych.

***Hymn No. 488**

"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 23

Lillie Trammell

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Confirmands Share their Vision

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Ian Zych

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

Roger Emerson

"Witness"

*** Response**

Hymn No. 708

**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. 37**

"Let All Things Now Living"

* **Commission and Blessing**

Grant Heineman

* **Choral Benediction**

* **Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

J.S. Bach

"Prelude in C Major"
Caitlin Desjardins, harp

**please stand if able*



Welcome Visitors!

We look forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Visitor welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex. Take one home with you!

■ ■ ■ *Congregational Notes*

Chancel Balloons

This morning's balloons are given by the families of the 2014 Confirmation Class to celebrate the confirmands' faith journeys.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following: Mary Ball, Flora Dannemiller, Bob Nemcek, Mollie Secor, Debbie Ungemach.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Dick Bloomquist, Ruth and Arthur Brickel, Bill Currie, Pat Drake, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Iris Gilbert, Ron and Florence Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Elaine Tapié.

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 Pathways children): 244

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

TODAY

Sign up for Family Promise

Forest Hill Church will once again be hosting guests from Family Promise during the week of April 6-13. Family Promise is an agency in our community that provides support to families experiencing homelessness; Forest Hill, along with other area churches, hosts the families for dinner and overnight for a week several times a year. If you would like to learn more about the program and about how you can participate in this important mission, please come to the sign-up table in Fellowship Hall after worship today and next Sunday, or contact Sue Lafferty.

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 from **Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8: 6-11; and John 11: 1-45.**

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall

Next Sunday Tom Zych will lead a class on "Why the Resurrection?"

Speaking of Food, What Should I Eat?

As part of the Honoring the Body series, health and wellness educator and coach Colleen McArtor will join us Sunday, April 6 at 12:30 pm in South Hall to discuss how to nourish our bodies through a simple approach to healthy eating for balanced whole food nutrition. All are welcome to attend! Renew your body, revive your life, restore your spirit!

Swing to the Lord a New Song!

It's time for our annual ***Swing to the Lord a New Song*** jazz vespers service next Sunday, April 6 at 7 pm. The Chancel and Sine Nomine choirs and congregation will be accompanied by a jazz combo made up of trombonist Paul Ferguson (Anne Wilson's brother), trumpeter Jack Schantz, bassist Dave Morgan, pianist Rock Wehrman, and drummer Val Kent. This is always a lively and joyous event, and we hope you will invite your friends to attend with you. Morag Keefe is preparing Now Orleans bread pudding with bourbon sauce for the reception...who can miss that?

LOOKING AHEAD

Nursery Volunteers

The nursery is in need of volunteers through the spring months. Please consider helping out on a Sunday or two. The commitment is small but the rewards are many: hold a baby, read a story, sit in a comfy rocking chair, have some animal crackers, play blocks, joined stuffed animals for a romp on the floor... Please contact Liz Wollaeger (lizw@fhcpresb.org) or call the church office for more information.

Softball Season Begins!

Spring training is here! Although the Forest Hill softball team doesn't get to train in Florida or Arizona, we are getting anxious for the snow to melt and spring to arrive. The team is once again recruiting for the upcoming Heights Church League season. Members, visitors, families and friends interested in joining the FHC softball team can contact Jason Hidek. We are also looking for anyone who wants to coach or keep score.

Care Group

The Canaan 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:

Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Deacon leader	Laurie & Eric Muller-Girard & family
Shawn Bittner	Jeanette Nemcek
Mark Chupp & Sharon Shumaker	John Prentice
Lisa Chuppa	Gretchen Reynolds
Bob & Joanne Dawson	Rob Reynolds
Muriel Dean	Margaret & George Sentell
Beth & Bill Forsythe & family	Franklin & Naana Soadwa
Mary Hill	Chuck & Rosanna Sprague
Allan & Zivile Khoury	Joy Stang
Lisa & Jed Koops & family	Debbie & Don Ungemach & family
Laurie & Keith Logan	Todd Webster, Vikki Nowak & family
Ginie Mast	LeAnn West
	Peggy Yeager

Gentle Yoga and Stretching / Toning

Priscilla Colville will lead another yoga class on Monday, April 7 at 5 pm in South Hall. Please bring water and a towel or mat (and save dinner for afterwards).

Spring Work Day

The Trustees have scheduled a spring work day on Saturday, April 12 from 8 – 10 am. Join your fellow FHCers to get the church looking its best for Palm Sunday. We will be doing only light yard clean-up, and need the help of many to get the job done well! Bagels will be served.

Social Groups and Circles

The Group (60s – 70s)

The Group will hold their annual planning potluck on Saturday, April 12 at 6:30 pm at the home of Zivile and Allan Khoury. See the April **TOWER** for details.

Iris Circle (all women of the church)

Iris Circle will visit the Maltz Museum on Tuesday, April 22 at 11 am, followed by lunch at Valenti's at 12:30 pm. See the April **TOWER** for details.

Pacesetters (40s-60s)

Calling all Pacesetter Poets and other poetry lovers! Pacesetters will have their annual Poetry Night on Saturday, April 12 at 7 pm at the home of Sue and Scott Lafferty. Come for an evening of fellowship, inspiration and laughter! Bring a favorite poem (or several; yours or someone else's), a dish to share, and BYOB (soft drinks provided). Poetry reading will commence at 7:45. For questions, directions or more information please contact Sue or Scott Lafferty.

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

Every Sunday: Mid and Sr High classes meet from 9:30 – 10:30 am

Today: Mission Trip meeting, 7 pm, Mark Chupp and Sharon Shumaker's

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Today's Scripture: Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Next Sunday: Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8: 6-11; John 11: 1-45. As part of your daily devotions, read the lessons.

■ ■ ■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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■ ■ ■ *Lent 2014 Schedule*

April 6: 12:30 pm Health and Wellness speaker
7:30 pm **Swing to the Lord a New Song** jazz vespers

April 6-13: Family Promise host week

April 11: Second in-home Lenten dinners

April 13: Palm Sunday

April 13-19: Holy Week

April 17 : Maundy Thursday 6:15 dinner and worship

April 20: Easter Worship with communion at 9 and 11
Classes and children's choirs will not meet
Youth: Mission trip fund-raiser Bake Sale

The St. Baldrick's Foundation (www.stbaldricks.org) is a volunteer-driven charity committed to funding the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors long, healthy lives. St. Baldrick's head-shaving events began as a challenge between businessmen and have grown from one event in 2000 to over 1,300 events in 2012, raising critical funds for childhood cancer research. Events take place in pubs, restaurants, schools, churches, parks, malls, military bases, firehouses and any other place you can imagine.

Congratulations to the FHC shaved heads of Charlie and Brendan West, Henry Dyck, and Andrew and Colin Burleigh!

■■■ *Calendar: March 30 – April 6, 2014*

Sunday, March 30: 4 Lent

8:15 am Nominating Committee
9:15 am Child care begins
9:30 am Descant Choir rehearsal
 Adult Education:
 Grace and Atonements
 Youth Education
10:00 Confirmation
10:15 am Descant Choir activity time
10:30 am Chancel Choir rehearsal
 Continental Breakfast
10:45 am Children in Worship
11:00 am WORSHIP: Confirmation
12:15 pm Coffee Hour
12:30 pm Stewardship Retreat
7:00 pm Youth: Mission Trip meeting

Monday, March 31

8:45 am Tai Chi class
6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)
7:00 pm Al Anon
 Ministry of Worship mtg
7:30 pm AA: Borton Group
 Boy Scout Troop #403

Tuesday, April 1

8:45 am Tai Chi class
9:00 am Abundance Pantry
 food distribution
5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class
7:00 pm CE/Youth Director Search
 Comm. meeting

Wednesday, April 2

7:30 am Bible and Bagels
8:45 am Tai Chi class

Thursday, April 3

8:45 am Tai Chi class
1:00 pm Abundance Pantry open
5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class

Friday, April 4

10:00 am Al Anon

Saturday, April 5

8:00 am Men's Group

Sunday, April 6: 5 Lent

8:15 am Nominating Committee
9:15 am Child care begins
9:30 am Descant Choir rehearsal
 Adult Education:
 Youth Education
10:15 am Descant Choir activity time
10:30 am Chancel Choir rehearsal
 Continental Breakfast
10:45 am Children in Worship
11:00 am WORSHIP: Communion
12:15 pm Coffee Hour
12:30 pm Speaker: Colleen McArtor,
 "What Shall I Eat?"
5:00 pm Faith Leader
 Family Promise host week begins
7:30 pm **Swing to the Lord a New Song**

Easter Lilies
please order by April 11

*Name of Donor*_____

FLOWERS GIVEN

*In memory of*_____

In honor of

*# of plants @ \$8.00 per plant*_____ *Total cost*_____

*# of plants to be donated*_____

Donated lilies will be taken to members who are ill or shut-in.

Thank you for your donation.

You may deliver, mail, fax, email or phone your order to the church office.

Help the Motley Crew get to Jerusalem!
Contact Ann Williams

