

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 6, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.
The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Celebration of Holy Communion

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.

This morning we celebrate the Eucharist (the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion) by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup). We also provide a gluten-free alternative. After receiving the elements you may come to the railing to receive a blessing from the pastors.

■ ■ ■ *Prayer of Preparation*

Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.

That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou dost do.

Welcome

Prelude

Joe Utterback

"In a Quiet Time"

■ ■ ■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Elder Barbara Hansen

Leader: Welcome all to this space where we worship, praise, give, grieve, and hope.

People: A place of confession and trust, tears and laughter.

Leader: Here in this sanctuary, may we be inspired to give thanks and to celebrate.

People: Let us celebrate lives of Justice, and the glimpses of Christ's Peace in the world.

Leader: In this sanctuary, may we be authentic and vulnerable, may we grieve and rage.

People: May we weep with families broken, land abused, and countries torn.

Leader: May our worship reflect the fullness of Christ's engagement with the world, a love he bore unto death.

All: May we love and live with Christ today.

*** Processional Hymn No. 215**

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

St. 1, 3, 4

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Tricia Dykers-Koenig

Holy and 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. AMEN.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Merbecke

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

Assurance of Pardon

* Response

First, all sing in unison.

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

5 Be still and know that I am God.

■■■ Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Scripture Lesson

John 11: 1-35

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Caitlin Michelle Desjardins

“Begin to Weep”

Ritual of Friendship

all are asked to sign as a record of attendance

Offertory

arr. John Bell

“Steal Away”

Caleb Wright, bass

*** 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.

■ ■ ■ *Eucharist*

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Merbecke

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.

Communion of the People

Music during Communion

arr. Warren Cooper

"There Is a Balm"

Beth Zych, soprano; Carl Jenks, baritone

Prayer after Communion

Thank you for sharing your life and love with us. Now strengthen us to be your lively and loving people. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit to bring good news to the poor and lift blind eyes to sight, to loose the chains that bind and claim your blessing for all people. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.

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

* **Closing Hymn No. 795**

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

Congregation, please sing refrain

* **Commission and Blessing**

* **Choral Benediction**

* **Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

J. S. Bach

Fugue in C Minor

**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 Flowers

The flowers today are given by Robert and Giny Young in memory of their parents, 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: 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.

In Memoriam: We received word this week that former FHC member Betty Woodruff died March 23 at the age of 97. Please keep her family in your prayers.

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): 185

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

TODAY

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 tonight -- the annual ***Swing to the Lord a New Song*** jazz vespers service at 7:30 pm. The Chancel and Sine Nomine choirs and congregation will be accompanied by a jazz combo made up of trombonist Paul Ferguson, 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 New Orleans bread pudding with bourbon sauce for the festive reception...who can miss that?

THIS WEEK

Gentle Yoga and Stretching / Toning

Priscilla Colville will lead another yoga class on Monday, April 7 at 5:30 pm in South Hall. Please bring water and a towel or mat (and save dinner for afterwards). Chairs will be available for those who would like to do chair yoga.

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 **Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 and Matthew 21: 1-11.**

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.

Exploring Membership

The next Exploring Membership class will meet on April 12, 9-12, and April 13, 9-10:30. Interested in FHC? Want to learn more? Come join the class and find out. Those who wish to join will do so a few weeks after the class meets.

Memorial Service

The memorial service for Merdine T. Morris is scheduled for Saturday, April 12 at 1 pm.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall

“What Is Christian Hope?” – Dr. John Lentz

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, join 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.

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)

The date for Iris Circle's visit to the Maltz Museum has been moved to April 29. We will meet at the museum at 11 am for a tour, followed by lunch at Valenti's at 12:30. RSVP to Cathy Ghiandoni.

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.

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

Today's volunteers: Leanne West, continental breakfast; Rosanna Sprague, Lisa and Linnea Koops, greeters; Ginie Mast, coffee hour host; Vikki Nowak and Todd Webster, greeting card table; Carol Hopkins-Lutz, flower delivery.

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

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

Today: Sine Nomine Choir will rehearse in the chapel after worship.

Friday: Doctor Who marathon, 5-10 pm – contact Caitlin for details (caitlind@fhcpresb.org).

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Today's Scripture: John 11: 1-35

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the

resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep.

Next Sunday: Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29; Matthew 21: 1-11; Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalm 31: 9-16; Philippians 2: 5-11; Matthew 26: 14 – 27:66. 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 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 18: Good Friday Community Worship at St. Paul's, 2747
Fairmount Blvd

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

■ ■ ■ *Calendar: April 6-13, 2014*

Sunday, April 6: 5 Lent	Thursday, April 10
8:15 am Nominating Committee	8:45 am Tai Chi class
9:15 am Child care begins	1:00 pm Abundance Pantry open

<p>9:30 am Descant Choir rehearsal Adult Education: “Why the Resurrection?” Youth Education</p> <p>10:15 am Descant Choir activity time</p> <p>10:30 am Chancel Choir rehearsal Continental Breakfast</p> <p>10:45 am Children in Worship</p> <p>11:00 am WORSHIP: Communion</p> <p>12:15 pm Coffee Hour Sine Nomine Choir</p> <p>12:30 pm Speaker: Colleen McArtor, “What Shall I Eat?”</p> <p>5:00 pm Faith Leader Family Promise host week begins</p> <p>7:30 pm <i>Swing to the Lord a New Song</i></p> <p>Monday, April 7</p> <p>8:45 am Tai Chi class</p> <p>5:30 pm Gentle Yoga</p> <p>6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)</p> <p>7:00 pm Al Anon</p> <p>7:30 pm AA: Borton Group Boy Scout Troop #403</p> <p>Tuesday, April 8</p> <p>8:45 am Tai Chi class</p> <p>9:00 am Abundance Pantry food distribution</p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class</p> <p>7:00 pm Adult ed Team mtg</p> <p>7:30 pm Reaching Heights mtg</p> <p>Wednesday, April 9</p> <p>7:30 am Bible and Bagels</p> <p>8:45 am Tai Chi class</p> <p>7:00 pm Ministry meetings</p>	<p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class</p> <p>6:20 pm Voices in Bronze</p> <p>6:30 pm Youth: MH Girls’ Group</p> <p>7:30 pm Chancel Choir FH Swim Club mtg</p> <p>Friday, April 11</p> <p>10:00 am Al Anon</p> <p>6:30 pm In-home Lenten dinners</p> <p>Saturday, April 12</p> <p>8:00 am Spring Work Day</p> <p>9:00 am Exploring Membership class</p> <p>1:00 pm Memorial Service: Merdine T. Morris</p> <p>4:00 pm The Back Row: Park Clean-up</p> <p>6:30 pm The Group (at Khourys’)</p> <p>Sunday, April 13: Palm Sunday</p> <p>9:00 am Exploring Membership class</p> <p>9:15 am Child care begins</p> <p>9:30 am Descant Choir rehearsal Adult Education: “What Is Christian Hope?” Youth Education</p> <p>10:15 am Descant Choir activity time Cherub Choir</p> <p>10:30 am Chancel Choir rehearsal Continental Breakfast</p> <p>10:45 am Children in Worship</p> <p>11:00 am WORSHIP</p> <p>11:15 am Pathways to the Promise Land</p> <p>12:15 pm Celebration for Rev. Clover Beal</p> <p>5:00 pm Faith Leader</p>
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