

Alleluia!



Forest Hill Church
presbyterian

Easter
Service of Worship
March 27, 2016 at 11:00 am
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.

The message of Easter is that God's new world has been unveiled in Jesus Christ and that you're now invited to belong to it.

N.T. Wright

It is not easy to convey a sense of wonder, let alone resurrection wonder, to another. It's the very nature of wonder to catch us off guard, to circumvent expectations and assumptions. Wonder can't be packaged, and it can't be worked up. It requires some sense of being there and some sense of engagement.

Eugene H. Peterson

Welcome

Easter Fanfare

Anne Wilson

Richard King, French horn

Call to Worship

Will Burleigh

Leader: Alleluia! Christ has risen. Will we take notice?

People: Alleluia! Christ has risen. He waits for us to respond.

Leader: Christ has risen. All things are possible.

People: Christ has risen indeed! The next steps are ours.

Leader: Let us worship God.

Easter Collect

God of glory, fill your church with the power that flows from Christ’s resurrection, that in the midst of the sinful world, we may signal the beginning of a renewed humanity, risen to new life with Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Easter Alleluia

Marty Haugen

Clayton Minder, tenor

Family Meditation

Scripture Lessons

Nora Duncan

Isaiah 65: 17-25

Leader: For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

People: But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.

Leader: I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.

People: No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

Leader: They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

People: They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

Leader: They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord— and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

People: The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

Leader: They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Luke 24: 1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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, Jr.

“Crazy”

Ritual of Friendship

all are asked to sign

Offertory

arr. Daniel Kallman

“In Thee Is Gladness”

Seth Ungemach, conductor

*** 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.

Eucharist of New Life

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

Anne Wilson

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

"Magdalena"

Johannes Brahms

"The Trumpet Sounds, the Angel Sings"

Graham Kendrick

Elizabeth Shaw, steel pan

Prayer after Communion

We thank you for the invitation to new life. We will seek to follow the risen Christ in joy and gladness. By your Spirit free us from fear and set our feet in Christ's holy way, that our lives may be signs of his life, and all we have may show forth his love. Praise, glory, and thanksgiving to you, our God, forever and ever. Amen.

*** Closing Hymn No. 240**

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

*** Commission and Blessing**

*** Choral Benediction**

G. F. Handel

"Hallelujah Chorus" (from *Messiah*)

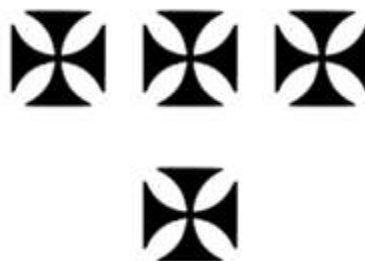
*** Passing of the Peace**

Postlude

C. M. Widor

"Toccata" (from Symphony V)

**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! Be sure to visit our website, **www.fhcpresb.org**, to find a complete list of upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and texts and audio of past sermons.

Please join us in wearing a name tag so that we might greet you. Our ushers have hearing devices, large print editions of the bulletin, activity bags for children staying in worship, and directions to our nursery for babies and young children.

Congregational Notes

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Elaine Dannefer, Grace Glaros, Max Harmon, Mary Lewis, Robin Richards, Robert Ruggeri, Mary Sacha, Jim Seeders, George Sentell, and Debbie Ungemach.

Please keep the Obery family in your prayers; Linn's father died recently.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Bill Currie, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Emma Jane Gibbs, Iris Gilbert, Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Jack Quinn, Margie & Dwight Stauffer, Elaine Tapié, Lorian Thomas.

<p>The Deacons encourage you to stop by the Greeting Card Table in Fellowship Hall before or after worship to sign a card for one or more of our homebound members. We will address and mail the card for you.</p>

This Month's Ushers

Thank you to head usher Roger Heineman and today's ushers, ably led by Jason Hidek. Please contact the church office if you are interested in joining an usher team.

Announcements

TODAY

Today's Music

We welcome today's guest instrumentalist, Richard King, who plays French horn with The Cleveland Orchestra.

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education will resume on April 10 with

"Faith Matters: Keeping It Real," a series led by Rev. Lois Annich.

Pancake breakfast! Youth Fundraiser!

9 – 10:30 and 12-1 on April 3

Come one, come all!

Suggested donation: \$5 per person



ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Care Group

The Eden 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:

Kathy Carr, Deacon leader	Sue & Scott Lafferty
Doris Allen	Carol Leslie
Nathan & Lane Baldwin	Steve Marunowski & Peg Weissbrod
Mary Ball	Clayton & Julie Minder
Dave & Chris Bell	Ron Polderman & Carol Smith
Kathy & Bruce Carr	Lorraine Ranchod
Jane & Derek Duncan & family	Elizabeth Shaw
Jeff Dyck & Lara Troyer & family	Jeff & Anne Smith
Julie Lafferty Ely	Quentin Smith & Sylvia Herd
Kris & Bill Fay	Tammy Steele
Carrie Fister	Elaine Tapié
Tim & Leigh Henderson	Elaine Turley
Bob & Pat Jeffreys	Paul & Katie Weissbrod

The Canaan CARE Group will serve during April.

Exploring Membership Class – April 9th and 10th

Have you been wondering how Forest Hill Church fits into your Spiritual Journey? Join us as we explore what the Forest Hill Church community has to offer. Learn more about the church in a relaxed and casual small group setting, with the Pastor and other church members.

Saturday, April 9, 9:00 am – noon AND

Sunday April 10, 9:00 – 10:30 am

Bodwell Hall (in the lower education wing.)

Food and beverages provided

Childcare available upon request.

RSVP to the church office (office@fhcpresb.org or 216-321-2660).

Spring Training Is Here!

The Forest Hill softball team is searching for new players (men and women) to join the team for the 2016 season. All members and visitors over 16 who are interested may contact Jason Hidek (Jason.hidek@att.net, 440-264-3296). The season starts the end of April; games are played Sunday afternoons and evenings.

Youth News

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

Next Sunday Pancake breakfast begins at 9 am; we will leave for the IX Center after we are finished cleaning up.

The Lessons

Next Sunday: Acts 5: 27-32; Psalm 118: 14-29; Revelation 1: 4-8; John 20: 19-31. Set aside time each day for prayer and study. As you read the lessons for the week, consider how they settle or challenge you? What image or word catches your attention? Keep notes of your observations in a journal.

FHC Staff Emails

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Calendar: March 27 – April 3, 2016

<p>Sunday, March 27: Easter Classes and children's choirs will not meet 8:45 Child care begins 9:00 Worship in the Chapel 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt in CE wing (children thru gr. 6) 10:30 Chancel Choir Continental Breakfast 11:00 Worship 12:15 Fellowship and Coffee Hour</p> <p>Monday, March 28 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) 7:00 pm Al Anon 7:30 pm Borton Group Boy Scout Troop #403</p> <p>Tuesday, March 29 7:00 pm Race Core Team & Black History Month Team meet</p> <p>Wednesday, March 30 7:30 am Bible and Bagels 12:30 pm Wednesday Women's AA 7:00 pm Session meeting</p> <p>Thursday, March 31 6:20 pm Voices in Bronze 7:00 pm Forest Hill Neighborhood meeting 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>Friday, April 1 10:00 am Al Anon</p> <p>Saturday, April 2 8:00 am Men's Group 9:00 am Haiti Group Church Growth retreat</p> <p>Sunday, April 3 8:30 Nominating Committee 9 am – 1 pm Pancake Breakfast (breaks for worship) 9:15 Child care begins 9:30 Descant Choir (gr. 1-5) 10:15 Descant Choir activity 10:30 Chancel Choir 11:00 Worship Children's Worship class Pathways to the Promise Land (gr 1-5) 12:15 Fellowship and more pancakes 12:30 Race Core Team: Conversation follow-up 1:00 Youth to IX Center (after pancake clean-up) 5:00 Faith Leader Living Prayer</p>
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Adult Education: “Faith Matters: Keeping It Real”

The series begins April 10

Led by Rev. Lois Annich

We’ll consider grief and loss, the vulnerability required to slow down and practice Sabbath, the terrible toll self-criticism takes on us and those around us, and ways to sit with our pain. Using videos, lectures, and small group discussions, we will engage the heart as well as the mind.

I envision us leaving each week with a little nugget – some small new understanding that will nourish and strengthen us to face the week ahead, honest about our humanity and renewed in faith. With your participation, may it be so!

The April TOWERs are ready to be picked up.

Come to the photo booth in Fellowship Hall before you leave today!

Cleveland Heights Listening Event Follow-Up Meetings

The GCC Listening Event on Jan. 31 resulted in two priority issues for Cleveland Heights:

1. the negative perception of our public schools by outsiders
2. poorly maintained vacant or absentee-owned rental priorities.

Attendees agreed to dig deeper into these issues to turn them into campaigns we can act on together.

Two sessions are planned to begin shaping this work. You are invited to participate even if you weren't at the Jan. 31 event:

- EDUCATION/SCHOOLS (led by Gretchen Reynolds): Wed. April 6, 6:30 pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church
- PROPERTY/HOUSING (led by Diana Woodbridge): Mon. April 1, 6:30 pm at Forest Hill Church

Please email Diana Woodbridge at dwoodbridge@sbcglobal.net if you can attend either meeting and let her know which issue you wish to focus on.

The Easter Lilies are given by

Joe and Betsy Andrews in thanksgiving for Cooper, Cameron and Alexa Andrews

Mary Ball, in memory of loved ones and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings

Chris and Dave Bell, in celebration of beloved family and friends

Nancy Burcham, in memory of loved ones

The Cameron family, in loving memory of Sr. Donald B. Cameron, Ann Cameron, Mary Margaret Cameron and Alan Scott Cameron

Betty Clark, in memory of Don Clark and of our parents

Lia Clement and Leslie Clement, in memory of Kenneth and Ruth

Clement and Judy Hubach, and in celebration of Mason Kooper Foster
The Denton-Vandall family, in memory of Paula Patterson and in honor of our extended family

Russ and Jennifer Dise, in loving memory of Ann, Molly, and Ralph Dise Sr.

Carol and Tim Gifford, in honor of Mary Sacha and in memory of Bob Sacha and Marilyn and Dick Gifford

Ron and Marcia Grant

Nancy and Don Grube, in honor of their grandchildren: Alicia and Tim, Ashley, Austin, Molly, Zachary and Jacob

Barbara Hansen, in memory of Lamont Hansen and Ethel Van Fleet

Jenny and Caty Himmelman, in memory of Phil and Nancy Harper

Mary and Steve Hosier, in honor of Marcy Harper who is celebrating 90 years!

Jane and Chuck Ishler, in memory of their parents

Patricia Jenkins, in memory of her parents Katherine and Edwin L. Bowman Sr.

The Keefe family, in memory of Andrew and Mary MacMorran and Tom and Barbara Keefe

Jane and Cliff Kowall, in memory of parents Walter and Elaine Grasson
and Paul and Dorothy Kowall
Deanne and John Lentz, in thanksgiving for Jack, Meg, and Sarah
Carol Leslie, in celebration of family and friends
Nancy Lyon-Stadler, in thanksgiving for Ben and Drew Stadler
Suzanne Marcy, in celebration of her sister Wendy Koesel
Steve Marunowski and Peg Weissbrod, in celebration of family members
Ellen McChesney, in memory of Heather Phillips
Robin Mervine, in memory of Mel Mervine and Betty Miller
Jeanette Nemcek, in memory of Bob and in honor of Anne and Mason
Joyce Pope, in thanksgiving for Bible and Bagels and in honor of Grace
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William Proudfit, in memory of Thelma J. Proudfit
Stephen Sedam, in honor of Virginia Weiss
Pat and Jim Seeders, in memory of Pat's brother Boyd Kevin Rice
Anne and Jeff Smith, in memory of Dick Brettenstein and Marcia Smith
Kathy and Derry Stauffer, in honor of Dwight and Margie Stauffer
Dorothy Turick, in memory of Frank and Ida Turick
Ann and Peter Williams, in memory of their mothers Betty Bath and
Dorothy Sawyer
Andy and Julie Wolfram Smith, in memory of loved ones
The Wollaeger and Olson families, in memory of Bill and Nancy Olson
Dene Young, in memory of loved ones

Haiti Mission Presentation
April 10 – 7:00 PM – Fellowship Hall

Come immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of Haiti as Deanne Lentz and members of the 2015 Haiti Mission Team present pictures and videos of the November trip to Haiti.

The travelogue will give an insight into the challenges Haitian people face each day as well as our own challenge to help without harming and to assist in development rather than relief or charity. Hear about the model our church has taken in partnership with Haiti Outreach and discover the many ways we might support its mission to bring safe, clean, and sustainable water to communities.

This is an evening not to be missed! Haitian desserts will be served.



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