

# Forest Hill Church

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*Forest Hill Church seeks to be diverse, inclusive and welcoming*

*Service of Worship*  
*March 24, 2016 at 11:00 am*  
*Palm Sunday*

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*

Gracious God, pour out your Spirit upon us as we mark Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, and help us to see the power of your love at work in him today and always. Amen.

**Welcome**

*Greeting Our God with Joy*

**Call to Worship**

Elder Peg Weissbrod

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O people of Zion!  
Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem!  
Look, your king is coming to you.  
He is righteous and victorious,  
yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—  
even on a donkey's colt.

**People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Leader: You are our God, and we will praise You!

**People: You are our God, and we will exalt You!**

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

**People: His faithful love endures forever!**

Leader: Let us worship God!

*(based on Zechariah 9:9 and Psalm 118: 26, 28-29)*

## Palm Processional

*Children in Pathways (gr. 1-5) will leave following the processional*

**\* Processional Hymn No. 196**

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

*\*please stand if able*

## *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

### **Prayer of Confession**

Rachel McDonald

Lord Jesus Christ, when our words and actions reflect a reluctance to confess you publicly as Lord of our lives: **Forgive us.**

When we fear that humbling ourselves would be seen by others as a weakness, some kind of defect in our character: **Forgive us.**

When we have betrayed your love for us through our lack of love for you, for others, and for ourselves: **Forgive us.**

When we find ourselves glossing over the events of your passion and death because we look forward to Easter as a time simply to enjoy holidays and have fun: **Forgive us.**

Lord Jesus Christ, fix your mind in us; remake us in your likeness; empty us of all that hinders us from following you to where pain and suffering, exploitation and injustice exist: **Forgive us.**

Gracious and loving God, empower us with the Holy Spirit so that our lives continually glorify you and our tongues forever confess Jesus as Lord. This we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### **Time of Silent Confession**

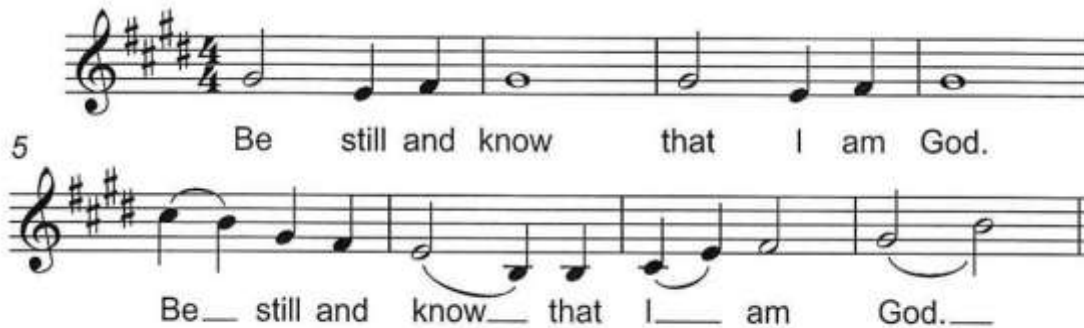
**Kyrie eleison**

John Bell

## *Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**\* Response** (John Bell)



First: All sing  
Second: Men  
start, women  
and children  
start 1  
measure later

**Anthem**

S. Africa, arr. Nancy Grundahl

“Sing Hosanna”

*Opening Our Hearts to God's Word*

**Scripture Lessons**

**Psalms 118: 1-2, 19-29**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

**People: Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”**

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**People: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

**People: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

Leader: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**People: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

**People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

**Leader:** The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

**People: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.**

**Leader:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

### **Mark 11: 1-11**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

*After the readings:*

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

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**\* Hymn No. 200**

*"A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzying Crowd"*

*Prayer requests to be read during the Prayers of the People  
may be passed to the ushers during this hymn*

**Sermon**

Rev. Lois Annich

*"Waiting for Superman"*

**Prayers of the People**

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

**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

**Offering**

QR code for online giving is on p. 7

**Offertory**

arr. Jason King

*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

Voices in Bronze

**\* Response**

**Hymn No. 697**



**\* Prayer of Dedication**

*Going Forth to Live as God's People*

**\* Hymn No. 198**

**"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"**

***The cross is carried out as the choir sings "Ubi Caritas"***  
*(Where charity and love are, God is there)*



**Online Giving**

Use a QR code reader  
to find a link to donate  
securely via PayPal.

<http://www.fhcpresb.org/about-us/giving>

***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](http://www.fhcpresb.org)**, to find a complete list of upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and texts and audio of past sermons.

## *Congregational Notes*

### **Chancel Flowers**

The flowers today are given by Roz, Graham and Joyce Peters in loving memory of parents Evelyn and Vladimir Peters, grandparents of Scott Peters and Deborah Peters and great-grandparents of Alexandra, Mackenzie, Cameron, Caleb and Aidan; and by Don and Nancy Grube in memory of Norman Grube.

### **Prayer Concerns this Week**

#### **Prayers are requested this week for the following:**

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

#### **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.

**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.**

**Thank you to head usher Roger Heineman and today's ushers.** Please contact the church office if you are interested in joining an usher team.

## *Announcements*

### **TODAY**

*You may get your blood pressure checked in South Hall today during coffee hour.*

## **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 **Luke 22:14 – 23:56**.

***Please see p. 13 for the Holy Week and Easter schedule***

***Please indicate on the friendship pad if you plan to be here for dinner on Thursday***

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

***There are no Adult Education classes on March 20, 27 or April 3.***

***Adult Education will resume on April 10 with***

***“Faith Matters: Keeping It Real,” a series led by Rev. Lois Annich.***

## **ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### ***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](mailto:Jason.hidek@att.net), 440-264-3296). The season starts the end of April; games are played Sunday afternoons and evenings.

### ***Pancake Breakfast***

On April 3 the Youth will hold a pancake breakfast to raise funds for their summer mission trip. There's no Adult Education, so come anytime after am to enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast for the whole family! Suggested donation: \$5 per person



## ***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

Doris Allen

Nathan & Lane Baldwin

Mary Ball

Dave & Chris Bell

Kathy & Bruce Carr

Jane & Derek Duncan & family

Jeff Dyck & Lara Troyer & family

Julie Lafferty Ely

Kris & Bill Fay

Carrie Fister

Tim & Leigh Henderson

Bob & Pat Jeffreys

Sue & Scott Lafferty

Carol Leslie

Steve Marunowski & Peg Weissbrod

Clayton & Julie Minder

Ron Polderman & Carol Smith

Lorraine Ranchod

Elizabeth Shaw

Jeff & Anne Smith

Quentin Smith & Sylvia Herd

Tammy Steele

Elaine Tapié

Elaine Turley

Paul & Katie Weissbrod

## ***Youth News***

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

## ***FHC Staff Emails***

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## *The Lessons*

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

### **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! Refreshments will be served.

## *Calendar: March 20 - 27, 2016*

<p><b>Sunday, March 20: Palm Sunday</b></p> <p>8:30 Nominating Committee</p> <p>9:15 Child care begins</p> <p>9:30 Descant Choir (gr. 1-5) Youth Education (gr. 6-12) Adult Education</p> <p>10:15 Descant Choir activity</p> <p>10:30 Chancel Choir Continental Breakfast</p> <p>11:00 Worship Children's Worship class Pathways to the Promise Land (gr 1-5)</p> <p>12:15 Fellowship and Coffee Hour Blood Pressure check</p> <p>12:30 Program: Piano students of Anne Wilson Trustees retreat</p> <p>5:00 Faith Leader</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, March 23</b></p> <p>7:30 am Bible and Bagels</p> <p>10:00 am TOWER collators</p> <p>12:30 pm Wednesday Women's AA</p> <p><b>Thursday, March 24: Maundy Thursday</b></p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class Discernment Task Force mtg</p> <p>5:30 pm Table setters</p> <p>6:30 pm Dinner</p> <p>7:30 pm Tenebrae service</p> <p>8:30 pm Chancel Choir</p> <p><b>Friday, March 25: Good Friday</b></p> <p>10:00 am Al Anon</p> <p><b>Office closes at 12:00 pm</b></p> <p>12:00 – 3:00 pm Community Good Friday Worship at St Paul's Episcopal Church</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Holy Week</b></p> <p><b>Monday, March 21</b></p> <p>6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)</p> <p>7:00 pm Al Anon</p> <p>7:30 pm Borton Group Boy Scout Troop #403</p> <p><b>Tuesday, March 22</b></p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class</p>	<p><b>Saturday, March 26</b></p> <p>7:30 pm Easter Vigil</p> <p><b>Sunday, March 27: Easter</b></p> <p><b>Classes and children's choirs will not meet</b></p> <p>8:45 Child care begins</p> <p>9:00 Worship in the Chapel</p> <p>10:00 Easter Egg Hunt in CE wing (children thru gr. 6)</p> <p>10:30 Chancel Choir Continental Breakfast</p> <p>11:00 Worship</p> <p>12:15 Fellowship and Coffee Hour</p>

## *Holy Week and Easter at Forest Hill Church*

### **Maundy Thursday: March 24**

We will serve dinner at 6:30 pm. There will be a Tenebrae service (service of darkness) at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary.

### **Good Friday: March 25**

We will join the Community Ecumenical Service (12 – 3 pm) at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Fairmount and Coventry in Cleveland Hts. A series of meditations will be presented by pastors from St. Paul's and other area churches; you may come and go as you wish.

### **Saturday, March 26**

Come to the Easter Vigil, which will begin on the front steps of the church at 7:30 pm. If you would like to receive the sacrament of baptism at this service, please see one of the pastors or contact the church office.

### **Easter: March 27**

Worship in the Chapel, 9 am and in the Sanctuary, 11 am. Communion will be celebrated at both services. At 10 am children from preK-grade 5 are invited to an Easter egg hunt in the CE wing.

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*Save the Date!*

***Exploring Membership Class -- April 9th and 10<sup>th</sup>***

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. Please RSVP via email: [office@fhcpresb.org](mailto:office@fhcpresb.org) or phone: (216) 321-2660. Just say you'd like to sign up for the **Exploring Membership Class**.



***Easter Lilies (orders are due tomorrow, March 21)***

It's time to order Easter lilies. Please use the online form given in the Wednesday email news, contact the office with the following information, or use this and leave it in the offering:

**Your name** \_\_\_\_\_

**In honor of, in memory of, in thanksgiving for or in celebration for...**  
*(circle one)*

**...whom or what?** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**How many lilies (they are \$7.50 each)?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Will you**    ☐ **leave them to be distributed or**  
                  ☐ **take yours home?**

*Use this QR code to access the Easter Lily order form online*

