

Forest Hill Church

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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive and welcoming

Service of Worship
April 3, 2016 at 11:00 am

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 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.

Prayer of Preparation

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing
your praise. Fill us with Resurrection joy that we may celebrate your glory and worship
you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome

Prelude "Flutedance" Joe Utterback

Choral Introit

Call to Worship (from Psalm 150) Jack Breisch

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise God in the sanctuary; praise God in the mighty firmament!

Leader: Praise God for God's mighty deeds; praise God according to God's
surpassing greatness!

People: Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lute and harp!

Leader: Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and
pipe!

**People: Praise God with clanging cymbals; praise God with loud clashing
cymbals!**

Leader: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

People: Hallelujah! Let us praise the living God!

***Processional Hymn No. 633**

"Praise Ye the Lord"

**please stand if able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

**Glorious Lord of life, by the resurrection of your Son you overcame the
old order of sin and death to make all things new in him. Grant that we
who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead may be raised from
the death of sin; from everything that separates us from you, from one
another, and from our best selves. Raise us to the life of righteousness.**

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy) Merbecke

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives
Assurance of Pardon

* Response Jeannette Sorrell

Alleluia

Jeannette Sorell

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al -

- le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Anthem “Christ the Lord is Risen” Ghana
Sine Nomine Choir

Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word

Scripture Lesson 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.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

* Hymn No. 286

“Breathe On Us, Breath of God”

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

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

“Thomas and the Doubt of Desire”

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

Offering

Offertory

“Tom's Song”

Scots Gaelic trad.arr. John Bell

* 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.

* Prayer of Dedication

Going Forth to Live as God’s People

* Closing Hymn No. 591

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”

* Commission and Blessing

- * Choral Benediction
- * Passing of the Peace

Postlude "This Joyful Eastertide" Sarah Glick



Welcome Visitors!

We look forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex—Take one home with you! Our website, www.fhcpresb.org, has 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 LeAnn West and the Kevin Stauffer family in memory of Roy West and his daughter Robyn Mazanec, and by Lee and Cathi Thomas and the Thomas family in memory of the Rev. Clarence “Tommy” Thomas.

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.

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Elaine Dannefer, Grace Glaros, Max Harmon, Mary Lewis, Robin Richards, Robert Ruggeri, Mary Sacha, Baldwin Sawyer, George Sentell, Debbie Ungemach, and our April Abundance Pantry lunch guests (Prayer requests are in the baskets by each sanctuary door. Picking one up and praying for the person or situation described provides prayerful community support!)

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.

Announcements

Adult Education Series: “Faith Matters: Keeping It Real”, Sunday mornings at 9:30, April 10, 17, and May 1, 8 and 15: Grief, loss, vulnerability, self-care and

self-compassion. How does our faith speak to these issues? Come participate in a lively Adult Education series that will spark your thinking.

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are: Acts 9:1-6; Psalm 30; Rev. 5:11-14; John 21:1-19. Set aside time each day for prayer and study. As you read the lessons, consider how they settle or challenge you? What image or word catches your attention? Keep notes of your observations in a journal.

Bible and Bagels discusses next week’s text on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 to 8:30. All are welcome!

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 to the Pastors and the Care Group leaders.

- ✦ Members of this month’s Care Group are:
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| Gretchen Reynolds,
Deacon leader | Ginnie Mast |
| Mark Chupp & Sharon Shumaker | Laurie & Eric Muller-Girard & family |
| Lisa Chuppa | Jeanette Nemcek |
| Leslie Clement | Vikki Nowak, Todd Webster & family |
| Bob & Joanne Dawson | John Prentice |
| Muriel Dean | Rob Reynolds |
| Libby & Andy Dolan & family | Margaret & George Sentell |
| Beth & Bill Forsythe & family | Franklin & Naana Soadwa |
| Carol Hopkins-Lutz | Chuck & Rosanna Sprague |
| Allen & Zivile Khoury | Joy Stang |
| Lisa & Jed Koops & family | Debbie & Don Ungemach & family |
| Laurie & Keith Logan | LeAnn West |
| | Peggy Yeager |

Social Groups and Circles

The Group (60s – 70s): Sat. April 9, 6:30 pm The Group will meet at the home of Barb Hansen for a program about the Pantanal wildlife area of Brazil. This wetland south of the Amazon River is the largest in the world. Dave Neff will talk about his experiences and show us pictures of this amazing area. Bring an appetizer or a dessert and BYOB. Contact Barb with your reservation. **RSVP:** Barb 440 255-5514 or bjhansen47@gmail.com

Pacesetters (50s-60s): Sat. April 23, 7 pm Everyone’s invited to Poetry Night at the home of Scott and Sue Lafferty. Bring a favorite poem(s)—your own or someone else’s—along with a dish to share. Non-alcoholic beverages provided; BYO anything else. Readings begin @ 7:45. No RSVP needed! Questions or directions: Call Scott Lafferty ([440-429-2937](tel:440-429-2937)) or John Dugard (216-374-3705)

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Calendar: April 3 - 10, 2016

Sunday, April 3 Pancake Breakfast <i>Adult Education will not meet</i> 8:30 am Nominating Committee 9:00 am Childcare begins 9:00 am Pancake Breakfast 9:30 am Descant Choir (gr. 1-5) 10:15 am Descant Choir activity 10:30 am Chancel Choir 11:00 am Worship Children’s Worship class Pathways to the Promise Land (gr 1-5) (begins in Chapel) 12:15 am Pancake Breakfast continues 12:30 pm Courageous Conversations Team follow-up (Bodwell Hall) 1:00 pm Youth to IX Center (after cleanup) 5:00 pm Faith Leaders Monday, April 4 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) 7:00 pm Al Anon 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA) Boy Scout Troop #403 Tuesday, April 5 7:00 pm Race Core Team & Black History Month Team Wednesday, April 6 7:30 am Bible and Bagels 12:30 pm Wednesday Women’s AA 7:00 pm Session meeting	Thursday, April 7 6:20 pm Voices in Bronze 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Friday, April 8 10:00 am Al Anon Saturday, April 9 9:00 am Exploring Membership Class to noon Sunday, April 10 9:00 am Exploring Membership Class 9:15 am Child care begins 9:30 am Adult Education Descant Choir (gr. 1-5) 10:15 am Descant Choir activity 10:30 am Chancel Choir 11:00 am Worship Children’s Worship class 11:15 am Pathways to the Promise Land (gr 1-5) 12:15 pm Coffee and Conversation Sine Nomine Rehearsal Young Adult Potluck Brunch 4:00 pm Labre 5:00 pm Faith Leaders Living Prayer
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Cleveland Heights Listening Event Follow-Up Meetings

Greater Cleveland Congregations identified two priorities for Cleve. Hts.--the negative perception of our public schools, and poorly maintained, vacant or absentee-owned properties. To help address these issues, email Diana Woodbridge at dwoodbridge@sbcglobal.net to let her know which issues you're interested in:

- **EDUCATION/SCHOOLS) Wed. April 6, 6:30 pm**
at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (led by Gretchen Reynolds)
- **PROPERTY/HOUSING Mon. April 11, 6:30 pm**
at Forest Hill Church (led by Diana Woodbridge)

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

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



Gain insight into the challenges Haitian people face each day and our own challenge to help without harming, and assist in development rather than relief or charity. Hear about our church's partnership with Haiti Outreach and 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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