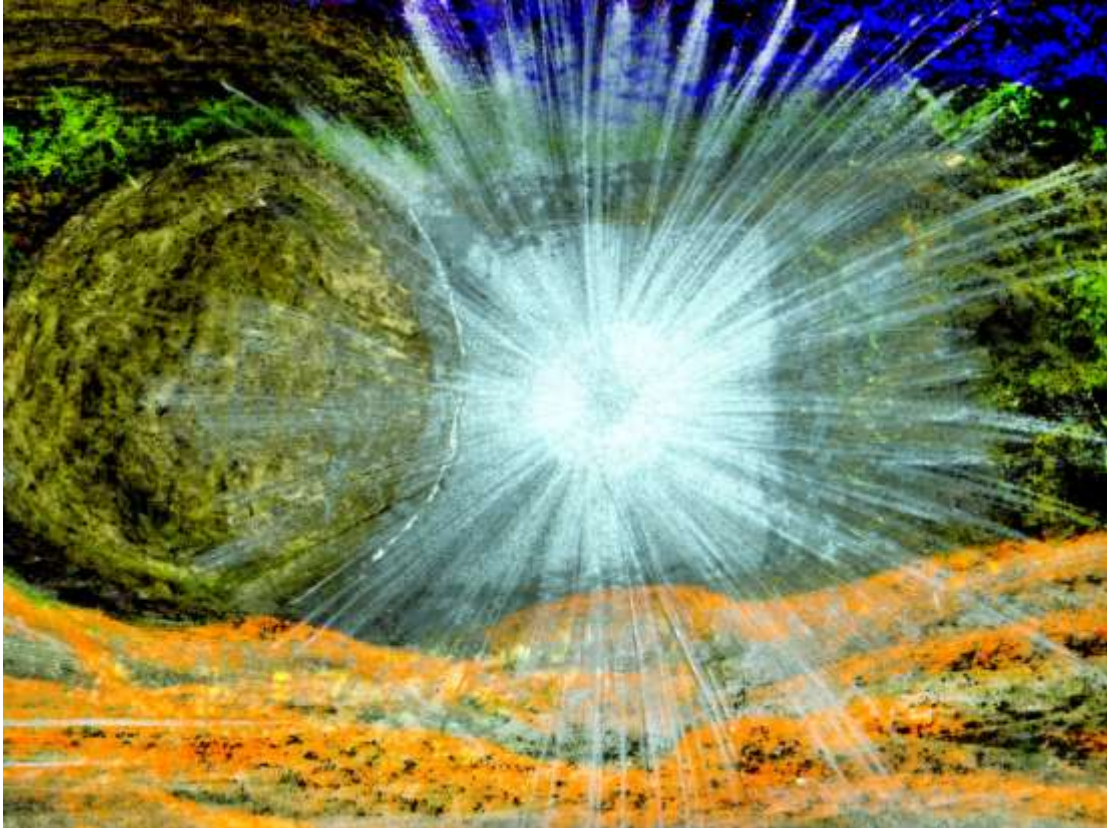


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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive and welcoming

Service of Worship
April 16, 2017 at 11:00 am
Easter: The Day of Resurrection
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.

Prayer of Preparation

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Let our celebration today raise us up, renew our lives and make us strong.

Welcome

Easter Fanfare

Anne Wilson

Richard King, French horn

Call to Worship

Rachel McDonald

Leader: Christ has risen!

People: He has risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: We are not eye-witnesses to an event as were Mary and the disciples;

People: We have not journeyed through a dangerous city to seek answers or consolation;

Leader: We have not seen angels gathering at the rim of this day, or wept in the garden this morning because we could not find him.

People: But we are here to attest to a story that has not lost its power during twenty centuries of change and conflict.

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, take your places here today in celebration and in awe. What you are about to hear again has the capacity to change the world. Your very presence attests to

the rising up of life from the tomb of despair, and to the uncontrollable power of God.

People: It is Easter morning again, and we will celebrate. Alleluia!

Ann Siddall, stillpointsa.org.au/prayer/prayers-and-liturgies/

*** Processional Hymn No. 232**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

**please stand if able*

Easter Collect

Rev. Lois Annich

God of glory, fill your church with the power that flows from Christ’s resurrection, that in the midst of this broken and fearful world, we may signal the beginning of a renewed humanity; risen to new life with Christ. Creator God, behold, you make all things new!

Easter Alleluia

Marty Haugen

Clayton Minder, tenor

Family Meditation

Rev. John Lentz

Scripture Lessons

Shannon Headen

Isaiah 43: 1,5, 19-21

Leader: But now thus says the Lord, the one who created you, O Jacob, the one who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name and you are mine.

People: Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you.

Leader: I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

**People: The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give
drink to my chosen people.**

Leader: The people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare
my praise.

People: Thanks be to God!

Matthew 28: 1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

After the readings:

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

People: Thanks be to God.

*** Hymn No. 240**

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

“At the Intersection of Fear and Joy”

Ritual of Friendship

Offering

Offertory

John Rutter

“Christ the Lord Is Risen”

*** Response**

Jeannette Sorrell



*** Prayer of Dedication**

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

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

"Boureé"

G. F. Handel

"Look There, the Christ Our Brother Comes"

William Albright

Prayer after Communion

We thank you for this 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 on the holy way, that our lives may be signs of new life, and all we have may show forth Christ's love. Praise, glory, and thanksgiving to you, our God, forever and ever. Amen.

* Closing Hymn No. 246

Stanzas 1, 2, 5

"Christ is Alive"

* Commission and Blessing

* Choral Benediction

G. F. Handel

"Hallelujah Chorus" from *Messiah*

* Passing of the Peace

Postlude

C. M. Widor

"Toccata" from *Symphony V*



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

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.

Please welcome today's guest instrumentalist, Richard King, who plays French horn in the Cleveland Orchestra.

Notes & Announcements

Prayers are requested this week for the following: Max Harmon, Florence Klein, Wafa Kuri, Robin Richards, Robert Ruggeri, George Sentell, and Dorothy Turick.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Marge Drollinger, Emma Jane Gibbs, Iris and Al Gilbert, Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Jack Quinn, Margie Stauffer, Elaine Tapié, and Lorian Thomas.

Welcome to the newest member of the Forest Hill family – Nolan James Baldwin, son of Lane and Nathan Baldwin, born April 2, 2017.

The Canaan Care Group is responsible for assisting the clergy in meeting members' needs during April. Please call the church office to report an illness, hospitalization, family emergency, birth or death. Information will be passed on to the Care Group leaders.

Coming Up

TODAY



Oh Snap! You are invited to snap an Easter memory using our Easter 2017 photo backdrop in Fellowship Hall after worship today!

THIS WEEK

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are **Acts 2: 14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1: 3-9; John 20: 19-31**

Bible and Bagels discusses next Sunday's text(s) on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 to 8:30. All are welcome!

Hilltoppers (retired) will present a program on Senior Healthcare on **Friday, April 21** from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. All are welcome to come and hear Dr. Peter De Golia, head of the PACE program at the McGregor Home.

Iris Circle (all women of the church) will visit the Dancing Wheels Company in the Masonic Performance Arts Center on **Tues. April 18 @ 11:00 am** (leaving from church at 10:30.) Post-visit lunch at Nighttown. Please email Margie Glaros (mglaros@yahoo.com) or Joyce Pope (teach1pope@gmail.com) to join them.

The TOWER deadline is this Friday, April 21 at 7 am.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall: Harvey Webster, Director of Wildlife Resources at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, will speak about wilderness preservation and conversation from a perspective of faith. Dr. Lentz will continue the series of classes on the sacraments on April 30.

FHC Softball: Spring training is here! If you are 16 years and older and wish to join the FHC (co-ed) softball team this season, please contact Jason Hidek (440-264-3296 or jason.hidek@att.net). The season starts April 23.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Crime of Complicity, April 27: Amos Guiora, an Israeli-American professor of law at S. J. Quinney College of Law at the University of Utah, will speak at B'nai Jeshurun Congregation, 27501 Fairmount Blvd, Pepper Pike at 7 pm on Thursday, April 27. His book **The Crime of Complicity: The Bystander in the Holocaust** addresses the question of the moral and legal responsibility of the bystander – one who witnesses a crime and chooses to act or not. The talk is free and open to the public.

Pacesetters and other game lovers, April 29: The Pacesetters April event will be a Game Night on Saturday, April 29 at 7 pm at the home of Carol and Mark Wedell, 27809 South Woodland, Pepper Pike, Ohio. Come for an evening of fellowship, inspiration, insanity, and laughter! No preparation necessary...just bring your wits and a desire for some fun competition. Bring your own beverage; snacks will be provided. ALL are welcome, especially new members and visitors to Forest Hill. For questions or directions, please contact Mark (440-497-8945, mark.wedell@averydennison.com) or Carol (216-470-0152 or carolwedell@gmail.com).

Spring Work Day: May 6, 9-12. Come one, come all to help prepare FHC for spring and summer. RSVP to Ann Donkin: adonkin@fhcpresb.org

What Makes Forest Hill Church Tick? May 7: Visitors and anyone else who would like to learn more about FHC are invited to meet with Pastor Lentz and the Church Growth Team in the transept (the pews facing into the center of the sanctuary) on the Lee Blvd side after worship on May 7 for an introduction to the ministry and mission of Forest Hill Church.

May Cabaret, May 7: All are invited to a fun-filled evening of entertainment on May 7 – dinner at 6:15, show at 7, in Fellowship Hall.

Leadership Retreat, May 13: All leaders of the church – staff, ministry members, elders, deacons, group-conveners, committee chairs, anyone who leads anything at FHC – are invited and encouraged to attend an All-Leadership Planning and Review Retreat on May 13 from 9 am-12 pm in Fellowship Hall. We will share and celebrate what we have done over the past year as well as look ahead toward what comes next.

Pilgrimage to Washington D.C., July 22-24: Information has been emailed and is available in the foyer about this trip to tour the Smithsonian's new National Museum of African American History and Culture.

You are invited to the ordination of
Rachel Marie McDonald
April 30, 2017 at 4:00 pm
St. Mark's United Church of Christ
5 Baker Hill Rd, Fredonia PA
Light reception to follow

Calendar: April 16 - 23, 2017

Sunday, April 16: Easter

(No classes or children's choirs)

9:00 am Worship in Chapel

10:30 am Children's Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 am Worship in Sanctuary

12:15 pm Coffee and Conversation

Monday, April 17

6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)

7:00 pm Al Anon

7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)
Boy Scout Troop 403

Tuesday, April 18

10:30 am Iris Circle

1:00 pm Abundance Pantry

5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class

7:00 pm Advocacy Training

Wednesday, April 19

7:30 am Bible & Bagels

12:00 pm Bullshevicks (at Nighttown)

12:30 pm Wed. Women's AA

7:00 pm TransFamily East mtg
Campaign for Forest Hills mtg
GCC Housing mtg
Reaching Hts: Spelling Bee

Thursday, April 20

9:30 am Pantry Lunch Team

5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise

Friday, April 21

7:00 am TOWER deadline

10:00 am Al Anon

1:00 pm Hilltoppers

6:00 pm Confirmation

Saturday, April 22

9:00 am Girls in Motion

Sunday, April 23

8:30 am Nominating committee

9:00 am Child care begins

9:30 am Adult Education

Youth Education

Descant Choir

10:15 am Descant Choir activity

10:30 am Continental Breakfast

Chancel Choir

11:00 am WORSHIP

Children in Worship

11:15 am Pathways to the Promise Land

12:15 pm Coffee and Conversation

Blood Pressure check

4:00 pm Memorial Service: Sharon Owens

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The Easter lilies are given by

Dave and Chris Bell in honor of their children and grandchildren

Kiva Bohanon in memory of her brother Max Cruz

Betty Clark in memory of the Fritz and Clark families

The Denton-Vandall families in thanksgiving for the love in their
immediate extended family

Scott and Jean Duncan in memory of parents and grandparents

The Gifford family in memory of Marilyn and Dick Gifford and Mary and
Bob Sacha

Judy Hammer in memory of David Hammer

Barb Hansen in memory of Lamont Hansen and Ethel VanFleet

Anne and David Hunter in memory of George Stephenson and other
loved ones

Chuck and Jane Ishler in memory of their parents

Patricia Jenkins in memory of her parents Edwin and Katherine Bowman

Joan Kandare in memory of loved ones

Moran and Tom Keefe in memory of loved ones

Cliff and Jane Kowall in memory of their parents Walter and Elaine
Grasson and Paul and Dorothy Kowall

The Lentz family in memory of Jack, Peter, David, and Kate

The Leslie family in memory of Lois Leslie

Steve Marunowski and Peg Weissbrod in memory of their parents Ray
Weissbrod and Kay and Stan Marunowski

Jeanette Nemcek in memory of Bob Nemcek

Linda and David Rainey in memory of loved ones

Jean Reinhold in thanksgiving for Rachel McDonald's service to our
church

Mollie and Dick Secor in memory of their daughter
Stephan Sedam and Virginia Weiss in honor of new beginnings!
Pat Seeders in memory of Pat's brother Boyd Kevin Rice
Anne and Jeff Smith in honor of refugees and immigrants
Carolyn Sloan Smith in honor of Robert and Grace Sloan and Dwight and Josephine Smith
Lara Troyer and Jeff Dyck in memory of Ezra and Martha Troyer, Emerson and Alta Martin, Atlee and Winnie Beechy, Walter and Martha Dyck, and Delia Dyck
Ann and Peter Williams in memory of their mothers, Betty Williams and Dorothy Sawyer
The Wollaeger/Olson families in memory of Nancy and Bill Olson and in honor of Nancy and Bill Olson's grandchildren and great grandchildren
The Wollaeger family in memory of Mary Hopwood Carino and George Ann Laney
Diana Woodbridge in thanksgiving for Forest Hill Church
Dene Young in memory of loved ones
The Zych family in honor of Gary, Nancy and Irene and in memory of Tony

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