

Forest Hill Church

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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Service of Worship
April 9 at 11:00 am
Palm Sunday

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship. 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

Lord God, we're here for the parade. But we know how quickly these things can turn. Whatever comes next, we are here offering you our trust. From celebration to chaos let us follow you. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 118):

Elder Doris Bartlett

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: O Lord, save us; O Lord, grant us success.

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

Leader: From the house of the Lord we bless you.

People: The Lord is God and God has made God's light shine upon us.

Leader: With boughs in hand, join in the procession!

Palm Processional

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

*** Processional Hymn No. 197**

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, In forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

John Merbecke

Assurance of Pardon

**please stand if able*

* Response (John Bell)

5 Be still and know that I am God.

Be__ still and know__ that I__ am God.__

First, all sing in unison. Second, low voices start, high voices start one measure later.

Anthem

“Hosanna”

Christian Gregor

Mary Jane Reinhardt, soprano

Minute for Mission: One Great Hour of Sharing

*** Hymn No. 748**

“Go with Us, Lord”

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

Scripture Lesson Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

‘Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!’

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

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

People: Thanks be to God.

“Where Are We Going?”

Prayers of the People and the 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

Offering

Offertory Agnus Dei (from *Requiem for the Living*) Dan Forrest
Henry Dyck, soloist

* Response Hymn No. 697

5 Take my life_ and_ let it be con - se - crat - ted,_ Lord, to_ thee;

8 take my mo - ments and my days;_ let them flow in

cease - less_ praise;_ let them flow in_ cease - less praise.

* Prayer of Dedication

* Closing Hymn 215 “What Wondrous Love is This?”

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

Please maintain a spirit of silence while exiting the sanctuary.



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.

Notes & Announcements

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by Barb Hansen in loving memory of Lamont Hansen and Ethel Van Fleet, and by Cathy Ghiandoni in loving memory of her mother, Betty Eileen Gentry.

Prayers are requested this week for: 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 Tapie, and 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.

Care Group: 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.

TONIGHT:

Please join us this evening at 7:00 in our sanctuary for *Beyond Boundaries*, a very special concert with guest artists vocalist Amanda Powell and Cleveland jazz legends Howie Smith on sax and Dave Morgan on bass. Anne Wilson will be tinkling the ivories, and our own Chancel Choir will be singing. The concert will explore music from many cultures, styles and genres. It's family-friendly so bring the whole family. Invite your music-loving friends! (Free-will offering.)

THIS WEEK

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are Acts 10:34-43; Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossian 3:1-4; John 20:1-18. All are welcome to attend:

- **Bible & Bagels**, discusses next Sunday's texts, Wednesdays, 7:30 - 8:30 am
- **Lectio Divina—Praying the Scriptures** meets Sunday at 5:00 pm

NEXT SUNDAY: No Adult or Youth education classes on Easter

LOOKING AHEAD

Social Groups and Circles

Hilltoppers (retired) will present a program on Senior Healthcare on **Friday, April 21** from 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

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. Email Margie Glaros (mglaros@yahoo.com) or Joyce Pope (teach1pope@gmail.com) to join them.

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.

Save the Date: July 22-24 Pilgrimage to Wash. D.C. to tour the Smithsonian's new National African American Museum. \$375, more info to follow.

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

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



One Great Hour of Sharing is our direct response to the ways in which God has called and challenged to us to love one another by sharing what we have with those in need.

- ***Loose the bonds of injustice*** through the *Self-Development of People* program
- ***Share your bread with the hungry*** through the *Presbyterian Hunger Program*
- ***Bring the homeless poor into your house*** through the *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program*How can you help?
 - *Donate through the offering collected on Easter Sunday at FHC*
 - *Make an online gift at presbyterianmission.org/donate*
 - *Text OGHS to 20222 to give \$10*

Thank you for your generosity and support! ~ The Ministry of Justice and Mission

Legislative Advocacy Training

The Ministry of Justice and Mission is seeking FHC members for training in how and when to approach their legislators by email, phone call or visit. Sign up with Roz Peters at the table in Fellowship Hall after worship, or contact Jennifer Blakeney (bmlspirit@yahoo.com) for email alerts on timely issues. Training to help you feel more comfortable taking action will be offered April 18 (evening) and April 29 (morning).

Calendar, April 9 - 16

<p>Sunday, April 9:</p> <p>9:00 am Child care begins</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Education</p> <p>Youth Education</p> <p>Descant Choir</p> <p>10:15 am Descant Choir activity</p> <p>10:30 am Continental Breakfast</p> <p>Chancel Choir</p> <p>11:00 am WORSHIP with palm processional</p> <p>Children in Worship</p> <p>11:15 am Pathways to the Promise Land</p> <p>12:15 pm Coffee and Conversation</p> <p>Sine Nomine Choir</p> <p>5:00 pm Lectio Divina</p> <p>7:00 pm Concert: <i>Beyond Boundaries</i></p> <p>Monday, April 10:</p> <p>6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)</p> <p>7:00 pm Al Anon</p> <p>7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)</p> <p>Boy Scout Troop 403</p> <p>Tuesday, April 11:</p> <p>1:00 pm Abundance Pantry</p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class</p>	<p>Wednesday, April 12:</p> <p>7:30 am Bible & Bagels</p> <p>12:30 pm Wed. Women’s AA</p> <p>7:00 pm Ministry meetings</p> <p>Maundy Thursday, April 13:</p> <p>6:30 pm Maundy Thursday supper</p> <p>7:30 pm Tenebrae Worship service</p> <p>8:30 pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>Good Friday, April 14: <i>Office closes at noon</i></p> <p>10:00 am Al Anon</p> <p>12:00 – 3:00 pm Community Worship at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church</p> <p>Holy Saturday, April 15:</p> <p>7:30 pm Easter Vigil and Baptism</p> <p>Easter Sunday, April 16:</p> <p><i>(No classes or children’s choirs)</i></p> <p>9:00 am Worship in Chapel</p> <p>10:30 am Children’s Easter Egg Hunt</p> <p>11:00 am Worship in Sanctuary</p> <p>12:15 pm Coffee and Conversation</p>
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Holy Week Schedule

Thursday, April 13: Maundy Thursday

6:30 pm Dinner (Use friendship pad to indicate your attendance)

7:30 pm Worship

Friday, April 14: Good Friday

12-3 pm Community Ecumenical Worship,

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2747 Fairmount Blvd., Cl. Hts.

Saturday, April 15: Holy Saturday

7:30 pm Easter Vigil and Baptism

(Begins with watchfire in front of church)

Sunday, April 16: Easter Sunday

9:00 am Chapel service with Communion

10:30 am Children's Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary with Communion

(Classes and children's choirs will not meet on Easter)



EASTER LILIES

Easter lilies may be ordered until April 11. Please contact the church office with the following:

Your name: _____

Given by (if different – ie the Smith family) _____

_____ lilies @ \$12 each TOTAL: _____

Dedication: in memory of, in honor of, in thanksgiving for

Place in the offering (with payment); email or call the office; or order by clicking the link in the weekly email. Payment may be mailed, hand delivered, or put in the offering with “Easter lilies” on your check’s memo line.

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