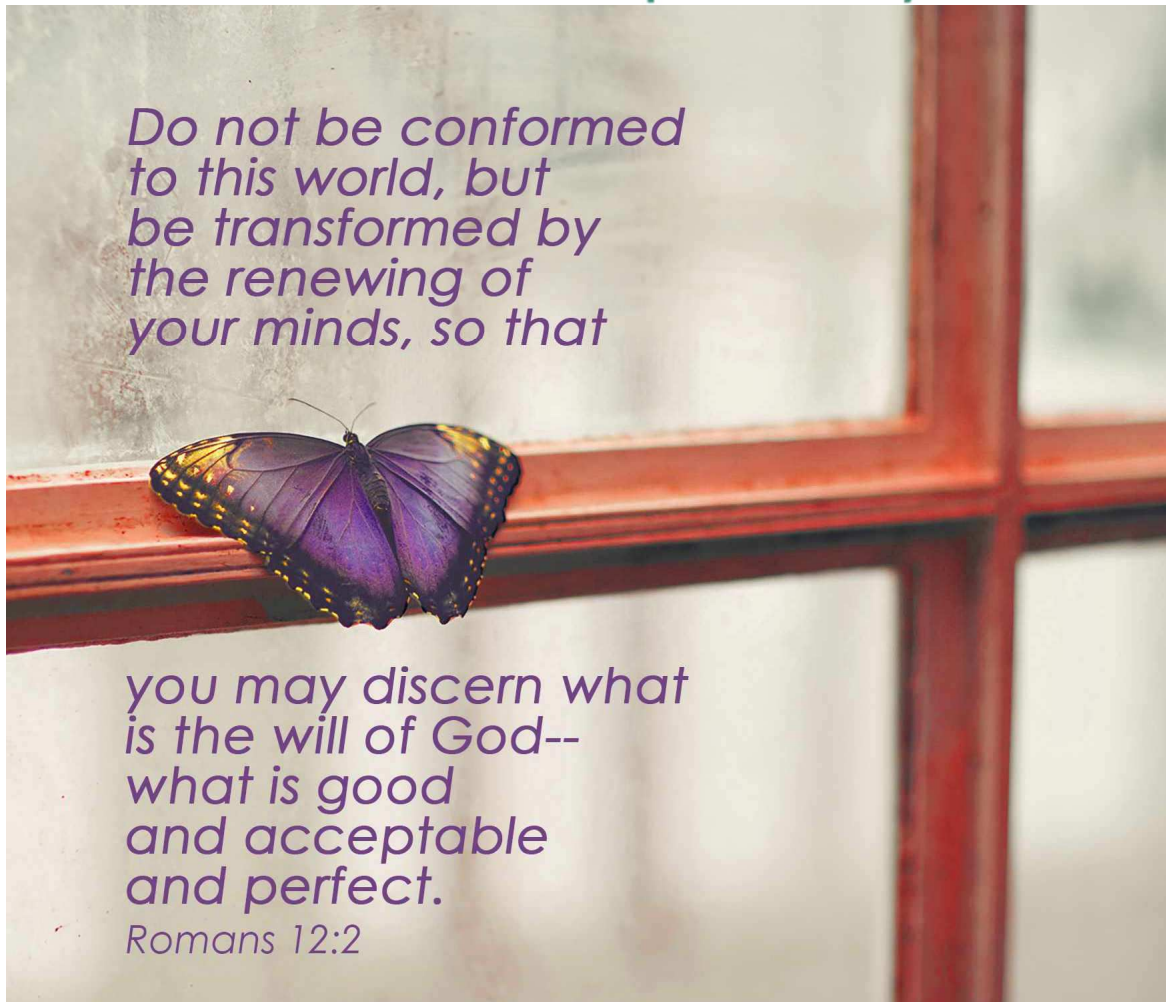


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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Service of Worship
March 18, 2018 at 11:00 am

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

Gracious God, open our hearts and quiet our minds. We long to be conformed to
your will. Grant us willingness, obedience, and peace. Amen.

Welcome

Prelude

J. S. Bach

“Arioso”

Derek Snyder, guest cellist

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Elder Karen Loughridge

One: We gather as God’s beloved children –

All: In joy and in sorrow we gather.

One: We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community –

All: This is a place where all are welcome.

One: We have come to give thanks, to pray and sing, and to be with
one other –

All: Let us worship God!

*** Processional Hymn No. 475** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

**please stand if able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

God of all mercy, you yearn for us to turn our lives and wills over to you so you can bless us with joy, wisdom and strength unlike anything this world has to offer. Forgive our misplaced values and priorities. We are too often stuck in old fears, old beliefs, and old ways of doing things. Shake us up and give us the courage to trust you with all that we have, and all that we are, for it is only in you that we find abundant life. Please forgive, renew, and empower us to surrender ourselves to your leading and the new life to which you call us. We ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

J. S. Bach

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Assurance of Pardon

*** Be Still and Know** (John
Taizé)

All sing first time; 2nd time lower voices begin; upper voices begin 1 measure later

Bell)

5 Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am God.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The second staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics 'Be still and know that I am God.' are written below the first staff. The lyrics 'Be still and know that I am God.' are written below the second staff, with a long horizontal line under 'know' and 'I'.

Anthem

Michael Ryan

“And He Never Said a Word”

Based on the Lenten hymns “O Sacred Head” and “Mumbling Word”

Voices in Bronze

Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word

Family Meditation

Jessica Kelley

“One Great Hour of Sharing”

Children in Pathways may leave following the Family Meditation

Scripture Lessons

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Mark 1: 9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

Romans 12: 1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*** Hymn No. 474**

"As a Child Rests"

Mary Jane Reinhardt, soloist

Congregation, please sing refrain

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

Sermon

Rev. Lois Annich

"Surrender!"

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

Offering

Offertory

J. S. Bach

"Crucifixus" (from *Mass in B Minor*)

*** 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**

Going Forth to Live as God's People

*** Closing Hymn No. 725**

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Stanza 2, high voices
Stanza 3, low voices

*** Commission and Blessing**

*** Choral Benediction**

3 Lord pre-pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, pure and
6 ho - ly, tried and true, With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a
liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for you.

Postlude *please remain seated*
 “Allegro Moderato”

J. S. Bach

*** Passing of the Peace**



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: Today's flowers are given by Roz, Graham and Joyce Peters in loving memory of Evelyn and Vladimir Peters and Flora Dannemiller, grandparents of Scott Peters and Deborah Peters and great-grandparents of Alexandra, Mackenzie, Cameron, Caleb and Aidan; and by Nancy Grube in loving memory of Don.

Prayers are requested this week for: Max Harmon, Elizabeth Hansen, Florence and Ron Klein, Wafa Kuri, Linda Martin, Jimmy Strong, Bob and Linda Uhle, and Connor White.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Marge Drollinger, Iris and Al Gilbert, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Margie Stauffer, Elaine Tapié, Lorian Thomas, and Beryl and Henrietta Williams.

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 Eden Care Group is responsible for assisting the clergy in 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.

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.

Coming Up

TODAY

Music: Today we celebrate the music of J. S. Bach (whose birthday is March 21) with guest cellist Derek Snyder. Derek is a founding member of The Phoenix Ensemble and is the cellist in the tango band Oblivion Project. He is also the founder and education director of The Cleveland Cello School.

Visitors: Please join us for a Tea and Tour of Forest Hill Church TODAY after worship. Come meet the welcoming team and fellow visitors. The event will begin in South Hall.

Criminal Justice Reform Campaign Petition Drive: Have you or someone you love struggled with addiction, a mental health issue, incarceration, or lack of opportunity due to a felony record? Do you want to see better options to incarceration for those who have? The Ohio Organizing Collaborative is fighting to free people from addiction and incarceration by passing a statewide criminal justice reform ballot initiative that will

move people out of the prison system and into drug treatment, mental health services, and education opportunities. ***Please sign the petition after worship today. Look for Diana, Scott or Jennifer.***

THIS WEEK

Iris Circle: We will meet on Tuesday, March 20 at 11:30 for a potluck lunch and to learn about the meaning and use of the labyrinth in Bodwell Hall.

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are: **Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29; Philippians 2: 5-11; Mark 11: 1-11**

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

March for Our Lives: On March 24, at 10 am in Public Square, Cleveland will join coordinated marches across the nation to demand action on gun reform. A contingent from Forest Hill Church is organizing to join the march. Please join us! We will carpool from church. Contact Eileen Vizcaino to let her know you will participate (eileen.spirit76@gmail.com).

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall: On March 25, April 15 and 29 the class will use Raymond Brown's book *A Risen Christ in Eastertime* as the basis for discussions led by Revs. John Lentz, Lois Annich and Laury Larson.

LOOKING AHEAD

Holy Week and Easter 2018 at Forest Hill Church

Holy Week: March 25-31

March 26: Easter lily orders are due; please use form on p. 14 or the online link

Maundy Thursday, March 29

6:30 Dinner; please use form on p. 15 or the online link

7:30 Worship

Good Friday, March 30

12:00 Community worship at St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Easter Vigil, March 31, 7:30 pm

If you are interested in being baptized (or having a child baptized) at this service, please contact Rev. Lentz.

Easter: April 1

Worship at 9 and 11 am; Easter Egg Hunt (indoors) for children at 10 am

One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering

“You shall be called Repairers of the Breach.” --Isaiah 58

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God’s love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief from natural and human-caused disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. This special offering during Lenten season supports programs and projects in over 100 countries. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

Ways to Give:

1. Through the special offering envelopes in the church pew.
2. Donate by credit card online at www.presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs
3. Text OGHS to 20222 to give \$10

Youth News

Every Sunday: Youth Education meets from 9:30 – 10:30 am in the Ruah Room.

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Remember:

- Order Easter Lilies
- Make Maundy Thursday dinner reservations

Calendar: March 18 - 25, 2018

<p>Sunday, March 18 5 Lent</p> <p>9:00 am Child care begins Nominating Committee</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Education Youth Education Descant Choir</p> <p>10:15 am Descant Choir activity</p> <p>10:30 am Continental Breakfast Chancel Choir</p> <p>11:00 am WORSHIP Pathways to the Promise Land</p> <p>12:15 pm Coffee and Conversation Tea and Tour of the building Blood Pressure Check</p> <p>12:30 pm Music program (students of Anne Wilson)</p> <p>1:00 pm Hilltoppers to lunch and concert</p> <p>3:30 pm The Group to concert and dinner</p> <p>5:00 pm Faith Leader</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 21</p> <p>7:30 am Bible and Bagels</p> <p>10:00 am TOWER assembly</p> <p>12:30 pm Wed. Women's AA</p> <p>7:00 pm Session meeting TransFamily East</p> <p>Thursday, March 22</p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class</p> <p>6:20 pm Voices in Bronze</p> <p>7:00 pm GCC Delegates Mtg</p> <p>7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>Friday, March 23</p> <p>10:00 am Al Anon</p> <p>Saturday, March 24</p>
<p>Monday, March 19</p> <p>5:00 pm PWR meeting at Pioneer Memorial Church, Solon</p> <p>6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)</p> <p>7:00 pm Al Anon</p> <p>7:30 pm Borton Group (AA) Boy Scout Troop #403</p> <p>Tuesday, March 20</p> <p>11:30 am Iris Circle</p> <p>1:00 pm Abundance Pantry</p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class</p>	<p>Sunday, March 25 Palm Sunday</p> <p>9:00 am Child care begins</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Education Youth Education Descant Choir</p> <p>10:15 am Descant Choir activity</p> <p>10:30 am Continental Breakfast Chancel Choir</p> <p>11:00 am WORSHIP Pathways to the Promise Land</p> <p>12:15 pm Coffee and Conversation Sine Nomine Choir CE Parent meeting</p> <p>5:00 pm Faith Leader</p>

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Use this sheet for reservations

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Easter Lilies, 2018: please order by March 26

Name of Donor _____

“Given by” if different from donor _____

FLOWERS GIVEN

Indicate which form of dedication:

In memory of / In honor of / In thanksgiving for/ To celebrate

of plants @ \$15.00 per plant _____ Total cost _____

of plants to be donated _____

Donated lilies will be taken to members who are ill or shut-in. Thank you for your donation.

*Please put this in the offering, mail or deliver it to the church office, or use the on-line order form. Please write **Easter lilies** on the memo line of your check.*

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Reservations for Maundy Thursday dinner: March 29, 6:30 pm

Name _____

Number attending _____

Do you need child care during the worship service at 7:30? _____

Ages of children: _____