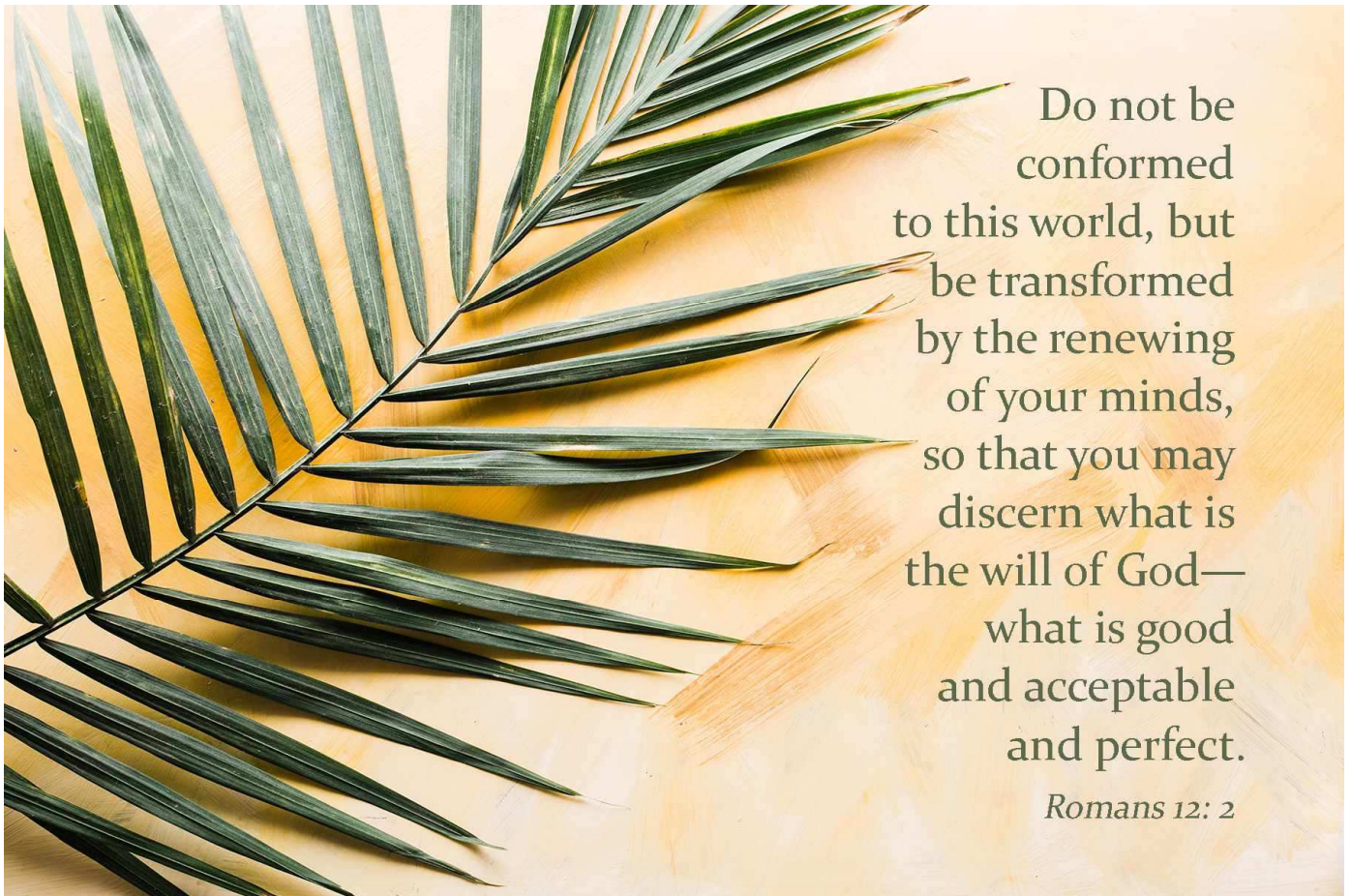


# Forest Hill Church

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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.

*Romans 12: 2*

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*Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming*

*Service of Worship*  
*March 25, 2018 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.

*Centering Words*

Exaltation and joy...Passover sacrifice and betrayal...death and life: such is the terrain of Holy Week. Such are waters that sweep us through the holy mystery of our faith. Now is the time to count the cost of discipleship. Now is the time to follow Jesus.

**Welcome**

*Greeting Our God with Joy*

**Call to Worship**

Elder Scott Lafferty

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**People: Bind the festival procession with palm branches. Enter the gates of righteousness with shouts of thanksgiving. Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Hosanna in the highest!**

**Palm Processional**

**\* Processional Hymn No. 196**

**“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”**

*\*please stand if able*

*Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**Prayer of Confession**

Shannon Headen

Source of our hope and promise, we would rather sing hosannas with a cheering crowd than stand up for our convictions in the face of an angry mob; we would rather imagine our faithfulness in the face of opposition and temptation than admit that we too might betray you with a kiss. Forgive the fickleness of our devotion, and strengthen our resolve to follow you, Lord Jesus, each and every day, even to the cross. Amen.

**Time of Silent Confession**

**Kyrie eleison** (*Lord, have mercy*)

Guarani melody

*Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\* Be Still and Know** (John Bell)

All sing first time; 2<sup>nd</sup> time lower voices begin 1 measure later

Taizé

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 starts on a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note B4, and finally a half note A4. The lyrics 'Be still and know that I am God.' are written below the notes. The second staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts on a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note B4, and finally a half note A4. The lyrics 'Be\_\_ still and know\_\_ that I\_\_ am God.\_\_' are written below the notes, with underscores indicating breath marks or pauses.

“Hosanna”

Descant Choir; Lisa Koops, soloist

*Children in Pathways may leave following the anthem*

*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.’

**Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

**Leader:** This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

**People:** I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**Leader:** This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. 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. The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

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

**People:** 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.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\* Hymn No. 197**

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

*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.

“Pushing Off”

## Prayers of the People

Rev. Lois Annich

## 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

Stephen Paulus

“Carol of the Hill”

## \* 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.

The musical notation is written on three staves in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a measure rest of 5 measures, and the second staff begins with a measure rest of 8 measures. The lyrics are: 'Take my life\_\_ and\_\_ let it be con - se - crat - ted,\_\_ Lord, to\_\_ thee;' on the first staff; 'take my mo - ments and my days;\_\_ let them flow in' on the second staff; and 'cease - less\_\_ praise;\_\_ let them flow in\_\_ cease - less praise.' on the third staff.

## \* Prayer of Dedication

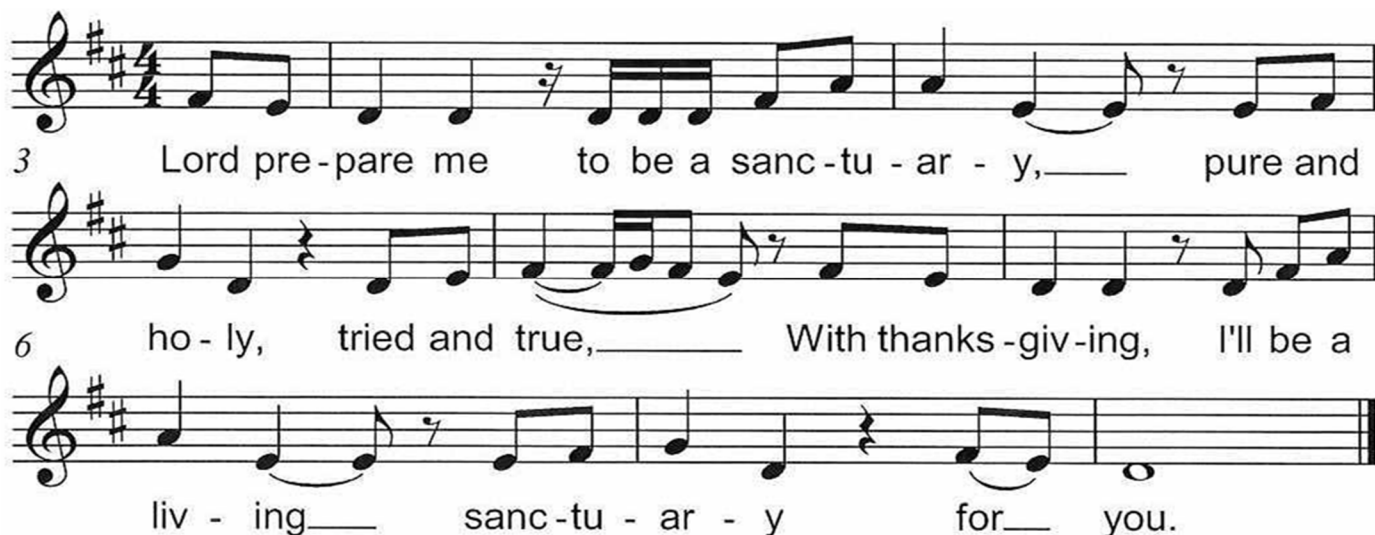
## *Going Forth to Live as God's People*

\* **Closing Hymn No. 198**

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty"

\* **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.

**Procession of the Cross: Hymn No. 205** (*sung in Latin*)

"Ubi Caritas"

\* **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](http://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 in memory of Roy West and his daughter Robyn Mazanec, by LeAnn West and the Kevin Stauffer family; and by Russ and Jennifer Dise in loving memory of Ann, Molly, and Ralph Dise.

**Prayers are requested this week for:** Penny Chapman, 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.

## *Coming Up*

### **TODAY**

**Say Goodbye to the Grocery Certificate Program:** Because of changes in the financial office (who took responsibility for managing the grocery cards), the FHC grocery certificate program is ending. MANY THANKS to all who helped make this program a success over the last 10-plus years: the sellers, the purchasers, and those who made the certificates available on



Sunday mornings. The program most recently helped support the youth mission trips and the FHC food pantry. Anyone wanting to support those programs may do so directly by writing a check to FHC and putting the recipient in the subject line. Thank you.

**Pick up your April TOWER!**

### **THIS WEEK**

***Bible Study:*** The lessons for this week are: **Acts 10: 34-43; Psalm 1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; John 20: 1-18.**

***Bible and Bagels:*** This week we will read the full Passion narrative:  
**John 18:1 – 19:42**

### **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. 10 or the online link

#### **Maundy Thursday, March 29**

6:30 Dinner; please use form on p. 10 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 *Classes and children's choirs will not meet***

**Worship at 9 and 11 am;**

**Easter Egg Hunt (indoors) for children at 10am**

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Softball season!** Forest Hill Church is looking for new players to join the recreation softball team. From late April to the end of July, the team plays every Sunday afternoon. We need 4 – 6 new players to join this year. If you are interested, Contact Jason Hidek ([Jason.hidek@att.net](mailto:Jason.hidek@att.net) or 440-264-3296). Spring practice starts mid-April.

**Adult Education:** Dr. Sheila McGinn from John Carroll University will speak about her recent book, ***By Bread Alone***, on April 8.

### *Youth News*

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

**Today:** Sine Nomine Choir will rehearse in the chapel immediately after worship.

### **Save the date: April 21**

Diana Butler Bass, author of ***Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks***, will lead a program from 9:30 – 12:30 at First Presbyterian Church, Willoughby. Watch for information!

## *Staff Emails*

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## *Calendar: March 25 – April 1, 2018*

<p><b>Sunday, March 25</b></p> <p><b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>Holy Week begins</b></p> <p>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  Pathways to the Promise Land  Cherub Choir rehearsal  12:15 pm Coffee and Conversation  Sine Nomine Choir  CE Parent meeting  4:00 pm Youth: House Church  5:00 pm Faith Leader</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, March 28</b>  7:30 am Bible and Bagels  12:30 pm Wed. Women's AA</p> <p><b>Thursday, March 29: Maundy Thursday</b>  5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class  6:30 pm Dinner  7:30 pm Worship: Service of Tenebrae  8:30 pm Chancel Choir</p> <p><b>Friday, March 30: Good Friday</b>  10:00 am Al Anon  12 – 3 pm Community Worship at  St Paul's Episcopal Church</p> <p><b>Saturday, March 31</b>  7:30 pm Worship: Easter Vigil</p>
<p><b>Monday, March 26</b>  7:00 pm Al Anon  7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)  Boy Scout Troop #403</p> <p><b>Tuesday, March 27</b>  1:00 pm Abundance Pantry  5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class</p>	<p><b>Sunday, April 1</b> <b>Easter</b>  9:00 am Child care begins  Worship (in chapel)  10:00 am Egg Hunt  10:30 am Continental Breakfast  Chancel Choir  11:00 am WORSHIP  12:15 pm Coffee and Conversation</p>

*Cover image: Based on a design by Brooke Lark on unsplash.org*



Remember:

- Order Easter Lilies
- Make Maundy Thursday dinner reservations

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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

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# 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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# this is church

Have you ever taught a child to fold their fingers inside their hands and say the rhyme, “here is the church, here is the steeple, open the doors and see all the people?” The wiggling fingers teach children, and adults, too, that the church is not the building — the steeples, windows, or structure, but people gathering to worship God.

There’s something else in the children’s rhyme. As the child breaks open their hands to reveal the “people,” they move their fingers back and forth, often as fast as they can. This simple move reminds us that the church is the energy and actions that share the love of Christ.

When a disaster strikes, people give, volunteer, and pray so that those impacted receive help and hope, **this is church**. When poverty and violence cause hunger and people join together to respond to the need and address its root causes, **this is church**. When injustice falls on those who are vulnerable and people join hands with one another and lift their voices against the interests of power, **this is church**.

The church is the Holy Spirit’s transforming power emanating into the world sharing the compassion, justice, love, and peace of Christ. Presbyterians join the movement of the Spirit into every corner of the Earth — *and on this day, through our church-wide One Great Hour of Sharing.*





**Maundy Thursday: 7:30 pm      A Service of Tenebrae**

"Tenebrae" is Latin for "darkness" or "shadows."

During the service we experience a symbolic portion of Christ's pain and suffering the day of his crucifixion. One of the most conspicuous features of the service is the gradual extinguishing of candles until only a single candle, considered a symbol of our Lord, remains. As it gets darker and darker we reflect on the great emotional and physical pain that was very real for Jesus that evening. Toward the end of the service, the Christ candle is hidden, typifying the apparent victory of the forces of evil over good. The hidden candle is then restored to its place on Easter morning. By dim light we all depart this service in silence.

**Good Friday: 12 – 3 pm at St Paul's Episcopal Church  
2747 Fairmount (at Coventry), Cleveland Hts**

A Community Ecumenical Service: The Seven Last Words of Christ

Music: Stabat Mater by F. Lachner, w/ female voices & strings

You may come and go as seven area clergy (including Rev. Annich) offer meditations on the Seven Last Words of Christ

*The Seven Last Words of Christ refer, not to individual words, but to the final seven phrases that Our Lord uttered as he hung on the Cross. These phrases were not recorded in a single Gospel but are taken from the combined accounts of the four Gospels. (From <http://www.aquinasandmore.com>)*



## **Holy Saturday: 7:30 pm   Easter Vigil**

The Great Vigil of Easter can be traced to early Christianity. It proclaims the universal significance of God's saving acts in history through four related parts consisting of the services of Light, Readings, Baptism and the first Eucharist of Easter.

At Forest Hill Church we observe a variation of this ancient service. We begin outside around a fire, lighting the Christ Candle that had been extinguished on Maundy Thursday. We process into the darkened sanctuary to read a series of lessons reminding us of the promise of God's salvation to all people. We remember our baptism. This year we will celebrate the baptism of one coming to Christ. In the early church baptisms often took place at the Easter Vigil.

Our Easter Vigil begins outside the main entrance of the Sanctuary and lasts about an hour. The Eucharist (The Lord's Supper) will be celebrated at both services on Easter morning.