

Forest Hill Church

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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive and welcoming

Service of Worship
March 3, 2019 at 11:00 am
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. After receiving the elements
you may come to the railing to receive a blessing.

Centering Words / Prayer of Preparation

The mystery of God calls us here.
With the eyes of your heart enlightened, behold the glory of God
And bask in its wonder.

Welcome

Choral Introit

"Alleluia"—W. A. Mozart
Sine Nomine Choir

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Caleb Wright

Climb with Moses up the mountain of God. **God's glory shines like the sun.**

Climb with Jesus up the mountain of God. **Christ's glory shines like the sun.**

Climb with the faithful up the mountain of God. **The Spirit's glory shines like the sun.**

Climb the mountain of God. **We have come to see and to worship.**

*** Processional Hymn No. 192** "Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining"
Shine, Jesus, Shine

****please stand if able***

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Time of Silent Confession

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

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Assurance of Pardon

The one who calls us into the light of love and compassion now shines in our hearts to reveal God’s glory. In the name of Jesus we are forgiven! Amen.

*** Gloria** Paul Vasile

3 Glo-ry to God, whose good-ness shines on me, and to the

6 Son, whose grace has par-doned me, and to the Spir-it, whose love has

8 set me free. As it was in the be-gin-ning, is

now and ev-er shall be. A - men.

Anthem Descant
Choir

Galations Speech Chant

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Children are welcome to stay up front for a quiet activity during the sermon

From the Living Word

Caleb

Wright

Luke 9:28-36 (The Transfiguration)

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

"Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow"

Ritual of Friendship

Children may return to their families

Offering

Offertory

"Let Mount Zion Rejoice"—Dr. J. B. Herbert
Chanée Curtis, soprano; Caleb Wright, bass

*** 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**

Eucharist

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Sanctus

John Bell

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 “Laudate Dominum”—W. A. Mozart
Chanée Curtis, soprano

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ, for the gifts of grace we have received from your hand. Now send us forth to reflect your light, proclaiming your saving death and resurrection until you come again in glory. Amen.

Going Forth to Live as God’s People

*** Closing Hymn No. 159** “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

St. 2-High Voices St. 3-Low Voices

*** Commission and Blessing**

*** Choral Benediction**

“Sanctuary”

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.

*** Passing of the Peace**

Postlude

“Rondo in C”—W. A. Mozart



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 nametag so that we might greet you. Our ushers have large print editions of the bulletin, activity bags for children staying in worship, and directions to our nursery for babies and young children.



Notes & Announcements

Chancel Flower Donations:

- The Cameron Family in loving memory of Donald B. Cameron.
- Sue and Scott Lafferty in loving memory of their children Sarah, Douglas and Daniel and in honor of Christine and Abel, Juliann and TJ, Peter and Kate, and AJ.

Prayers are requested this week for the following: Laura Bell, Mark Davidson, Dan Fuller, Grace Glaros, David Hunter, Darla Character-Johnson, Jim Seeders, Elizabeth Shaw, Jimmy Strong, Wesley Washington, and Ollie.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Marge Drollinger, Iris and Al Gilbert, Carol Himmelsteib (mom of Kathryn Himmelsteib), Florence and Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Judy Sieck, 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 Deborah Erwin and Robyn Hales, head ushers, and today's usher team.

Today Is Hunger Sunday any cash or checks in envelopes marked Hunger will be used 100% for support of Forest Hill Church's Abundance Pantry, which serves food to over 150 families each week.

Coming Up

TODAY

This morning, we welcome Chanaé Curtis to our service. Chanée is a graduate of Heights High School and she sang in our Chancel Choir during high school. She now sings all over the world and is under professional management. You can check out her website here <http://www.chanaecurtis.com/>.

An Update from the Worship Ministry: We are no longer using the online application for Lay Readers to sign-up. We are making direct contact with you to schedule Sunday readers. If you are interested in continuing to be a Lay Reader or if you are interested for the first time, we welcome you. **Please contact Linda Martin (martin3386@ameritech.net or 216-280-4049) to let her know of your interest, or with any questions.**

THIS WEEK

Bible and Bagels (Bible Study) discusses next Sunday's text(s) on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 to 8:30. The lessons for this week are: **Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10: 8b-13; Luke 4: 1-13**

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education classes will continue studying from the book of Revelation through March 24th. Classes start at 9:30am and are located in South Hall and Bodwell Hall.

LOOKING AHEAD

Are you interested in joining or forming a small group? Perhaps a Lectio Divina (Bible reading and meditation) group? Beer and theology? Family fellowship group? Film club? Other ideas? Come March 9, 3-4:30 PM, Bodwell Hall for a snack and planning session. **Childcare is available - please RSVP to David Wigger (ce@fhcpresb.org) for childcare.** If you are interested but unable to attend, please email Lisa Koops (lisa.koops@gmail.com), Kurt Haas (kurt@dangereddy.com) or Liz Wollaeger (lizwollaeger@gmail.com). Everyone is Welcome!

Are you interested in joining Forest Hill Church? We are excited about our Exploring New Membership classes being held on 3/17, 3/24, and 3/31 from 12:30-2:00 pm. Please reach out to the FHC office if you are interested and we will connect you with the Church Growth Team!



Lenten Privilege Fast: In an attempt to live out our spiritual call as described in Isaiah 43:19, Justice and Mission is 'doing a new thing' with Lenten Dinners this year. We have planned three (3) dinners and accompanying experiential learning opportunities designed to draw us closer to God and wrestle with what it means to 'fast' in a modern day, social justice context. In conjunction with One Great Hour of Sharing, the Justice and Mission ministry and Pastors John Lentz and Veronica Goines, we invite you to engage with and participate in a "Privilege fast" starting this Ash Wednesday with the first of three dinners (*Suggested Donation: \$12).

March 6, 2019: Ash Wednesday/ Privilege Fast Introduction **Dinner starts at 6:30 pm bring a friend!**

- Dinner: Provided by Morag
- Activity: Beans and Privilege
- Challenge: Choose one or more of the Privilege Fast Options or create your own!

April 3, 2019 Dinner

Dinner: Black Eye Peas, Greens and Cornbread (Turkey and Vegan versions available) OR Chicken Pot Pie and Fruit Salad (Can also do Mushroom Pot Pie)

Activity: Teach the group about the activity you chose, why you chose it, and how it is going for you (use Jigsaw Method)

Challenge: How can you step it up for the last 18 days of Lent?

April 12, 2019 (last Date for Fish Fry) Intergenerational Outing in conjunction w/ David Wigger & Youth

- Carpool to Dinner: Leave at 5:00, If there are enough for 2 groups, have one group leave at 5:00 and the other leave at 6:30 (to accommodate working people)
- Discussion (informal):
 - How did the 'Privilege Fast' go for you?
 - How did this draw you closer to God?
 - Would you do again/ recommend?

April 28, 2019 Adult Education/ wrap discussion

- AM opportunity to discuss
- Discussion (informal):
 - How did the 'Privilege Fast' go for you?
 - How did this draw you closer to God?
 - Would you do again/ recommend?

Why do we Fast? “[Lent is]... a period of time in which Christians are meant to give up some comfort or adopt some spiritual practice that leads to self-examination, repentance from sin, and, ultimately, renewal of the soul, all in anticipation of greater dedication to serving others and God in the coming year.”

As persons of privilege, how can we use fasting to draw closer to God while living into the call of 1 Cor. 12:22-24, which reminds us that “the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts we consider less honorable, we treat with greater honor”?

Youth News

Sundays: Classes for all youth (gr. 6-12) meet at 9:30 am in the Ruah Room.

Today: House Church at the Dillenbecks, 5:00-7:30pm

Looking ahead for the Youth: *Wednesday, March 6:* Confirmation Class Session 4, 5:30-6:30pm (followed by Ash Wednesday meal and worship)

Friday, March 22: Field Trip to Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple, 5:15pm

Sunday, March 31: House Church with Fairmount Pres and Church of the Covenant (Time TBD)



Calendar: March 3rd -10th

<p>Sunday, March 3:</p> <p>9:15 am Childcare begins</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Education</p> <p>Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)</p> <p>Youth Education (gr. 6-12)</p> <p>Confirmation Course</p> <p>10:10 am Pathways (gr. 1-5)</p> <p>10:30 am Chancel Choir</p> <p>Continental Breakfast</p> <p>11:00 am Worship and Children’s Worship</p> <p>12:00 pm Coffee and Conversation</p> <p>5:00 pm House Church at the Dillenbecks</p> <p>Monday, March 4:</p> <p>6:00 pm AA: Progress not Perfection</p> <p>7:00 pm Al Anon: Now There’s Hope</p> <p>7:30 pm AA: Borton Group</p> <p>Boy Scout Troop #403</p> <p>Tuesday, March 5:</p> <p>12:00 pm Abundance Pantry</p> <p>Registration and Lunch</p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise</p> <p>6:30 pm Adult Ed Committee Meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm Friends of HOLA Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday, March 6:</p> <p>7:30 am Bible and Bagels</p> <p>12:30 pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>AA: Wednesday Women’s Group</p> <p>6:30 pm Jung Education Workshop</p> <p>6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Dinner</p> <p>7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service</p> <p>8:00 pm Confirmation Class</p> <p>8:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>Thursday, March 7:</p> <p>1:30 pm English Country Dance</p> <p>4:00 pm ICE vigil</p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise</p> <p>5:30 pm Ladies in Training (Drill Team Practice)</p> <p>6:20 pm Voices in Bronze</p> <p>Friday, March 8:</p> <p>10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand</p> <p>Saturday, March 9:</p> <p>9:00 am CEIRS</p> <p>Sunday, March 10:</p> <p>9:15 am Childcare begins</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Education</p> <p>Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)</p> <p>Youth Education (gr. 6-12)</p> <p>10:10 am Pathways (gr. 1-5)</p> <p>10:30 am Chancel Choir</p> <p>Continental Breakfast</p> <p>11:00 am Worship and Children’s Worship</p> <p>12:00 pm Coffee and Conversation</p> <p>Sine Nomine Rehearsal</p> <p>12:30 pm Black Caucus Meeting</p>
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Social Groups and Circles

The Group (60s – 70s)

Hilltoppers (retired)

Iris Circle (all women of the church)

Pacesetters (50s-60s)

