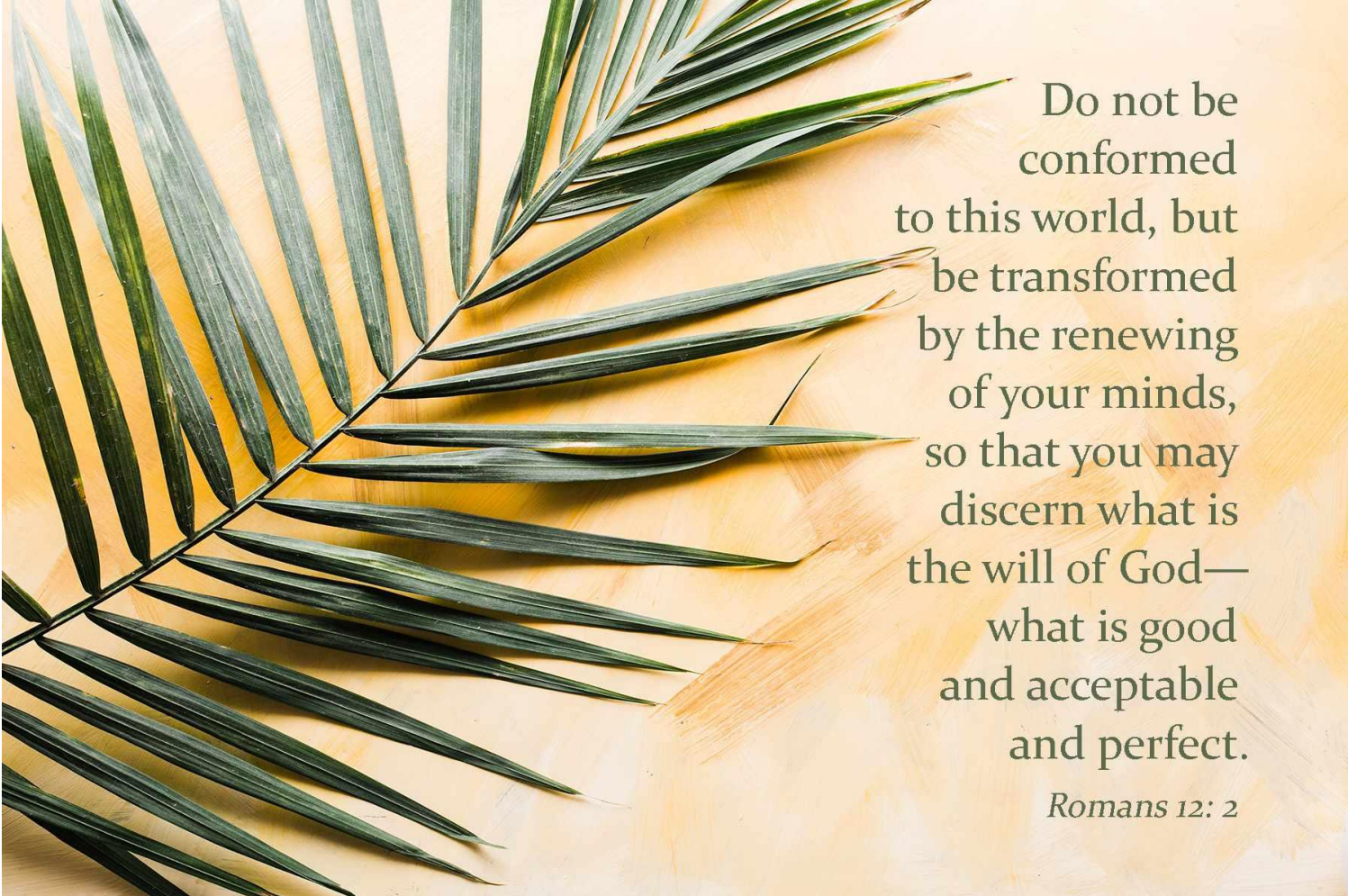


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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Service of Worship
April 14, 2019 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 large print editions of the bulletin and
directions to our nursery for babies and young children.

Prayer of Preparation

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!
Prepare yourself for hosannas will quickly give way to
cries for crucifixion.
Center yourself as the journey of Holy Week commences.

Welcome

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship (Procession of the Palms)

David Vahey

With songs of thanksgiving,

We sing praise to God.

With shouts of Hosanna,

We welcome the presence of Christ.

With prayers of blessing,

We call out the Spirit of God.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Let us worship God.

Palm Processional

The Children enter with palms and we re-enact the triumphal entry

*** Processional Hymn No. 196**

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

**please stand as able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

**As we follow Christ from hillside to cross and from grave to empty tomb,
have mercy on us, O God. Where depression lingers, grant us hope. Where**

fears threaten, grant us comfort. Where strength fails, give us courage. Where faithfulness wanes, grant us endurance. Where sin invades, grant us forgiveness.

Time of Silent Confession

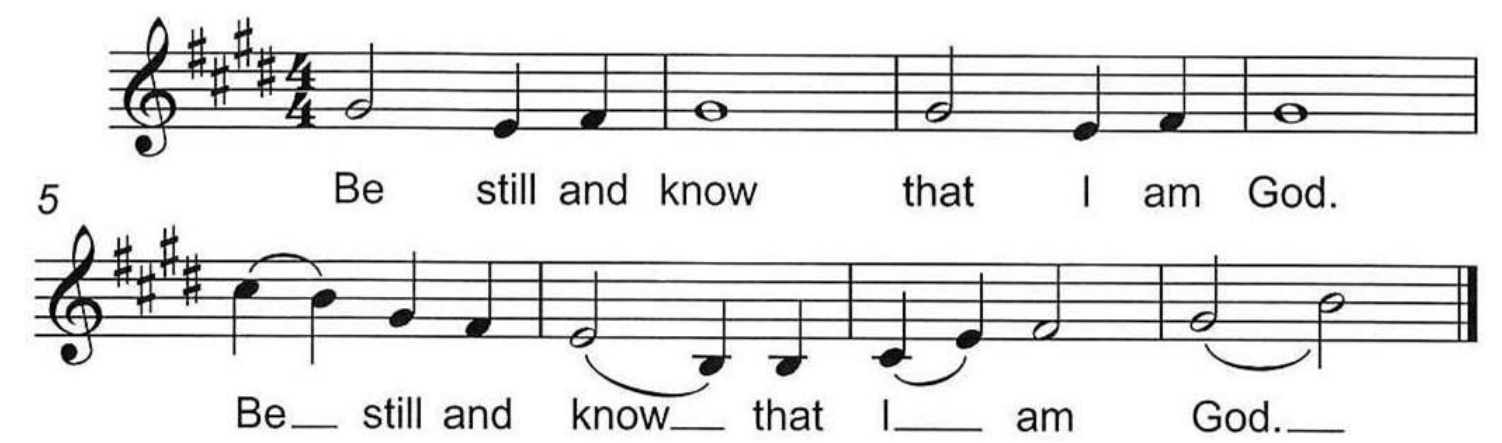
Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*) Guarani melody

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Assurance of Pardon

As we walk into the shadows of Holy Week, we are reminded of the one true light that causes the shadows to be cast. We will not fear. In the name of Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, we will claim your love, forgiveness and mercy.

*Be Still and Know John Bell



5 Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am God.

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

Minute for Mission One Great Hour of Sharing

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word
Children are welcome to stay up front for a quiet activity during the sermon

Hymn No. 200 "A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd"

From the Living Word- Psalm 182 (read responsively) David Vahey
O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.

Open the gates of righteousness that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.
I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected have become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous 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.

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 God has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

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

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Luke 19:28-40

²⁸After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”³⁴They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying, **“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”** ³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

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.

“Eyes on Calvary”

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

Children may return to their families

Offering

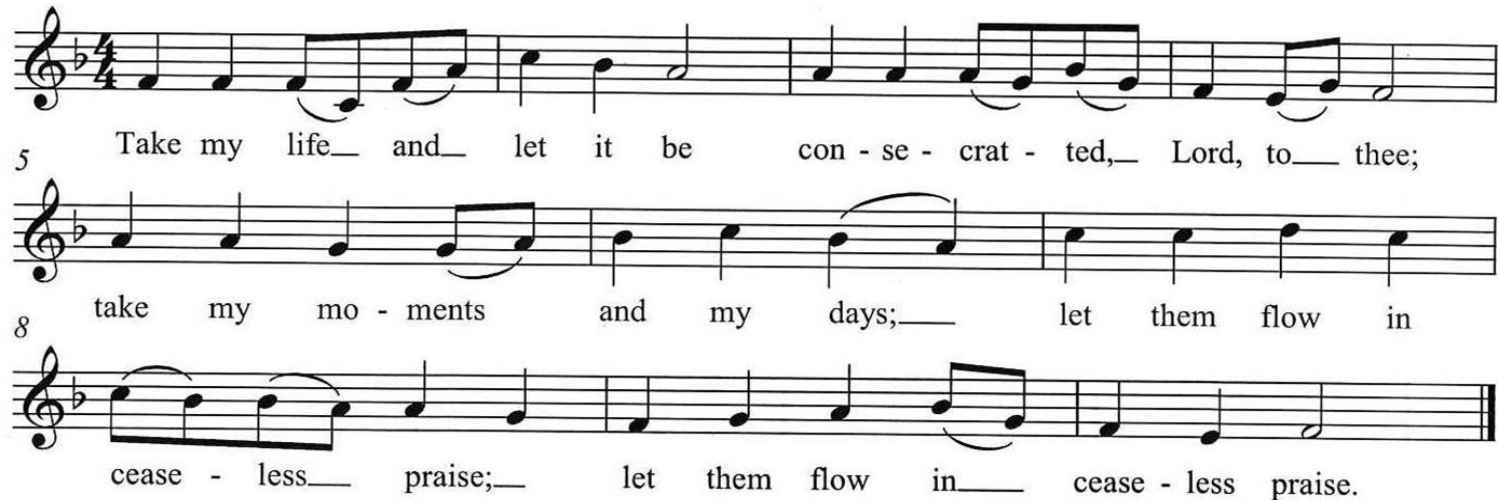
Offertory

Verne de la peña

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”
Garrett Vandall, percussion;
Chris Fuller and Elizabeth Shaw, handbells

*** 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. 198**

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”

*** Recessional**

#205 Ubi caritas (sung in Latin)

At this time the cross will be carried through the sanctuary and placed in the church’s front yard. The choir will recess behind the cross singing “Ubi Caritas”



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

Prayers are requested this week for the following: Mary Ball (foot surgery), Clover Beal (death of mother Adele), Barb Cloud, Mark Davidson, Nan Dorer, Dan Fuller, Grace Glaros, Robyn Hales, David Hunter, Darla Character-Johnson, Wanda Nelson, Ron Register, Elizabeth Shaw, Jimmy Strong, Wesley Washington, Chris Wollaeger and Ollie.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Marge Drollinger, Iris and Al Gilbert, 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 Canaan Care Group will assist our pastors in meeting members' needs during April. 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.

Thank You to all office volunteers (Nancy, Ellen, Cathy and Anne). You are appreciated!

Barb Cloud would like to personally thank everyone that reached out to her (calls, texts, mailed cards and flowers). She appreciates everyone!

Coming Up

TODAY

One Great Hour of Sharing collection will be taken this week and next. This vital fund of the Presbyterian Church, USA, reaches needs around the world by providing disaster assistance, and funding for hunger programs and projects that promote the “Self Development of People”. Besides filling and turning in your fish bank, please give generously by using the envelopes in the pews or electronically.

Welcome New Members! Letter of Transfer: Lola Castillo, Molly Castillo Keefe, John Harmon, Marlene Harmon, Emily Miller, Lauren Sharpe, Rick Sharpe, and Debbie Wilber. **Reaffirmation of Faith:** Anne Soinski Caminiti, Mason Caminiti, and Cynthia Lehman. **Profession of Faith:** Jamie Allen.

The Sine Nomine Choir will rehearse after worship.

The Ministry of Justice and Mission announces the beginning of the community grant (application due June 1st) and endowment cycle (application due April 15th). We hope you will help us reach out to groups connected to FHC as well as community programs and organizations which seek to serve those in need and to work for justice and self-empowerment. **Please contact Jennifer Blakeney (jablakeney.13@gmail.com) for details on each application or refer to future weekly emails.**

Are you interested in joining Forest Hill Church? Please reach out to the Church Growth Team (churchgrowth@fhcpresb.org) for more information!

Flower donations are needed! Are you interested in donating a flower arrangement in honor or in memory of someone? The arrangements are \$45 each and you may donate the flowers (the deacons will find a recipient) or you may take them home. **Please email office @fhcpresb.org if you would like to take this opportunity to help beautify the sanctuary.**

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 **LUKE 22:14- 23:56**.

The deadline for the bulletin or weekly email is Tuesday of each week at 5 pm. **The next TOWER deadline** is 05/16/19 at 8:00 am (for the June TOWER). You may submit your written request to office@fhcpresb.org.

Beating Guns - On Tuesday, April 16 at Pilgrim Congregational Church (2592 W. 14th Street, Cleveland) nationally-known Christian leaders Shane Claiborne and Michael Martin will be present for an inspirational gathering to talk and pray and sing about gun violence in our culture. The event is free but registration is required. Donated guns will be melted down and turned into garden tools.

Please register using the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/y5nhtofw>.

Abundance Pantry News: On April 9, the pantry provided an average of 50 pounds of groceries for 165 families. Monetary donations to the pantry ministry may be made to Forest Hill Church; in the memo line, please write Abundance Pantry or Abundance Lunch. Abundance Pantry is open every Tuesday from 12-3 pm. Volunteers are needed. The next pantry lunch is May 7. **Email Paul Jennings (jennings_paul@att.net) for more info.**

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Easter! There are no classes or children's choir rehearsals.

Please see page 12 for Holy week details.

LOOKING AHEAD

On Sunday, April 28, Adult Ed and Justice and Mission will meet in South Hall at 9:30 am to discuss their Lenten experience. Come join us!

Softball Spring Training is here!!! The (aging) Forest Hill softball team is looking for the next generation of players to join the team. Starting the last week in April through the last weekend of July, the softball team plays other churches on Sunday afternoons at 3:30 across the street at Forest Hill Park. We are looking for a handful or more of new players to join the team. **Members, visitors, friends, or family 16 and over should contact Jason Hidek at jason.hidek@att.net or 440-264-3296 if interested.**

Join the Pacesetters! Please join us on Saturday, Apr. 27 for a docent-led history tour of Lake View Cemetery aboard Lolly the Trolley. Meet at Forest Hill Church parking lot. Lolly the Trolley will transport us from church to the tour. The 2.5 hour tour begins at 9:30 am *SHARP* and the cost is \$25.00 per person. **Please RSVP to: Sheryl Dugard @ dugard.sheryl@gmail.com or Deborah Erwin @ deberwinnash@aol.com.**

New small groups are forming! They will meet weekly at different times but all will provide an opportunity to grow in faith. Requested commitment: 5 meetings. To sign up for a group, please email the group leader listed below. To lead an additional group please email Lisa Koops (lisa.koops@gmail.com).

All Ages / Any and Every one Small Group

Leader: Debbie Wilber, debbiedooski@yahoo.com

Location: Wilbers' House in Shaker Hts.-Every other Thursday 6:30 to 8pm, starting May 2

Lectio Divina / Divine Reading Small Group

Leader: Liz Wollaeger, lizwollaeger@gmail.com

Location: Forest Hill Church-Thursday, 7:00-7:45PM, April 25-May 23

Family and Faith Small Group

Leaders: Lisa & Jed Koops, lisa.koops@gmail.com

Location: Koops's House in Shaker Heights-One Saturday a month, 4:30-6:30 PM, starting Saturday, May 4

On May 4th from 9 am-noon. Come Play in the Dirt!!! Spring work day is approaching! We will spread mulch, take down storms, wash windows, and put up screens to let in the breezes of summer!!! Okay, so it doesn't sound like a lot of fun but many hands make light work and.... FHC needs you!! Childcare and bagels are available. **To sign up, please email Ann Donkin (adonkin@fhcpresb.org).**

Soul Tending series at Ghost Ranch this summer! Many of you attended the Soul Tending workshop last summer led by Rev. Anita Amstutz (cousin of Sharon Shumaker). The workshop was an introduction to her book *Soul Tending: a guide to Sabbath keeping for your modern life*. Reverend Amstutz will be offering a Soul Tending retreat for three weeks at the Ghost Ranch this summer **7/7-7/27**. More information is available on the Ghost Ranch website. Search Anita Amstutz under Instructors. **Please contact Sharon Shumaker (sms2924@gmail.com) for more details!**

Youth News

Youth Events (Sign-up for youth news at: bit.ly/FHCyouth):

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

Wednesday, April 24: Present More Light Proposal to Session

Saturday, April 27: Escape Room, 10:45am (RSVP to ce@fhcpresb.org, only 3 spots left)

Sunday, April 28: Sine Nomine Rehearsal, after church

Sunday, April 28: House Church (Wadsworth-Wigger House)

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RESERVATIONS FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER: APRIL 18, 6:30 PM

Name _____

Number attending _____

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

You may place this in the offering plate

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EASTER LILIES, 2019: PLEASE ORDER BY APRIL 19

Name of Donor _____

“Given by” if different from donor _____

Indicate which form of dedication: In memory of / In honor of / In
thanksgiving for/ To celebrate

Of plants @ \$20.00 per plant _____ Total cost _____

Of plants to be donated _____

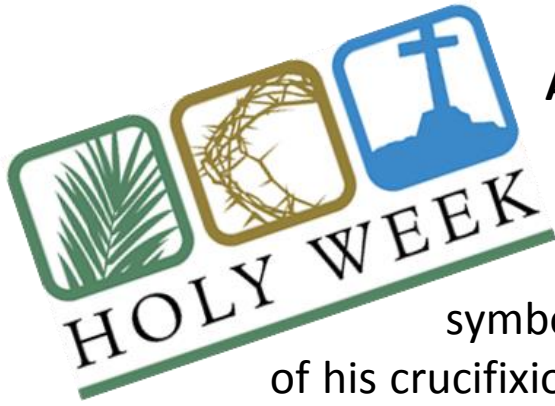
Donated lilies will be taken to members who are ill or shut-in. Thank you for your donation. Please put this in the offering, mail or deliver it to the church office. Please write Easter lilies on the memo line of your check.



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Calendar: April 14-21

<p>Sunday, April 14: Palm Sunday</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>Engaging in Spiritual Practices</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 LRP Team Meeting</p> <p>4:00 pm Reconnecting with God’s Creation class</p> <p>Boy Scout Dinner</p> <p>Monday, April 15:</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, April 16:</p> <p>12:00 pm Abundance Pantry Registration</p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise</p> <p>Bulletin and Email Deadline</p>	<p>Wednesday, April 17:</p> <p>7:30 am Bible and Bagels</p> <p>12:30 pm Wednesday Women's Group</p> <p>Staff Meeting</p> <p>1:00 pm Hilltop Garden Club Meeting</p> <p>6:00 pm Scholarship meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm TransFamily Meeting</p> <p>Thursday, April 18:</p> <p>9:30 am Pantry Group Meeting</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>6:30 pm Maundy Meal</p> <p>7:30 pm Tenebrae Service</p> <p>8:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Friday, April 19:</p> <p>10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand</p> <p>12:00 pm Good Friday Service at St. Paul</p> <p>Saturday, April 20:</p> <p>7:30 pm Easter Vigil (Baptism)</p> <p>Sunday, April 21: Easter Sunday</p> <p>9:00 am Worship in the Chapel</p> <p>9:15 am Childcare begins</p> <p>10:30 am Continental Breakfast</p> <p>11:00 am Worship</p> <p>12:00 pm Coffee and Conversation</p> <p>BP Check</p>
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**April 18: Maundy Thursday Dinner at 6:30 pm
and Service at 7:30 pm**

"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.

April 19: Community Good Friday Service from 12 – 3 pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2747 Fairmount (at Coventry), Cleveland Heights. Pastor Lentz will be the officiant for the first hour and Pastor Goines is expected to preach around 1:30 pm. Individual anthems by Antonio Lotti, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, George Oldroyd, Daniel Pinkham, Franz Liszt, and others.

April 20: 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 two 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.

April 21: Resurrection of the Lord- 9:00 am service in the Chapel and 11:00 am service in the Sanctuary. The Eucharist (Thanksgiving) or The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at both services.