

*Forest Hill Church:
Communion Service
First Sunday in Lent
March 6, 2022 ~ 11:00 am*

You may also join worship online using this link:

https://youtu.be/ji9gcTjk_9E

Centering Words

(Deut. 30, Rom 10)

*“God’s word is not too hard, nor is it far away.
Just listen: it is very near to you today.
Find it on your lips and in your heart.”*

PRELUDE

Mykola Lysenko (b. 1842, Ukraine)

“Elegie”

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Mark Miller

“Make Me an Instrument”
Em Ezell and Jack Lentz, soloists

Greeting Our God with Joy

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 91

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most-High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
We will say to the Lord, “Our refuge and our fortress; our God, in whom we trust.”
Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you.
God will protect those who call on the name of the Lord and show them salvation.
Let us Worship God!

OPENING HYMN NO. 166

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

1. Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins
and close by you to stay.
2. As you with Satan did contend
and did the victory win,
O give us strength to persevere,
in you to conquer sin.
3. And through these days of penitence,
and through this Passiontide,
yes, evermore, in life and death,
O Lord, with us abide.
4. Abide with us, till when this life
of suffering shall be past,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last.

Renewing Our Relationship with God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Our Redeemer, we come before you to make our confessions. Our confession O God, is that we believe. Help Lord our unbelief. In the face of pervasive evil, help us to hide your word in our hearts. And amid falsehoods, embolden us to carry your word on our lips that we may confess you as Jesus did in the wilderness. Strengthen us in the face of temptations that vie for our loyalty, and deliver us from every power that is not you. Fill us anew with your Holy Spirit, we pray. Lord, in your mercy, hear us now in silence.

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

Friends, in the name of Jesus, God’s Word made flesh and raised to new life, let us embrace God’s forgiveness and abundant life.

ANTHEM

“In Christ Alone”
Em Ezell and Jack Lentz, soloists

Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word

THE LIVING WORD (NRSV)

Romans 10:8b

But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim).

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

After the readings

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God’s people.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Veronica R. Goines

“Deliver Us from Evil”

1. Restore in us, O God,
the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts,
and all our sins remove.
2. O Spirit, wake in us
the wonder of your power;
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives
like springtime bud and flower.
3. Bring us, O Christ, to share
the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life
that death cannot destroy.
4. Three-personed God, fulfill
the promise of your grace,
that we, when all our searching ends,
may see you face to face.

THE 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.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

To participate in our online Friendship Register, please leave a comment in the Live Chat box listing the names of those participating in this morning's Live Worship or email the office.

OFFERING

Giving and Offering is available by texting: 216-400-5300
Or you may give online: <https://fhc.breezechms.com/give/online/>
You may also mail a check to the church office.

OFFERTORY

Elisabeth de la Guerre

“Sarabande”
In honor of Women's History Month

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“Improvisations”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Invited to the Lord’s table we have shared the bread of life and the cup of salvation. In the Spirit of peace, we go into the world. Empower us to share the unity and love we have found here, that others may touch the presence of Christ’s peace, and the grace of God’s love.

CLOSING HYMN

“Sanctuary”

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Going Forth to Live as God's People

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Shche ne vmerla Ukrayina”
(Ukraine’s glory has not yet died, nor her freedom)



Prayer Request:

To request prayers for a personal concern, please email Pastor Lentz (pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org) or Pastor Goines (pastorgoines@fhcpresb.org) no later than Thursday afternoon of each week for inclusion in next week’s congregational prayer. Please direct all prayer concerns that arise between Friday and Sunday morning to the Pastor’s on-call phone line (216-319-3596). The on-call phone is operational after office hours on weekdays and Saturday through Sunday morning.

Prayers are requested this week for:

Barb Cloud, the family of Laura Cosgrove (Mike Cosgrove’s sister-in-law), Mark Davidson, Mark Hansen, Deborah Howard, Joanna Klingenstein, Dave Neff, the family of Jack Prentice, Paul Tuggey (father of Christina Hidek), Grace Uhle, and Susan Way.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Robert Kellermeyer, Florence and Ron Klein, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Emelia McGuire, Margaret Sentell, Elaine Tapié, Beryl and Henrietta Williams.

Care Group: *The Corinth Care Group* will assist our pastors with members’ needs in **March**. Please call the church office to report an illness, hospitalization, family emergency, birth or death. Information will be passed on to the **Care Group leader, Dean Sieck** (deacons@fhcpresb.org).

Thank you, all office volunteers: Joan Bacon, Lynda Bernays, and Cathy Ghiandoni.

The deadline for the bulletin and weekly email is Tuesday of each week at 5 pm. The next TOWER deadline is **March 24 (for the April TOWER) at 8:00 am**. Please submit your written requests to office@fhcpresb.org.

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Rev. Carol Wedell, Parish Associate

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Sharing Resources, Changing Lives

The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering is received during the Lenten season. This is an opportunity for Presbyterians to focus on improving the lives of the need through three unique programs:

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
Presbyterian Hunger Program
Self-Development of People

These programs support projects in more than 100 countries. By giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing, you join with Presbyterians around the world in sharing God's grace and love. Through this offering, we work together to improve the lives of many by promoting justice and developing programs to assist those who suffer. Funding is used to provide initial disaster response as well as to address the lack of clean water, food, education, and opportunity in many parts of the world.

We are called to action and to care for our neighbor. Help us unite in this effort to make a difference in the lives of many. Please give prayerfully and generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing.

Ways to give:

1. You may mail a check to the church. Please indicate on the memo line one great hour of sharing.
2. [Breeze Giving Online](#)
3. [PayPal](#)



Emergency response to Ukraine war



As the violence in Ukraine continues, the number of people being displaced internally and fleeing to neighboring countries increases by the day. And in the midst of the chaos, there are sibling churches and ecumenical partners who are already providing assistance with basic items for survival. Our first priority is to provide funding to these partners on the ground. While the scale of this crisis is new, receiving refugees from Ukraine and other countries in Central and Eastern Europe is not, which means we have trusted, established partners with the knowledge and expertise to carry out this important work. Our response will include both financial and technical assistance as the network of faith communities providing humanitarian assistance grows in the months ahead.

GIVE: To support emergency relief for those fleeing Ukraine, designate gifts to DR000156 . You can also text PDAUKR to 41444 to donate. Gifts can be made online at pcusa.org/UK22, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check using the below reply device.

ACT: Urge the U.S. government to support generous aid for refugees and civilians suffering in Ukraine, and call for engaging a diplomatic solution to the conflict.

PRAY: *May we undergird our prayers with tangible resources to help. May we reach deeply, give generously, and welcome extravagantly. May we lift our voices in a strong and unified advocacy.*

May we all, even as we breathe in lament, breathe out mercy, hope and peace. And in this Lenten season, when we walk the way toward death and resurrection, repent our complicity in cultures of violence and renew our efforts toward justice and peace.

-Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus, Director, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance



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Please detach the reply form and return it with your gift to your church; or enclose it in an envelope with your check and mail it to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.



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