

# Forest Hill Church PRESBYTERIAN



*Discovering God's call, celebrating the Spirit's presence,  
Witnessing to Christ's transformative power!*

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*Service of Worship*

**August 9, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.**

*Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.*

If you are visiting, please print your name on a name tag and wear it so that we might greet you. Large print editions of the Bible, the Hymnal, and today's bulletin as well as hearing devices are available from the ushers on request.

### ■■■ *Prayer of Preparation*

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Welcome**

#### **The Prelude**

The Smith Family singers  
Lora and Chuck Smith with their children Hannah, Harrison and Nathan

### ■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

#### **The Call to Worship**

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

#### **\* The Opening Hymn No. 469**

“Morning Has Broken”

Alex Jamieson

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**A Prayer for Making Space for God**

Psalm 130

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, hear my voice!**

Leader: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication!

**People: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?**

Leader: But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

**People: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope;**

Leader: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,

**People: More than those who watch for the morning.**

**A Time of Silence**

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

Chilcot

■ ■ ■ *Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

**The Assurance of Presence**

\* **Glory Be to the Father, No. 577**

**Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen. (repeat)**

**The Anthem**

“This Is the Day”

arr. Hogan

■ ■ ■ *Opening Our Hearts to God's Word*

**The Scripture Lesson(s)**

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 (p. 255)

*After the reading(s)*

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\* **Hymn No. 320**

“The Lone, Wild Bird”

*Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn*

**The Sermon**

“Spiritual Biography: David”

Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

**The Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

*please use debts, debtors*

**The Ritual of Friendship**

*all are asked to sign the tablets as a record of attendance*

**The Offertory**

“The Peace of God”

J. Rutter

\* **The Response**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his son. (2x)  
And now, let the weak say “I am strong;”  
let the poor say “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.” (2x)  
Give thanks, give thanks.**

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

\* **The Closing Hymn No. 384**

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

\* **The Commission and Blessing**

\* **The Choral Benediction**

\* **The Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *The Postlude*

“March in C”

H. Purcell



■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

**Chancel Flowers**

The flowers this morning are given by Jean Reinhold in loving memory of her dear grandmother, Marguerite Reinhold; any by Jon and Heather House in celebration of their 6<sup>th</sup> year of marriage.

**This Month's Ushers**

Roger Heineman, Lead Usher; Robyn Hales, Paula Harvey, Tom Harvey, Jason Hidek, Diane McFiggen, Tom McFiggen, Dick Peterjohn (assistant lead), Chuck Smith, Ayodele Solaru. Roger Heineman, Head Usher

**Prayer Concerns this Week**

Ralph and Molly Dise	Chuck Ishler	Marilyn Oviatt
Fran and Pat Drake	Mary Jean Kent	Austin Schwaderer
Marian Frederick	Jane Little	Debbie Ungemach
Dorothy Hales	Rebecca Martin	Dennis Wedding
Lamont Hansen	Aiesha Minor	Doug, Marcie and Lucy Harvey
Jason Himmelsteib		

**We invite you to write prayer requests** on a slip of paper from the envelope rack and pass it to an usher during the singing of the middle hymn, to be included in the prayers later in the service.

**Nursery care** for babies and young children is available on the second floor of the Monticello Wing.

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

**TODAY**  
*Welcome Visitors!*

Please stop by the Visitor Information table in the Courtyard Foyer following worship. We're looking forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have.

*Today's Musicians*

Many thanks to this Sunday's music leaders: The Smith Family Singers (Chuck, Lora, Hannah, Harrison and Nathan), and the women's ensemble: Melody Obery, Patty Kelly, Patty Console, Ann Webster, Elizabeth Shaw, Amanda Powell, and Lindsey Burdette-Lowe.

*Grocery Certificates*

Please support the FHC Grocery Certificate Program by purchasing a gift card to your local grocery store after worship. Profits from the sales of grocery cards will benefit ***Bread for the World***, a non-profit Christian educational and advocacy group based in Washington D.C. ***Bread for the World*** seeks to educate the public about hunger issues and advocates for policy and program changes that allow poverty and hunger to persist in our nation and around the world. Ten percent of all grocery certificate profits support the FHC Emergency Food Pantry on an ongoing basis.

**THIS WEEK**

*Bible and Bagels*

Bible and Bagels will meet Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The lesson this week is **John 6: 51-58**.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

*Summer Adult Education*

Our summer Adult Education classes will meet at 9:00 a.m. in South Hall. We will study and discuss the biblical text that will be preached that day in worship.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

*Memorial Service*

The memorial service for Dr. Hugh Leslie, who died July 18, 2009, will be held at FHC on August 18 at 7 p.m.

*Summer Book Discussion*

All are invited to join a discussion of ***The Shack*** on Sunday, August 23 at 11:30. Bring lunch; beverages will be provided.

*Back to School*

When you first read this, "Back to School" will likely be pretty far from your thoughts – or those of the students of Boulevard Elementary School in Cleveland Heights. But over the next month or so, please consider buying some school supplies to assure that all the kids at our neighborhood schoolhouse will start the year well-equipped. We'll be collecting these in Fellowship Hall during August. A more specific list of items needed will be posted on the Justice & Mission kiosk and can be found here as well:

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|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| back packs        | glue sticks          | folders                      |
| flash cards       | rulers               | basic set of colored pencils |
| rulers            | 3 ring notebooks     | crayons                      |
| scissors-kid size | notebook paper       | glue                         |
| big pink erasers  | fat and thin markers | pencils                      |

### Care Group

The Deacons are responsible for meeting members' needs during August. 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.

✦ The Deacons of Forest Hill Church are:

Doris Allen	Monika Juodisius	Dele Solaru
Jennifer Blakeney	Janet Kickel	Joy Stang
Ed Briskey	Karen Loughridge	Mark Waring
Nancy Burcham	Cindy Newton	Marilyn Wilk
Cathy Ghiandoni		

**Next Sunday's CARE Group volunteers:** Mark Waring (Continental Breakfast); Doris Allen (Coffee Hour); Rosaneil Schenk (Greeting Card Table); Janet Kickel, Clyde and Karen Loughridge (Greeters); Hazel Grant (Flowers)

### ■■■ The Lessons

**Next Sunday: 1 Kings 2: 10-12, 3: 3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5: 15-20; John 6: 51-58.** As part of your daily devotions, read the lessons. What image or word catches your attention? How do they settle or challenge you? Keep notes of your observations in a journal. Set aside part of each day for prayer and study.

### ■■■ Calendar: Aug. 9 – 16, 2009

#### Sunday, August 9

9:00 Summer Bible Study  
9:30 Child care begins  
Continental Breakfast  
10:00 WORSHIP  
11:15 Coffee hour

#### Monday, August 10

7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA)

#### Wednesday, August 12

7:30 a.m. Bible and Bagels  
7:00 p.m. Ministries worship  
7:15 p.m. Ministry meetings

#### Friday, August 14

9:30 a.m. Al Anon mtg

#### Saturday, August 15

7:00 p.m. The Group: *Pippin* at Cain Park

#### Sunday, August 16

9:00 Summer Bible Study  
9:30 Child care begins  
Continental Breakfast  
10:00 WORSHIP  
Summer Pathways  
Children's story time  
11:15 Coffee hour

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### 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

The king gave orders to Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, 'Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.' And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom.

So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword.

Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab's armour-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, 'Good tidings for my lord the king! For the LORD has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.' The king said to the Cushite, 'Is it well with the young man Absalom?' The Cushite answered, 'May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.'

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, 'O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would that I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!'