

# 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*  
**January 17, 2010 at 11:00 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*

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Welcome**

#### **The Prelude**

“And Again I Say, Rejoice”

J. Utterback

### **Choral Introit**

### ■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

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

Elder Chris Bell

Leader: The world belongs to God,

**People: The earth and all its people.**

Leader: How good it is, how wonderful,

**People: To live together in unity.**

Leader: Love and faith come together,

**People: Justice and peace join hands.**

Leader: If Christ's disciples keep silent

**People: These stones would shout aloud.**

Leader: Open our lips, O God,

**People: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

#### **\* The Processional Hymn No. 464**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**The Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Clover Beal

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

**A Time of Silent Confession**

**Kyrie eleison**

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Gloria, Gloria No. 576**

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

*2<sup>nd</sup> time, men begin; women begin 2 measures later;*

*Children and youth begin 2 measures after that.*

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

**The Family Meditation**

**\* Hymn No. 368**

“I've Got Peace Like a River”

*Children in Pathways may leave during the hymn*

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

**The Scripture Lesson**

John 2:1-11 (p. xxx)

*After the reading*

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**The Sermon**

Dr. John Lentz

“Let the Good Times Roll”

**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**

P. Halley

“Sound Over All Waters”

Beth Zych, soprano

**\* The 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.

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

**\* The Closing Hymn**

“We Shall Overcome”

We shall overcome, we shall overcome, We shall overcome someday;  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, We shall overcome someday.

We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand, We'll walk hand in hand someday;  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, We'll walk hand in hand someday.

We are not afraid, we are not afraid, We are not afraid today;  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, We are not afraid today.

The truth shall set us free, the truth shall set us free,  
The truth shall set us free someday;  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, The truth shall set us free someday.

We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace, We shall live in peace someday;  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, We shall live in peace someday.

**\* The Commission and Blessing**

**\* The Choral Benediction**

**\* The Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *The Postlude*

J. Utterback

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”



■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

**Chancel Flowers**

The flowers today are given by Grace Uhle in memory of Tom Uhle; and by Joe and Betsy Andrews in loving memory of Joe’s parents, Mary and Clifford Andrews, and Betsy’s parents, Agnes and Leonard Cooper.

**Prayer Concerns this Week**

Nick Baumgartner	Jason Himmelsteib	Debbie Ungemach
Polly Cohen	Mary Jean Kent	Eleanor Shankland
Marian Frederick	Elizabeth Kosnik	Dennis Wedding
David Gury	Mary Lewis	Doug, Marcie and Lucy Harvey
Dorothy Hales	Connie May	Jerry & Loretta Lassarella
	Marilyn Oviatt	

**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.

**This Month’s Ushers**

Kevin Stauffer, Lead Usher; Joe Andrews, Nick Baumgartner, Charles Ishler, Jane Ishler, Kate Monaghan, Daryl Musick, Victoria Sampson. Roger Heineman, Head Usher

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

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

**TODAY**  
*Today’s Music*

The offertory anthem was dedicated to Coretta Scott King and sung in her honor on the occasion of her preaching at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City where the composer was choirmaster and organist. Mrs. King’s steadfast vision and hope embody John Greenleaf Whittier’s words: “The dark night is ending and dawn has begun.”

**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. Visitor welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex.

**Bread for Sale**

The January rotation in Pathways to the Promise Land (grades 1 – 5) is *The Feeding of the 5000*. In this story a boy shares his lunch and witnesses the presence of God. We too can witness God’s presence if we keep our hearts and minds open to the possibilities. The grade-school children will be baking loaves of bread to sell. All the proceeds will go towards the *Bright Stars of Bethlehem Scholarship Fund*, which is the Pathways to the Promise Land mission opportunity. This program provides out-of-school enrichment for the children of Bethlehem in the West Bank. Please support our children as they witness how their efforts make a difference in another child’s life.

**THIS WEEK**

***Bible and Bagels***

Bible and Bagels meets Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The scripture this week is **1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a**.

***Women’s Spirituality Book Group***

Thursdays, January 21 – March 4, 9:45 – 11:15 a.m., Bodwell Hall. We will read ***Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation***, by Parker Palmer. BYO book – they are available at libraries, Amazon, possibly Borders and Barnes & Noble.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

***Adult Education: 9:30 in South Hall***

Jan. 17	How Then Shall We Live? Spiritual disciplines as a way to grow in your faith	Rev. Clover Beal
Jan.24	How Do I Pray?	Tom Zych and Clover Beal
Jan. 31	Praying for Your Life	
Feb. 7	What Happened to the Seventh Commandment? The Spiritual Practice of Sabbath-Keeping	Clover Beal
Feb. 14	Writing Prayers through the Use of the Psalms	Clover Beal

## LOOKING AHEAD

### *Care Group*

The Mt. Sinai Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during January. 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.

✦ Members of this month's Care group are:

Janet Kickel, Deacon and leader	Nina Klein
Allen Ball	Mary Lewis
Scott & Amy Bell and family	Julie & Gary Lustic
Bob & Joanne Bielek	Brooke Marcy and family
Guy Cameron and family	The McCumber family
Betty & Don Clark	Dave & Jane Olson and family
Sue Conant	Joyce Peters
Ralph & Molly Dise	Graham & Roz Peters
Jane Frederick & family	Jim Picht & Rebecca Martin and family
Donna Frey	Matt & Katie Russo and family
Sue Gifford & family	Sara & Randy Shaner
Don & Nancy Grube	Anona Stack
Barb Hansen	Lorian, Ralph & Fran Thomas
Jason & Christine Hidek and family	Ann & Peter Williams
Chuck & Jane Ishler	Betty Woodruff
Callie Janor	Warren & Lois Young

This week's volunteers: Jane Frederick (Continental Breakfast); Rosaneil Schenk (Greeting Cards); Katie Russo and Janet Kickel (Greeters); Hazel Grant (Flowers)

### *A.W.E. (Alternative Worship Experience)*

The third A.W.E. service is coming up on January 31 at 7:30 p.m. – please mark your calendars for *It Takes a Village: A Global Songfest*. Guest song leader Amanda Powell will introduce many global songs she has learned in her travels around the world as a global song specialist and consultant for the General Board of Global Ministries (UMC). Percussionists and the Chancel and Sine Nomine Choirs will lead us in praising God through global music. The service will be followed by a Morag Keefe-prepared reception with traditional world foods. Please invite your friends to this special evening!

### *IHN Volunteer*

The Ministry of Justice and Mission would like to extend a special thanks to IHN volunteer Scott Peters, whose name was inadvertently left off the volunteer list in the January TOWER. Thanks again, Scott, to you and your family for your help with IHN!

### *Adult Education Offering at Fairmount Presbyterian Church*

Mr. Gary Norton, the mayor-elect of East Cleveland, will be speaking at Fairmount Presbyterian Church's Adult Education class on Sunday, January 24 at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Norton has been a strong supporter of NOAH while serving as a member of the East Cleveland City Council. He will speak on "Hopes and Visions for East Cleveland and the NOAH Connection." Fairmount PC invites all interested FHC members to attend.

### *Social Groups and Circles*

#### *Iris Circle (all women of the church)*

Iris Circle will meet Tuesday, January 19 at 7:30 p.m. in South Hall. Dave Olson will speak to us about money management. All are welcome.

#### ■■■ *FHC Youth*

**MOB: Friday Nights with Mid High** will meet at Forest Hill Church Friday, January 22 from 6 – 8 p.m. to share dinner and a movie. Hope to see you there. Call Tori Weisberg at 397-7630 if you have any questions.

**Senior Highs** meet every Sunday from 5 – 7 p.m.

#### ■■■ *The Lessons*

**Next Sunday: Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a; Luke 4: 14-21.** 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. The lectionary readings for each Sunday are included in the "Sundays in January" page of the *TOWER*.

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## John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

### *Calendar: January 17 – 24, 2010*

#### **Sunday, January 17**

9:00 Project Committee mtg  
9:30 Child care begins  
Adult and Youth education  
Descant Choir  
10:15 Descant Choir activity  
10:30 Chancel Choir  
Continental Breakfast  
11:00 WORSHIP  
11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land  
12:15 Lunch  
Annual Meeting of the Congregation  
5:00 Faith Leader  
MOB: Sr. High

#### **Monday, January 18 Martin Luther King Day Office closed**

7:00 p.m. Al Anon  
Cub Scout Pack #36 (dens)  
Sycamore Group  
7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA)  
Boy Scout Troop #403

#### **Tuesday, January 19**

12:30 p.m. Heather Circle  
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #36 (dens)  
7:30 p.m. Iris Circle

#### **Wednesday, January 20**

7:30 a.m. Bible and Bagels  
6:00 p.m. Yoga

#### **Thursday, January 21**

9:45 a.m. Women's Book Group  
6:20 p.m. Voices in Bronze  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

#### **Friday, January 22**

9:30 a.m. Al Anon  
6:00 p.m. MOB: Mid High  
7:00 p.m. Session retreat begins  
Russian community poetry reading

#### **Saturday, January 23**

9:00 a.m. CEIRS class  
3:00 p.m. Russian community program

#### **Sunday, January 24**

9:30 Child care begins  
Adult and Youth education  
Descant Choir  
10:15 Descant Choir activity  
10:30 Chancel Choir  
Continental Breakfast  
Cherub Choir  
11:00 WORSHIP: Ordination and  
Installation of Officers  
11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land  
12:15 Coffee Hour  
Sine Nomine Choir rehearsal  
Teacher training  
5:00 Faith Leader  
MOB: Sr. High  
Evangelism Group (Lentzes')