

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

June 13, 2010 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*

Give ear to my words, O LORD; consider my meditation.

Psalm 5: 1

Welcome

Gathering Song

"Come, O Come"

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

The Call to Worship

Elder Kate Burleigh

Leader: We enter the house of the Lord as people upon whom God's love has been lavished.

People: God, through Jesus Christ, has healed and restored us.

Leader: We enter this time of worship in gratitude for all God's blessings.

People: God, through Jesus Christ, reaches out to comfort and bless us.

Leader: O how wondrous is God's touch in our lives!

People: How magnificent are God's blessings and love for us.

Leader: Open our hearts today, Lord, to feel the power of your extravagant love for us. Help us to be free of our fears and prejudices so that we may see your love in action in the lives of others. Comfort and calm our spirits in readiness for worship and to be your faithful disciples. For we ask this in Jesus' Name.

People: AMEN.

* **The Opening Hymn**

"Come, All You People"

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Litany of Commitment and Renewal

Dr. John C. Lentz

Leader: In the midst of fear, we are called to be the church of hope.

People: Call us to be lovingly bold in our faith.

Leader: In the midst of sorrow, we are called to be the church of comfort.

People: Call us to be lovingly compassionate in our deeds.

Leader: In the midst of alienation, we are called to be the church of unity

People: Call us to be lovingly responsive to the needs of others.

Leader: In the midst of anger, we are called to be the church of peace.

People: Call us to be those who would build bridges of peace and communication.

Leader: Help us hear the cries of those in need.

People: Help us feel the sorrow of those who are lost and alone.

Leader: Help us reach out to each other in your love.

People: Help us to be the church of trust and witness to your will, O God.

AMEN.

A Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Halbrook

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

The Assurance of Pardon

* **Gloria**

J. Utterback

* **Hymn**

“Walk with Me”

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

The Scripture Lesson

Luke 7:36 – 8:3

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Opening the Word Together

Rev. Clover Reuter Beal

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

D. Ellington

“Come Sunday”

* **The Response**

Kenya – Swahili song

“O, Who Will Build the Church Now?”

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

* **The Closing Hymn**

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

* **The Commission and Blessing**

* **The Choral Benediction**

* **The Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *The Postlude*

Improvisation on “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”



■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by Karen Murray in loving memory of her husband Alen C. Murray; and to the glory of God by Dene Young.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Polly Cohen	Elizabeth Kosnik	Frank Spisak
Molly & Ralph Dise	Mary Lewis	Debbie Ungemach
Betty Farnfield	Connie May	Dennis Wedding
Marion Flanigan	Merdine T. Morris	Pat and Ray Weissbrod
Marilyn Gifford	Maxine Myers	Patti Wisnieski
Jason Himmelsteib	Jay Middleton	Betty Woodruff
Florence and Ron Klein	Alan Peterson	Doug, Marcie and Lucy Harvey

Please pray for Jane and Chuck Ishler and their family; Jane’s mother Margaret Geist died June 5; and for **Keith and Laurie Logan and their family;** Laurie’s mother Carmela Adorjan also died June 5.

This Month's Ushers

Scott Peters, Lead Usher; Tish Van Beers-Klein, assistant lead; Amy Davis, Chris Davis, Scott Duncan, Jean Duncan, Brian Klein, Jim Roosa, Ayodele Solaru. Roger Heineman, Head Usher

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. Visitor welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex. If you have a few minutes after church and would like to meet and get to know other members of Forest Hill Church, come to **Connections Corner** in Fellowship Hall. Look for the table by the brightly colored signs to the left as you enter the room. Come for coffee, a tasty treat, conversation and connection!

Music in the Worship Service

Last Sunday, new summer congregational responses were introduced. The *Gloria* begins with a tenor solo; the congregation then sings the music twice. After the offertory anthem, we'll all sing the Kenyan song *O, Who Will Build the Church Now*, first in English, then in Swahili (don't worry—it's easy!). The cantor will show you where to sing.

Softball

Today: Team A plays Church of the Saviour C at 3:30 at Monticello Middle School; Team B plays Hillcrest UMC at 6 p.m. at Forest Hill Park, Field #4.

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 **1 Kings 19: 1 – 15a**.

Recitals

You are cordially invited to attend two special recitals, both of which will thrill you indeed! Both events are in the sanctuary. This is a great chance to support the budding musical careers of two of FHC's finest musicians.

- This evening at 7:00 p.m.: Jaired Birks, bass: Come hear Jaired sing art songs, opera arias, and Broadway hits.
- Tuesday, June 15th at 7:00 p.m.: Lena Console, trumpet: This is Lena's senior recital before she goes off to college at Indiana University.

NEXT SUNDAY

Summer Bible Study

Summer Bible Study will be held from 9 – 10 a.m. in South Hall, beginning June 20

Summer Pathways

Summer Pathways, for children who will enter grades 1 – 6 in the fall, meets next Sunday, June 20. Children should meet in the Art Room on the lower CE level.

Summer Choir

Come sing in the Summer Choir! All ages are welcome in this Sunday morning group, even children and babes in arms (they don't have to sing—they can just sit with you!) There is a brief rehearsal from 9:30 to 9:55 AM in the downstairs choir room, then the service at 10:00 AM. Give it a try—sit with your whole family, even non-singing members. See what it's like to experience worship from "the other side!" Summer Choir meets all Sundays in June and July.

LOOKING AHEAD

Social Groups and Circles

Iris Circle (all women of the church)

You are invited to attend Iris Circle's annual planning meeting June 15, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Barb Hansen (9104 Idlewood Dr. Mentor). Please bring a salad to share and ideas to help fill our next year with exciting, challenging and fun-filled events. Contact Barb with any questions (440 255-5514 or bhansen@oh.rr.com).

Pacesetters (singles and couples 40s – 50s)

You are invited to join the Pacesetters as they head out on the bike trails on Saturday, June 26th for a group bike ride in beautiful Cuyahoga Valley National Park, and then relax with a picnic lunch afterwards in the nearby Brecksville Metro Park. Meet at the Station Road Trailhead (off Route 82) at 9:30 and plan to set out at 10:00 a.m. (to beat the summer heat) and bike or hike (for those non-bikers) until about 12 noon. RSVP to Scott and Sue Lafferty 440-449-2361 or salaff@sbcglobal.net to let us know that you will join the fun.

The Group (singles and couples 60s – 70s)

Join The Group for an evening at Blossom, Saturday, July 10. Music includes selections from Debussy, Ravel, Berlioz, and Stravinsky (Suite from *The Firebird*). Bring a picnic supper and meet on the lawn about 6:30. Concert starts at 8 p.m. Lawn tickets are \$13 and are good for any orchestra concert. Contact Kathy or Derry Stauffer, 216-381-6500.

Care Group

The Jordan Care Group is responsible for meeting members’ needs during June. 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:

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| Debbie Adrine, Deacon and Leader | Ellen McChesney |
| Betsy and Joe Andrews | Mary McMillan |
| Chessie Bleick | Jon Newton |
| the Cosgrove family | Frank Ragone |
| Dale and Elaine Dannefer | Linda Rainey |
| Sally Davis | the Schellenberg family |
| Ralph and Kathy Dise | Jim and Pat Seeders |
| Kaye Gardiner | Dalma Takacs |
| Ron and Marcia Grant | Grace Uhle |
| the Heineman family | Tori Weisberg and family |
| Colleen and Christian Hunter | Pat and Ray Weissbrod |
| Carl Jenks | Becky and Brian West and family |
| Carson and Mary Jean Kent | Marilyn Wilk |
| | Diana and Ted Woodbridge |

■■■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: 1 Kings 19: 1-4, 8-15a; Psalms 42-43; Galatians 3: 23-29; Luke 8: 26-39. 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. Links to the readings for each Sunday appear on the church’s Facebook page, the *Upcoming Sundays* page of our website (<http://www.fhcpresb.org/worship-music/upcoming-sundays/>), and on the “Sundays in June” page of the *TOWER*.

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Calendar: June 13 - 20, 2010

Sunday, June 13

9:15 a.m. Child care begins
Oversight Committee
9:30 a.m. Summer Choir
Continental Breakfast
10:00 a.m. WORSHIP in Fellowship Hall:
Graduate Recognition
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
3:30 p.m. Softball: B vs Hillcrest, FHP #4
5:00 p.m. Special MOB meeting
6:00 p.m. Softball: A vs COS C, MMS
7:00 p.m. Recital: Jaired Birks

Monday, June 14

6:00 p.m. Progress not Perfection
7:00 p.m. Al Anon
Sycamore Group
7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA)

Tuesday, June 15

6:30 p.m. Iris Circle (at Barb Hansen's)
7:00 p.m. Recital: Lena Console
Ministry of Justice & Mission

Wednesday, June 16

7:30 a.m. Bible and Bagels
12:00 p.m. Bullshevicks (at Wellington's)
6:00 p.m. Yoga

Friday, June 18

7:00 a.m. TOWER deadline
9:30 a.m. Al Anon

Saturday, June 19

9:00 a.m. Culture Camp set-up

Sunday, June 20

9:00 a.m. Summer Bible Study
9:15 a.m. Child care begins
9:30 a.m. Summer Choir
Continental Breakfast
10:00 a.m. WORSHIP:
Baptism of Anderson Batcheller
Summer Pathways
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
6:00 p.m. Softball: A vs 1st Baptist, RMS
B vs FPC, FHP #7

Today we are celebrating all FHC graduates – high school, college and beyond. We wish all these people well as they move on to the next phase of their lives, careers and education:

Eric Brock has graduated from Cleveland Heights High School and will be attending Massachusetts College of Art and Design

Lena Console has graduated from Cleveland Heights High School and will be attending Indiana University

Ian Higgs has graduated from Cleveland Heights High School and will be attending Ohio State University

Adam Jesberger has graduated from Mayfield High School and will attend Lakeland Community College

Jon Newton has graduated from Hudson High School

Jaiye Sampson has graduated from Cleveland Heights High School and will be attending Rochester Institute of Technology

Jordan Shoger has graduated from Cleveland Heights High School and will be attending Wittenberg University

Leslie Smith has graduated from Cleveland Heights High School and will be attending New York University

Thomas Taylor has graduated from Cleveland Heights High School and has enlisted in the US Navy

Seth Ungemach has graduated from Cleveland Heights High School and will be attending Bowling Green State University

Mathew Austin (son of financial administrator Becky Austin) has graduated from Ohio University with a Master's in Sociology

Bethany Bell has graduated from the University of Cincinnati, School of Law (JD)

Elizabeth Caldwell (daughter of new member Barbara Caldwell) has graduated from University of Pittsburgh

Robin Craig has graduated with a Master's in Divinity (MDiv) from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

George Dise has graduated with a BA in History with a Creative Writing minor from the University of Rochester

Sarah Fuller (daughter of office administrator Lynda Bernays) has graduated from Cornell University with a BS in Natural Resources

Claire Logan has graduated with a Master's in Speech and Language Pathology from Boston University

Erin Lustic has graduated with a Master's in Nursing from the College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati

John Linn Obery has graduated from the College of Wooster.

Luke 7:36 – 8:3

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner." Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "Speak." "A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.