

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
September 12, 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*

Startle us, O God, with your truth, and open our minds to your Spirit, that we may be one with Christ our Lord, and serve as faithful disciples, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Welcome

The Prelude

“Over My Head”

spiritual

■ ■ ■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

The Call to Worship

Elder Jean Reinhold

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: Worship the Lord with gladness,

People: And enter the Lord's presence with songs of joy.

Leader: Praise the Lord.

People: The Lord's name be praised.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* **The Processional Hymn No. 276**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

■ ■ ■ *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 neighbor 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

Estonia

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

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria, Gloria No. 576**

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!
*2nd time, men begin; women begin 2 measures later;
Children and youth begin 2 measures after that.*

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

Call to Service: Commissioning of Teachers and Students

*** Hymn No. 343**

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”
St. 1, 4
*Children in Pathways may leave during the hymn
Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn*

The Scripture Lesson

Psalm 14; Luke 15:1-10

After the reading

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

Dr. John Lentz

“Lighten Up!”

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

G. Walker

“How Can I Keep From Singing?”

*** 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 No. 291**

“O God of Earth and Altar”

* **The Commission and Blessing**

* **Celebration and Dedication of *Restoring the Building – Reclaiming the Mission***

* **The Choral Benediction**

* **The Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *The Postlude*

A. Soler

“The Emperor’s Fanfare”



■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by Marilyn Wilk in memory of her mother, Cinderella Paradiso; and by George and Margaret Sentell in memory of their parents.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Bill Burcham, Polly Cohen, Marge Drollinger, Merdine T. Morris, Joyce Peters, Arlene Quinn, Debbie Ungemach, Ted Woodbridge

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Ralph Dise, Marilyn Gifford, Mary Jean Kent, Elizabeth Kosnik, Mary Lewis

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. Lists of ongoing prayer concerns are in each month’s **TOWER**.

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

Thank You to the Building Oversight Committee

Today, as we celebrate “Restoring the Building – Reclaiming the Mission,” we especially thank these FHC members who continue to oversee the project: Barb Hansen, Roger Heineman, Dave Hunter, Tom McFiggen, Dave Neff, Graham Peters, Joanne Shaner, Chuck Smith, Jeff Smith.

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.

Visitors and newer members – 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 to the left as you enter the room. Come for coffee, a tasty treat, conversation and connections!

Fall Festival

The Fall Festival begins immediately after worship. Stay for lunch and New Beginning festivities!

Choirs

The FHC Choir season has begun! The Chancel and Descant choirs rehearsed today, and the Sine Nomine and Voices in Bronze choirs start this week. Details are in the September ***TOWER***. Please contact Anne Wilson for more information (216-879-2729 or annew@fhcpresb.org). All God’s critters got a place in the choir!

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 **Luke 16: 1-13**.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education: 9:30 in South Hall

September 19: Introduction to the Bible 101 (Tim Beal)

The Kerygma Challenge begins October 3. Information and a registration form are on pages 10-11.

LOOKING AHEAD

Yoga Classes Resume

Drop-in yoga classes, taught by Mika Jones, will resume Wednesday, September 22 from 5:45 – 6:45 at FHC. The cost is \$10 per session (and the first session is free!).

An Evening of Dinner and Conversation for Visitors and New Members

If you are relatively new to the Forest Hill Church family or just want an opportunity to get to know a few other members, come join us. This fall's dinner will be held at the home of Jeff and Anne Smith, 2756 Derbyshire Road, Cleveland Heights on September 25. **RSVP by September 19th** to Susan Reese (reese4mail@roadrunner.com or 216- 870-1012).

Volunteers Are Needed

The 33rd Heights Heritage Home and Garden Tour will be held Sunday afternoon, September 26. Volunteers are needed to host and assist in the homes on the tour. A complimentary ticket to the tour will be given to each volunteer. Interested? Contact Susan Roberts (susanrob9@sbcglobal.net or 216-397-9512).

Care Group

The Canaan Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during September. 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:

Joy Stang, Deacon	Cathy and Don Ghiandoni	John Prentice
Mark Chupp and	Allen and Zivile Khoury	Margaret and George Sentell
Sharon Shumaker and family	The Koops family	Franklin and Naana Soadwa
Lisa Chuppa	The Logan family	Chuck and Rosanna Sprague
Robin Craig	Ginie Mast	Anne Taylor
The Davis family	The Muller-Girard family	The Ungemach family
Bob and Joanne Dawson	Jeanette Nemcek	LeAnn West
Muriel and George Dean	Vikki Nowak & Todd Webster & family	Peggy Yaeger
Val Flechtner		
The Forsythe family		

This week's volunteers: Joy Stang (Continental Breakfast and flower delivery); Rosaneil Schenk and Betty Clark (Greeting Cards); Franklin and Naana Soadwa (Greeters).

Social Groups and Circles

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

The Group will host a tour of wineries on Saturday, September 11, beginning at 2 p.m. in Geneva-on-the-Lake. Details are in the September **TOWER**. All are welcome! RSVP to Barb Hansen (Bhansen@oh.rr.com) or Cathy Ghiandoni (216-691-1905 or cgghiandoni@aol.com).

Pacesetters (singles and couples 40s – 50s)

The Pacesetters will travel to a College of Wooster football game on Saturday, September 18, 2010. Game time is 1:00 p.m. (pack a lunch and join us at 12:00 for a tailgate picnic – weather permitting) at Papp Stadium at The College of Wooster in Wooster Ohio (approx 1¼ hrs south of Cleveland). All are welcome! RSVP to Melody & Linn Obery (obery@sbcglobal.net , 216-291-8323 h. or 440-213-2488 c.)

Iris Circle (all women of the church)

Iris Circle invites women of the church to come to a potluck luncheon on Tuesday, September 21 at the home of Kay Currie (1172 Berwick Ln., South Euclid). We will meet at **noon** and discuss the programs planned for the coming year, 2010-2011. Come and join the fellowship of women of Forest Hill Church. Please bring any dish you would love to share. RSVP to Cathy Ghiandoni (cgghiandoni@aol.com or 216-691-1905).

Hilltoppers (retired singles and couples)

The Hilltoppers will meet on Friday, September 24 at 7:30 p.m. for a Mystery Movie Night in Fellowship Hall. Admission is a donation to the FHC Food Cupboard. Stale popcorn and flat soda will be served. Questions? Contact Don or Betty Clark (216-531-3575).

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

Next Sunday

MOB Kickoff! Mid Highs, come from 4 – 5:30; Senior Highs, come from 5 – 7 p.m. Pizza will be served to both groups at 5 p.m. Please bring \$3 for food.

Sine Nomine Choir will meet next Sunday in the Chapel immediately after worship.

Looking Ahead

Sr Highs will meet every Sunday from 5:30 – 7.

Mid Highs will meet the first and third Sundays from 4:00 – 5:30. Next meeting: Oct. 3.

Save the dates

October 10: Presbyterian Youth Gathering in Lakewood for all MOB

October 16: Hayride!

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1; Psalm 79: 1-9; 1 Timothy 2: 1-7; Luke 16: 1-13.

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 September" page of the ***TOWER***.

■■■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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Calendar: September 12 - 19, 2010

Sunday, September 12

FESTIVAL OF NEW BEGINNINGS

- 8:15 Nominating Committee
- 9:00 Oversight Committee
- 9:15 Child care begins
- 9:30 Adult and Youth Education
Descant Choir
- 10:15 Descant Choir Activity
- 10:30 Chancel Choir
Continental Breakfast
- 11:00 WORSHIP
Children in Worship
Little Explorers
- 12:15 Lunch and the Fall Festival



5 p.m. – 7 a.m. every evening
IHN guests here this week

Monday, September 13

- 6:00 p.m. Progress not Perfection
(Al Anon)
- 7:00 p.m. Al Anon
- 7:15 p.m. Sycamore Group
- 7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA)
Boy Scout Troop #403

Tuesday, September 14

- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #36 (dens)

Wednesday, September 15

- 7:30 a.m. Bible and Bagels
- 12:30 p.m. Bullsheveck's
(at Wellington's)
Hilltop Garden Club

Thursday, September 16

- 6:20 p.m. Voices in Bronze
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
Forest Hill Swim Club

Friday, September 17

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

Saturday, September 18

- 1:00 p.m. Pacesetters: Wooster
football game

Sunday, September 19

- 9:15 Child care begins
- 9:30 Adult and Youth Education
Descant Choir
- 10:15 Descant Choir Activity
- 10:30 Chancel Choir
Continental Breakfast
- 11:00 WORSHIP
Children in Worship
Little Explorers
- 12:15 Coffee Hour
Sine Nomine Choir
- 4:00 MOB: Mid High
- 5:30 MOB: Sr High

ADULT EDUCATION 2010-2011
begins September 12th 9:30 a.m.

In response to numerous requests for serious Bible study, the Sunday morning adult education program for this year will be a church-wide Bible Study Challenge! Our Sunday morning ^{program} will focus around small group studies using Kerygma's

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE—Strategies for Interpreting the Bible

Listening to Scripture will introduce six skills or strategies that will enable learners to uncover enough about the text that they can begin to understand the meaning it might have had for its first readers and hearers. From there, participants explore what the text means—the message it has for us today.

What is the Challenge? To have every adult in our congregation involved in the study of the biblical text for eight weeks starting **October 3 and ending November 21.**

How will it work?

Five main opportunities have been designed to meet the differing needs, commitment and schedules for all people. How you can get engaged in the Challenge:

- Come to Sunday worship and hear the sermon that will cover the biblical text studied that week.
- Come to Sunday worship prepared through your own independent work in the Kerygma curriculum, *Listening to Scripture*.
- Join a small group that will meet to discuss the curriculum each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. during the adult education hour; come even if you haven't signed up for a group!
- Join a small group study that will meet on a Sunday evening or mid-week evening.
- Join the on-line *Kerygma bible* study discussion group.

There is a way for everyone to get involved!

When will we start?

Sunday, Sept. 12, 9:30 a.m. Introduction to the Program (Zych and Beal)

Sunday, Sept. 19, 9:30 a.m. Introduction to the Bible 101 (Tim Beal)

Sunday, Sept. 26, 9:30 a.m. Introduction to the Bible 102 (John Lentz)

Sundays, Oct. 3—Nov. 21 9:30 a.m.

Small groups begin! (additional groups at other times)

In the winter, we will study *The Book of Acts of the Apostles*; in the spring, *God is Faithful: Living in Covenant*.

To register for the fall...fill out the form below. If you have questions, contact Rev. Beal.

Registration Form

I would like to be in a Kerygma Bible Study Group this fall!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

The best times for me to attend a weekly Kerygma Bible Study are (Circle your preferred days and times):

Sunday : Morning Evening

Midweek: Day time Evening

Saturday: Morning

I would like to join an on line discussion group

Comments or questions:

Psalm 14

Fools say in their hearts, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.

The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the LORD?

There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous.

You would confound the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge.

O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

Luke 15: 1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”