

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

October 10, 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*

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, but always to your glory and the welfare of your people, through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Welcome

The Prelude

"Simple Gifts"
Voices in Bronze

arr. Warren

Choral Introit

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

The Call to Worship

Elder Rosanna Sprague

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

People: For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*** The Processional Hymn No. 460**

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

The Prayer of Confession

Rev. Clover Beal

We live busy lives. Our minds are cluttered and our actions often clumsy. We feel overwhelmed and in need of peace. Forgive us, Lord, for not paying attention to the needs of our own hearts. Forgive us for not slowing down to create space for you and to be present to others. In Jesus' name we pray.

A Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison

Merbecke

■ ■ ■ *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.*

The Anthem

"Come Sunday"

Duke Ellington

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

Minute for Mission

"Abundance Acres Harvest"

Laura Steiner

The Scripture Lessons

Deuteronomy 5: 12-15

Matthew 5: 17

After the readings

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

People: Thanks be to God.

*** Hymn No. 368**

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

The Sermon

"Take a Break"

Dr. John Lentz

*** The Affirmation of Faith**

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

"Do Not Be Vexed" (Psalm 37)

arr. J. Bell

*** 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. 539**

"Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"

*** The Commission and Blessing**

*** The Choral Benediction**

*** The Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *The Postlude*

"The Garden Song"

D. Mallett



■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Ron, Marcia and Hazel Grant in loving memory of Art Grant and Louise and Bob Boylan; and by Patricia Ludwig in loving memory of her husband, Cliff, and other loved ones.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Lois Bennett, Marilyn Gifford, Matthew Peterson, Arlene Quinn, Debbie Ungemach, Ted Woodbridge

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Ralph Dise, Mary Jean Kent, Elizabeth Kosnik, Mary Lewis, Merdine T. Morris, Joyce Peters

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**.

Welcome to the newest member of the Forest Hill family – Lola Rose Pinzone, daughter of Bethany and Joe Pinzone, sister of Jack and Joseph, and granddaughter of Terry and Jim Daedelow.

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

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!

The Exterior Renovation Project

The building project is on budget and is substantially completed. All painting is complete. The work on the tile roof and gutters is complete. Five flat roofs will be replaced this week, weather permitting. McKnight & Associates, a landscape architect, has developed a master plan for the grounds. The first phase of the plan will be implemented this fall. The front third of the parking lot will be paved next spring.

Financial summary

Pledge payments received to-date: \$ 353,000

Funds paid to contractor to-date: \$ 415,000

Funds to be paid within 60 days: \$ 210,000

Funds needed within 60 days: \$ 272,000

Any shortage will be borrowed from the bank.

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 scriptures this week are **Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a; The Book of Ruth (for background: Ezra 1, 3:8 – 6:22, ch. 9, 10; Nehemiah 13: 1-3, 23-27)**.

Yoga Classes

Drop-in yoga classes, taught by Mika Jones, meet Wednesdays from 5:45 – 6:45 at FHC. The cost is \$10 per session (and your first session is free!)

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Week's Music

Next Sunday, October 17th, we will welcome Deanna Witkowski (New York City jazz pianist, singer and composer) and Dave Morgan (string bass player, composer and head of jazz studies at Youngstown State University) to our worship service. Deanna has composed a sacred jazz songbook called **From This Place**, and the FHC choirs and congregation will be singing her music in the service that day. In the evening, Deanna and Brazilian guitarist Filo Machado will be featured at Nighttown, a jazz club in Cleveland Hts.

Adult Education

Kerygma Bible Study, week 3: All groups, plus drop-ins, will meet in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. There is also a group that meets Sunday evening , one that meets Tuesday evening, and an on-line discussion group (contact Peg Weissbrod: pwmarunowski@sbcglobal.net).

LOOKING AHEAD

Bell-ringer sought

There is one opening in Voices in Bronze, our handbell choir. No previous experience is necessary, but an understanding of rhythm is a must. Contact Anne Wilson (216-870-2729 or annew@fhcpresb.org) if you'd like to experience something new and exciting in your musical life!

Care Group

The Jerusalem Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during October. 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:

Dele Solaru, Deacon leader	Dan & Barb Mace
Erin & Bill Armstrong	Jim Manista
Doris Brandt	Jane Melbourne
Ruth & Arthur Brickel	Pat & Hal Musick
Lucy Conde	Richard Obermanns
Traci Ext	Karen Parker
Monita & Antoinette Franklin	Carol & Leighton Scott
Chris & Daniel Fuller	Steve Sedam
Carol & Tim Gifford and family	Peggy Skelly
The Himes family	The Solaru family
Kathy Hanna-Stauffer & Derry Stauffer	Marge Thomas
The Jesberger family	Anne Wilson
Matt & Jacquelyn Knoch	Robert and Julie Ann Yoe

This week's volunteers: Robyn Hales (Continental Breakfast); Kathy & Derry Stauffer (Coffee Hour); Rosaneil Schenk & Betty Clark (Greeting Cards); Kate Burleigh, Carol and Tim Gifford (Greeters); Steve Sedam & Virginia Weiss (Flowers)

Social Groups and Circles

Hilltoppers (retired singles and couples)

The Hilltoppers will go to Debonné Winery in Madison, OH on October 13. We'll meet there at 12 p.m. for a tour and lunch. Contact Ginny Young (440-946-3130) for more information.

Iris Circle (all women of the church)

Iris Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 19th at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Carolyn Vrtunski, 24050 Hazelmere, Shaker Hts. Come prepared to describe your latest favorite book – we'll each take 3 minutes to talk about it. All are welcome! For questions or directions, call LeAnn West (216 692-0917) or Cathy Ghiandoni (216 691-1905).

■ ■ ■ **Youth News**

Today

Sine Nomine Choir: Meet in the Chapel immediately after worship.

Presbytery Youth Gathering: More than Mii – October 10

Meet at Forest Hill Church on October 10th at 2 p.m. to head to Lakewood Park for recreation, music, and worship with other youth groups in the Presbytery. The event is for Mid and Senior High youth and takes the place of regular youth group this evening.

Looking Ahead

Fall Hayride at Mill Stream Run Reservation – October 16

Enjoy the fall season with the youth group at the Cleveland Metroparks with a hayride, square dancing, hay maze, face painting and balloon animals. All ages are welcome to come. We will meet at 5:30 p.m. at Forest Hill Church on Saturday, October 16th. Participants are responsible for the admission cost. Sign up with Kristen NOW so transportation can be arranged.

Next Sunday Please bring \$3 for pizza.

Mid High will meet from 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Senior Highs will meet from 5 – 7 p.m.

■■■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a; The Book of Ruth (for background: Ezra 1, 3:8 – 6:22, ch. 9, 10; Nehemiah 13: 1-3, 23-27). As part of your daily devotions, read the lessons. What image or word catches your attention? How do they settle or challenge you? 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 “Adult Education in October” page of the **TOWER**.

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Calendar: October 10 - 17, 2010

<p>Sunday, Oct. 10 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 Pathways to the Promise Land 12:15 Coffee Hour Sine Nomine Choir 2:00 MOB: Presbytery Youth Gathering 5:00 Faith Leader Kerygma</p> <p>Monday, October 11 6:00 p.m. Progress not Perfection (Al Anon) 7:00 p.m. Al Anon Cub Scout Pack #36 (den) 7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA) Boy Scout Troop #403</p> <p>Tuesday, October 12 6:30 p.m. Kerygma: Art Group 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #36 (dens) 7:30 p.m. Reaching Heights mtg</p> <p>Wednesday, October 13 7:30 a.m. Bible and Bagels 5:45 p.m. Yoga 7:00 p.m. Ministry meetings</p>	<p>Thursday, October 14 6:20 p.m. Voices in Bronze 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir FH Swim Club mtg</p> <p>Friday, October 15 7:00 a.m. TOWER deadline 9:30 a.m. Al Anon The Faith Leader retreat is this weekend</p> <p>Saturday, October 16 8:00 a.m. Men’s Group 5:30 p.m. MOB: Hayride</p> <p>Sunday, Oct. 17 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 Pathways to the Promise Land 11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land 12:15 Coffee Hour Blood pressure check 12:30 Confirmation meeting 4:00 MOB: Mid High 5:30 MOB: Sr High 5:00 Kerygma</p>
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Exodus 20: 8-11

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Deuteronomy 5: 12-15

¹²Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

Matthew 5: 17

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.”

Exploring Membership Classes

If you've been considering church membership, here's your chance. Exploring Membership classes will meet **Saturday, Oct. 30, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 31, 9:00-10:30 a.m.** (Childcare and Saturday lunch are provided.)

If you're considering membership, it's important to attend both classes. They are designed not only to share information about what we believe at Forest Hill and how we operate as Presbyterians, but to build community and get to know others in the life of the church.

If you choose to join, you will be received by the Session and introduced to the congregation during Sunday worship on November 7. Contact Rev. John Lentz, Rev. Clover Beal, or the church office (216-321-2660) for information about the upcoming session.

For more information about membership in Forest Hill Church, see our website: www.fhcpresb.org/get-connected/new-member-classes



From the PC(USA) 2007-2009 Book of Order

G-5.0100 The Meaning of Membership

- a. The incarnation of God in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ gives to the church not only its mission but also its understanding of membership. One becomes an active member of the church through faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and acceptance of his Lordship in all of life. Baptism and a public profession of faith in Jesus as Lord are the visible signs of entrance into the active membership of the church.
- b. Persons may enter into active church membership in the following ways: by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith in Jesus Christ, or transfer of certificate from some other church.
- c. When persons baptized as infants reach an age when they are ready to make public their profession of faith and accept their responsibility in the life of the church, the session should invite, encourage, and help them prepare for their responsibility as active church members.