

# 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 2, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.*

*World Communion and Peacemaking Sunday*

*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*

"Thou movest us to delight in praising Thee, for Thou hast formed us for Thyself, and our hearts are restless till they find rest in Thee." Creator God, may we find our rest in you, this day. Amen.

### **Welcome**

#### **Prelude**

"You Are My Hiding Place"  
Sine Nomine Choir

M. Ledner

### ■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

#### **Call to Worship**

Leader: O God, who called all life into being,

**All: The earth, sea and sky are yours.**

Leader: Your presence is all around us,

**All: Every atom is full of your energy.**

Leader: Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth,

**All: With her we yearn for justice to be done,**

Leader: For creation to be freed from bondage,

**All: For the hungry to be fed,**

Leader: For captives to be released,

**All: For your kingdom of peace to come on earth.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

Lia Clement

**\* Processional Hymn No. 440**

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

**■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God***

**Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Clover Beal

O God, gladly we live and move and have our being in you. Yet always in the midst of this creation-glory, we see sin’s shadow and feel death’s darkness: around us in the earth, sea and sky, the abuse of matter; beside us in the broken, the hungry and the poor, the betrayal of one another; and often, deep within us, a striving against your spirit. O Trinity of love, forgive us that we may forgive one another, heal us that we may be people of healing, and renew us that we also may be makers of peace. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

(from the *Iona Community Worship Book*)

**A Time of Silent Confession**

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

Estonia

**■ ■ ■ *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***

**Minute for Mission**

Elder Dick Obermanns

“Peacemaking Offering and the Home Repair Resource Center”

**Hymn**

D. and B. Rod

“Song for Peace”

(*children may bring forward their offering at this time*)

song

song

**Scripture Lesson**

Exodus 3: 1-15

*After the reading(s)*

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

“Curious?”

**Ritual of Friendship**

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

**Offering of Our Gifts**

**Offertory**

Nigerian folk song

“Dide ta Deo”

**\* 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.**

**■ ■ ■ Eucharist**

**Invitation**

**Great Thanksgiving**

Leader: **The Lord be with you.**

People: And also with you.

Leader: **Lift up your hearts.**

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Leader: **Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Sanctus**

Taiwan

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

*(please use debts, debtors)*

**Communion of the People**

**Music During Communion**

South Africa

“Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona”

**Prayer after Communion**

**God of grace, you have renewed us at our table with the bread of life. May  
this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask  
this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.**

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

**\* Closing Hymn No. 350**

“Fill My Cup”

**\* Commission and Blessing: A Celebration of the Home Repair Resource Center**

**\* Choral Benediction**

**\* Passing of the Peace**

**■ ■ ■ Postlude**

Drum Circle *(all are invited to come and participate)*



■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

**Chancel Flowers**

Today's flowers are given by Carol Scott in loving memory of Leighton; by Chessie Bleick in honor of her family and friends; and in memory of Roy West, husband, father, and grandfather, by LeAnn West, Laura, Kevin, Jacob and Adam Stauffer, and Matt West.

**Prayer Concerns this Week UPDATE**

**Prayers are requested this week for the following:**

Don Clark, Robin Craig, George Dean, Bill Ferguson, Joy Ferguson, Dorothy Hales, Sharon Shumaker, Debbie Ungemach

**Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:**

Bob Bielek, Pat and Fran Drake, Rose Eaton, Betty Farnfield, Marilyn Gifford, Elizabeth Kosnik, Merdine T. Morris, Marilyn Oviatt, Joyce Peters, Millie Skeivis, Anne Taylor

**Please pray for Diana Woodbridge and her family;** Diana's mother Dorothy Smith died September 23.

**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**

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**

**KISS – Kids in Sunday Service**

Children in grades 1-5 will remain in worship this morning to celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Worship bags and a children's bulletin are being offered to help the children take part in the service. Please return the worship bags to the baskets as you leave the sanctuary.

**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.

**The Global Village**

Many thanks to Eric Muller-Girard and Barb Lind for coordinating the *Global Village in the Sanctuary* in recognition of World Communion Sunday! Today is the second in a series of arts-enhanced services; this one celebrates the visual arts along with music from diverse cultures.

**Peacemaking Offering and**

**Home Repair Resource Center 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

**The Peacemaking Offering will be received today,** World Communion Sunday. This offering supports national and international efforts of the Presbyterian Church (USA), such as work by the Presbyterian Mission to the United Nations to put an end to the use of child soldiers.

**The Offering also allows congregations to designate funds for a local project.** The Home Repair Resource Center of Cleveland Heights was launched by Forest Hill Church in 1971 as a faithful response to racial tensions and "white flight". Today HRRC enables homeowners to maintain their houses, avoid foreclosure, and keep our community diverse and stable. Help celebrate forty years of this unique ministry we created and support, by our offering, with personal reflections and refreshments after the service.

"A harvest of justice is sown in peace" (*James 3:18*).

Please sow generously for future harvests through your Peacemaking Offering.

**Today Is Hunger Sunday**

Any cash or checks in envelopes marked **Hunger** will be used 100% for support of hunger programs. Each month we send the money to the Heights Emergency Food Cupboard (Disciples Church, Cleveland Hts.), the New Covenant Lutheran Church Hunger Center (East Cleveland), and the Presbyterian Hunger Program in Haiti.

**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 lesson this week is **Exodus 6: 1-9** and **12: 29-32**.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

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

The Kerygma scripture for next week is **Exodus 6: 1-9** and **12: 29-32**.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**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:

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| Nancy Wyss, 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 Franklin                  | Carol Scott                           |
| Chris & Daniel Fuller            | Steve Sedam                           |
| Carol & Tim Gifford              | Peggy Skelly                          |
| Brett & Annette Himes & family   | Damos & Dele Solaru & family          |
| Cindy Fink & Kemp Jaycox         | Derry Stauffer & Kathy Hanna-Stauffer |
| Jack & Shelly Jesberger & family | Marjorie Thomas                       |
| Matt & Jacquelyn Knoch           | Anne Wilson                           |
|                                  | Robert & Julie Ann Yoe                |

Today's CARE Group volunteers: Carol Scott (Continental Breakfast); Dele Solaru, Chris Fuller, Carol Leslie, Barb Cloud (Coffee Hour); Betty Clark (Greeting Cards); Marge Thomas, Tim Gifford (Greeters); Steve Sedam, Virginia Weiss (Flowers)

**Exploring Membership**

The next class will be held October 15-16. Please contact the church office if you are interested in attending (see the **TOWER** for more information).

**Social Groups and Circles**

**Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering (all women of the church)**

Presbyterian Women from throughout the Presbytery of the Western Reserve are invited to a Fall Gathering on Saturday, October 8, 2011 from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm at Fairmount Presbyterian Church, 2757 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Hts. Jinny McCook from the Synod will speak on the mission trip to a Native American reservation. Morning coffee and lunch will be served. To register, please send a check for \$8.00 to: Nancy Sabo, 2020 Tillotson Rd., Ashtabula, Ohio 44001

**Hilltoppers (retired singles and couples)**

We are having dinner and a Holden Arboretum Tram Tour on Tuesday, Oct. 18. Come join us for a good lunch at Dino's Restaurant and a wonderful view of autumn leaves and special areas of Cleveland's renowned Holden Arboretum. We will meet at 11:00 am in the church parking lot to carpool to Dino's (Rt. 90 and Rt 306). Reservations must be made by Tuesday, Oct. 11 to Margaret Sentell (330-528-6171). More details and a map will be included in the fliers. For more information, please contact the event chairperson, Lorian Thomas (216-381-4174).

**Family Halloween Party**

Come one, come all to the Second Annual FHC Family Halloween Costume Party on Saturday, October 22 from 5:30 to 8 pm in Fellowship Hall! Please bring a potluck dish to share and be ready to play plenty of games. Last year, Woody & Jesse from Toy Story came for a rootin' tootin' good time, and there was even an entire zoo on display! Even if you don't wish to don a costume, please come and enjoy some fun and fellowship! Contact Christina Hidek ([christina.hidek@gmail.com](mailto:christina.hidek@gmail.com) 440/646-9093, if you are interested in helping to plan decorations and/or games.

**The Group (singles and couples, 60s-70s)**

The Group will gather at The Cleveland Institute of Music on October 28 at 7:30 pm for a concert in Mixon Hall. We will hear CIM pianist Sergei Babayan in a recital featuring music of Tchaikovsky and other favorite composers. The concert is free but requires seating passes which will go quickly. RSVP to Anne Hunter ([anneshunter8@gmail.com](mailto:anneshunter8@gmail.com)) to reserve your seat.

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

**Today:** Mid and Sr High: Meet from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

**Thursday:** Sr High Group Development @ Kristen’s, 7:00 pm

**Saturday:** Meet at the church at 6 pm to leave for a hayride and corn maze adventure!

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

**Next Sunday: Exodus 6: 1-9 and 12: 29-32.** 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.

■ ■ ■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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Please help us reduce this deficit.

Third quarter statements will be mailed next week.

Please refer to them to make sure your pledge is current.

Gratefully yours, the Financial Office



*Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”*

*~ John 4:13-14*

*The Presbytery of the Western Reserve and Forest Hill Church  
invite you to the Service of Ordination of*

*Mary Robin Craig*

*to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament*

*Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian  
Sunday, October 30, 2011 at 4:00 pm*

*The Rev. Dr. Edwin Chr. van Driel, Assistant Professor at Pittsburgh  
Theological Seminary, will preach.*

*RSVP to [office@fhcpresb.org](mailto:office@fhcpresb.org) for the reception ~ light refreshments ~  
afterward.*

■■■ *Calendar: October 2 - 9, 2011*

<p><b>Sunday, October 2</b>  <b>World Communion and Peacemaking Sunday</b>            9:00 Child care begins            9:30 Descant Choir                  Adult and Youth Education                  Descant Choir            10:15 Descant Choir activity            10:30 Continental Breakfast                  Chancel Choir            11:00 WORSHIP: Communion                  Children in Worship                  Little Explorers            12:15 Coffee Hour            12:30 20s-30s Lunch            5:00 Kerygma class                  Faith Leader</p> <p><b>Monday, October 3</b>            6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)            7:00 pm Al Anon                  Boy Scout Troop #403                  Sycamore Group            7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)</p> <p><b>Tuesday October 4</b>            6:30 pm Kerygma class (at Williams')            7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack #36</p> <p><b>Wednesday, October 5</b>            7:15 am Bible and Bagels</p>	<p><b>Thursday, October 6</b>            7:00 pm Youth: Sr High Group                      Development @ Kristen's            6:20 pm Voices in Bronze            7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p> <p><b>Friday, October 7</b>            9:30 am Al Anon</p> <p><b>Saturday, October 8</b>            8:30 am Fall PW Gathering                      (Fairmount PC)            6:00 pm Youth: Hayride (meet at FHC)</p> <p><b>Sunday, October 9</b>            8:00 Nominating Committee mtg            9:00 Child care begins            9:30 Descant Choir                  Adult and Youth Education                  Descant Choir            10:15 Descant Choir activity            10:30 Continental Breakfast                  Chancel Choir            11:00 WORSHIP: Communion                  Children in Worship                  Little Explorers                  Pathways to the Promise Land            12:15 Coffee Hour                  Sine Nomine Choir rehearsal            5:00 Kerygma class                  Faith Leader</p>
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**Exodus 3: 1-15**

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.