

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 4, 2011 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*

O Christ, you are within each of us. It is not just the interior of these walls: it is our own inner being you have renewed. We are your temple not made with hands. We are your body. Settle us for worship and renewal, for prayer and praise. Then take us outside, O Christ, into the crossroads of the world. Amen.

Welcome

Prelude

"Streams of Gladness"

J. Utterback

Choral Introit

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Elder Mark Chupp

Leader: The world belongs to God,
All: The earth and all its people.

Leader: How good it is, how wonderful,
All: To live together in unity.

Leader: Love and faith come together,
All: Justice and peace join hands.

Leader: If Christ's disciples keep silent,
All: These stones would shout aloud.

Leader: Open our lips, O God,
All: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

*** Opening Hymn**

“God Loves All His Many People”

song

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Clover Beal

O God, you are always true to us in love. We confess our faithlessness to you and to one another. We forget the poor and the broken. We forget to cherish creation. We forget to thank you for life and those we love. We are quick to criticize and slow to bless. Forgive us. Give us life, O God, to change. Enable us to change, that we might live more fully and freely. Amen.

A Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

P. Halley

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

Assurance of Pardon

*** Song of Praise**

“Shine on Me” (*refrain*)

Shine on me, shine on me; Jesus, shine on me.
Through the darkness of my heart, Jesus, shine on me.

Anthem

“This Is the Day”

arr. G. Smith

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

Scripture Lessons

Micah 6: 6-8
Acts 3: 1-11

After the readings

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*** Hymn No. 367**

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

Sermon

Elder Laura Steiner

"An Offering Outside the Gates"

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

please use debts, debtors

Ritual of Friendship

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

Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory

“Eucaristica”

P. Casals

* Response

Hymn No. 432

May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

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

A Blessing for Christian Vocation

* Closing Hymn No. 419

“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

* Commission and Blessing

* Choral Benediction

* Passing of the Peace

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

P. Yon

“L'Organo Primitivo”



■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by Barbara Cloud in memory of her parents, Marguerite and Thomas Usher, now deceased; and in memory of Mildred and the Rev. Arthur Kinsler and William and Clara Brandt, grandparents of Cindy Brandt Newton.

Prayer Concerns this Week

George Dean, Carl Eloff, Joy Ferguson, Dorothy Hales, Marilyn Oviatt, Peggy Sasso, 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, Joyce Peters, Millie Skeivis, Anne Taylor

Please pray for Chuck and Rosanna Sprague and their family; Chuck's father Richard Merrill Sprague died August 27.

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

Lay Preacher

Laura Steiner, preaching this morning, has been attending Forest Hill Church with her husband Kevin since 2004 and is currently serving as an elder of Justice & Mission. During the week, she works at Achievement Centers for Children as a social worker for children with disabilities and their families. You can often spy her pondering faith, beauty, and justice while picking flowers and vegetables at Abundance Acres.

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.

Today's Music Leaders

Many thanks to today's music leaders: Patty Console, Shelly Jesberger, Laurie Logan, Laura Minder, Debbie Ungemach, Julie Wolfram, Beth Zych.

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 7:15 to 8:15 am in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The lesson this week is **Matthew 18: 21-35**.

NEXT SUNDAY

The fall schedule begins next Sunday, September 11. Please see the calendar for a complete schedule.

LOOKING AHEAD

FALL FESTIVAL: SEPTEMBER 18

KOMMEN SIE ZU OKTOBERFEST!

IT'S TIME TO GET OUT YOUR LEDERHOSEN! THE FOREST HILL CHURCH FALL FESTIVAL WILL CELEBRATE OUR NEW CHURCH YEAR WITH AN OKTOBERFEST-THEMED LUNCH AND AFTERNOON OF FUN FOR ALL. JOIN US FOR GAMES, CRAFTS, POLKA DANCING, OOMPAH MUSIC AND GREAT GERMAN FOOD. WE ARE BRINGING BACK THE ALWAYS FUN CAKE WALK, AND ARE LOOKING FOR BAKERS TO PROVIDE A CAKE, PIE, COOKIES OR CUPCAKES. MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SEPTEMBER 18TH AND COME MEET FRIENDS OLD AND NEW, KICK OFF THE FALL SEASON, AND INDULGE IN SOME BEER (THAT'S ROOT BEER, AS IN ROOT BEER FLOATS THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR A SMALL DONATION).

EIN PROSIT! (A TOAST TO HAPPINESS AND GOOD HEALTH)

Join a Choir!

Martin Luther once proclaimed:

Music is a fair and glorious gift from God. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and they smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am persuaded that after theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of heart. The devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God.

Certainly, Martin Luther is suggesting that you join a choir! Please check your September TOWER for rehearsal times, or contact Anne Wilson (216-870-2729 or annew@fhcpresb.org)

Social Groups and Circles

Hilltoppers (retired singles and couples)

Hilltoppers will kick off the program year on Tuesday, September 6 with a trip to the Cleveland Museum of Art. FHC Director of Music Anne Wilson, an art museum docent, will take us on a tour of her favorite galleries. We will meet in the church parking lot by 10 am and carpool to the museum. The tour will begin by the gift shop near the lobby. Following our walking tour, those who wish may have lunch at the museum café. For more information, please contact Don or Betty Clark (216-531-3575) or Grace Uhle (216-514-0304).

The Group (single and couples, 60s-70s)

The Group will meet around 5:30 pm on Saturday, September 17 at Lopez on Lee for dinner. After dinner we'll head over to the Cedar Lee Theater to see the movie *Higher Ground*. Please let Marcia Grant (mgrant@us.edu or 216-831-2209) know as soon as possible if you will be attending.

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:

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| Joy Stang, Deacon leader | Ginie Mast |
| Mark Chupp, Sharon Shumaker & family | Laurie & Eric Muller-Girard & family |
| Lisa Chuppa | Jeanette Nemcek |
| Robin Craig | Vikki Nowak, Todd Webster & family |
| Chris & Amy Davis & family | John Prentice |
| Bob & Joanne Dawson | Margaret & George Sentell |
| Muriel & George Dean | Franklin & Naana Soadwa |
| Val Flechtner | Chuck & Rosanna Sprague |
| Beth & Bill Forsythe & family | Anne Taylor |
| Cathy & Don Ghiandoni | Debbie & Don Ungemach & family |
| Allen & Zivile Khoury | Todd Webster & Vikki Nowak & family |
| Lisa & Jed Koops | LeAnn West |
| Laurie & Keith Logan & family | Peggy Yeager |
- Today's volunteers: Continental breakfast, Cathy Ghiandoni; Coffee hour, Todd Webster and Vikki Nowak; Greeters, Jed and Lisa Koops.

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

Today: Disney Movie Night, 7 – 8:30 pm

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

Next Sunday: Youth education classes begin, 9:30 am

Looking Ahead: Watch the TOWER and email for September activities

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: Exodus 14: 19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14: 1-12; Matthew 18: 21-35.

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 July/August” page of the **TOWER**.

■ ■ ■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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A Message from the Financial Office:
 Dear Friends, Please keep your pledges current.
 Our YTD expenses have exceeded our income by \$10,000 as of August 31st.
 Your help would be most appreciated.

■ ■ ■ *Calendar: September 4 - 11, 2011*

<p>Sunday, September 4 9:30 Continental Breakfast 9:45 Child care begins 10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 Coffee hour 7:00 Youth: Disney Movie night</p> <p>Monday, September 5 Labor Day – office closed 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) 7:00 pm Al Anon 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)</p> <p>Tuesday, September 6 10:00 am Hilltoppers to Art Museum</p> <p>Wednesday, September 7 7:15 am Bible and Bagels</p> <p>Thursday, September 8 7:00 pm Youth: Sr High Group Development @ Kristen’s</p>	<p>Friday, September 9 9:30 am Al Anon</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, September 11 Fall schedule begins</p> <p>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 Sine Nomine Choir</p>
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Fall Festival: September 18 after worship

Micah 6:6-8

“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Acts 3: 1-11

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, “Look at us.” And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, “I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk.” And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon’s Portico, utterly astonished.

Forest Hill Church Adult Education *EXODUS: KERYGMA Bible Study Challenge!* Fall 2011: September 25 to November 27

After a tremendously successful 2010-2011 Bible study program with over 90 participants, the Adult Christian Education and Spiritual Formation program will continue engaging in a church-wide Kerygma Bible Study Challenge! We will be teaching and preaching through the book of Exodus. This year’s programs will continue to offer a variety of opportunities for studying scripture in a small group setting. Goldenrod REGISTRATION FORMS are scattered about the church. You can register at the table in Fellowship Hall before and after church. Each participant needs to buy a resource book (\$20).

September 11 and 18

Dr. Tim Beal will lay the foundation for our study of the book of Exodus.

September 25

The small group studies will begin! 10 Sessions

- Option I: EXODUS: “Gateway to the Bible” 10 sessions**
Sunday mornings 9:30-10:30 am or Sunday evenings 5-7 pm
- Option II: EXODUS: “Drawing the Bible” Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**
- Option III: EXODUS: “Listen to the Bible with Heart” Sundays, 9:30 a.m.**
- Option IV: BIBLE 101: “Your Bible! The Study Begins” Sundays, 9:30 a.m.**

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