

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 9, 2011 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*

O God, set your blessing upon us as we begin this day together. Confirm us in the truth by which we rightly live; confront us with the truth from which we wrongly turn. We ask not for what we want, but for what you know we need, as we offer this day and ourselves for you and to you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Welcome

Prelude

"Prelude in G-sharp Minor"

J. S. Bach

Choral Introit

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Leader: With the whole church

Elder Barry Hartz

People: We affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.

Leader: With people everywhere

People: We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong.

Leader: With all creation

People: We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life; the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world.

Leader: Let us worship God!

*** Processional Hymn No. 430**

“Come Sing, O Church in Joy!”

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Confession

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 neighbors 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.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

J. Bell

■ ■ ■ *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.*

Anthem

“Psalm 87”

Laura Minder, speaker

S. Kennedy

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

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 6: 1-2, 12: 29-32

After the reading

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*** Hymn No. 334**

“When Israel Was in Egypt’s Land”

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

Sermon

“Plaguing Mystery”

Dr. John Lentz

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

Offertory

“I Will Arise”

arr. R. Shaw

*** 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*

*** Closing Hymn No. 438**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

*** Commission and Blessing**

*** Choral Benediction**

*** Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

“In Thee Is Gladness”

J. S. Bach



■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

Today’s flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the Bible and Bagels group, by Joyce Pope; 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:

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

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

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

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**.

In Memoriam We Remember
Amelia Balchunas Skeivis (Millie)
Who died October 5, 2011
I am the resurrection and I am the life, says the Lord

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.

FH Steel Drum Band

The Forest Hill Steel Drum Band will be rehearsing soon. If you'd like to be in the "panyard," contact Anne Wilson (Annew@fhcpresb.org) or talk to her after the postlude.

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 12: 1-14**.

Exploring Membership

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

NEXT SUNDAY
Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall
The lesson next Sunday is **Exodus 12: 1-14**.

LOOKING AHEAD
All Church Workday

Join us on Saturday, October 29, beginning at 9 am and help get the church ready for winter – remove screens, put up storms, clean grounds, transplant perennials, clean out hedges. Lunch will be served at 12:30. Contact Dave Hunter (dhunter10@sbcglobal.net or 216-533-5728) for more information.

Cleveland Organ Week: Pedals, Pipes and Pastries!

As part of Cleveland Organ Weekend, Anne Wilson will play a short family-friendly, entertaining and educational organ recital at 1:00 pm on Saturday, October 29. The organ is a complex beast, and Anne will enlighten us with commentary and well-known organ excerpts and funny songs. Pastries to follow!

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:

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

This week's CARE volunteers: Tim Gifford, Continental Breakfast; Ruth and Arthur Brickel, Coffee Hour Hosts; Betty Clark, Greeting Card Host; Marge Thomas and Carol Scott, Greeters; Stephan Sedam and Virginia Weiss, flowers

Social Groups and Circles

Iris Circle (all women of the church)

We invite you to join Iris Circle as we travel to the Kent State Fashion Museum on Tuesday, October 11 to view a display titled "Civil War Fashions and Domestic Life." We will meet at the Denny's Restaurant parking lot on Wilson Mills Rd. near I-271 at 10:00 am to car pool to Kent. We have reservations for lunch in Kent at 12:30. RSVP to Barbara Hansen (440-255-5514 or Bhansen@oh.rr.com), or LeAnn West (216-692-0917 or kleannwest@sbcglobal.net).

Hilltoppers (retired singles and couples)

Come join us on Tuesday, Oct. 18 for 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).

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. 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 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) to reserve your seat.

■■■ *Youth News*

Today: Mid and Sr High classes meet from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Save the Date: All Youth: November 13, the first community **Converge** service! See p. 12.

■■■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: Exodus 12: 1-14

■■■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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■■■ *Calendar: October 9 - 16, 2011*

<p>Sunday, October 9 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 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> <p>Monday, October 10 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) Discernment Task Force 7:00 pm Al Anon Boy Scout Troop #403 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)</p> <p>Tuesday October 11 10:00 am Iris Circle to Kent State Fashion Museum 4:00 pm Hts Interfaith Council 6:30 pm Kerygma class (at Williams') 7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack #36 (dens) 7:30 pm Reaching Hts mtg</p>	<p>Wednesday, October 12 7:15 am Bible and Bagels 7:00 pm Ministry meetings</p> <p>Thursday, October 13 6:20 pm Voices in Bronze 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Forest Hill Swim Club</p> <p>Friday, October 14 7:00 am TOWER deadline 9:30 am Al Anon The Faith Leader retreat is this weekend</p> <p>Saturday, October 15 8:00 am Men's Group 9:00 am Exploring Membership class</p> <p>Sunday, October 16 8:00 Nominating Committee mtg 9:00 Child care begins Exploring Membership (part 2) 9:30 Descant Choir Adult and Youth Education Descant Choir 10:15 Descant Choir activity 10:30 Continental Breakfast Chancel Choir 11:00 WORSHIP: Baptism of Chloe Russo Children in Worship Little Explorers 11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land 12:15 Coffee Hour 5:00 Kerygma class</p>
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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 for the reception ~ light refreshments ~
 afterward.*

Exodus 6: 1-2, 12: 29-32

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh: Indeed, by a mighty hand he will let them go; by a mighty hand he will drive them out of his land.” God also spoke to Moses and said to him: “I am the LORD.

At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the prisoner who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of the livestock. Pharaoh arose in the night, he and all his officials and all the Egyptians; and there was a loud cry in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead. Then he summoned Moses and Aaron in the night, and said, “Rise up, go away from my people, both you and the Israelites! Go, worship the LORD, as you said. Take your flocks and your herds, as you said, and be gone. And bring a blessing on me too!”

To FHC members and friends:

Thank you for your donations.

However, receipts continue to lag behind our regular operating expenses by \$14,000.

Please help us reduce this deficit.

Third quarter statements were mailed this week.

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

If you have any questions, please call the Financial Office at 216-321-2660

or email beckya@fhcpresb.org.

Gratefully yours, the Treasurer and Session