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I will not die an unlived life.  
I will not live in fear  
of falling or catching fire.  
I choose to inhabit my days,  
To allow my living to open me,  
to make me less afraid,  
more accessible,  
to loosen my heart  
until it becomes a wing,  
a torch, a promise.  
I choose to risk my significance;  
To live so that which  
came to me as seed  
goes to the next as blossom  
and that which  
came to me as blossom,  
goes on as fruit.

Dawna Markova

## *Service of Worship*

*January 22, 2012 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*

Ann Weems

It is not over, this birthing.  
There are always newer skies  
into which God can throw stars.  
When we begin to think  
that we can predict the coming of God,  
that we can box the Christ in,  
that's just the time  
that God will be born  
in a place we can't imagine and won't believe.  
Those who wait for God  
watch with their hearts and not their eyes,  
listening  
always listening  
for angel words.

### **Welcome**

### **Prelude**

F. Chopin

*"Nocturne"*

*19<sup>th</sup> century composer Frederic Chopin was known as "the poet of the piano."*

Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr., Pastor  
Rev. Clover Reuter Beal, Assoc. Pastor  
Rev. Tricia Dykers-Koenig, Parish Assoc.

Anne Wilson, Ministry of Music  
Liz Wollaeger, Dir. Of Chr. Education  
Kristen Otte, Director of Youth Ministries

■ ■ ■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

**Call to Worship**

"God Is"

A poem written at the women's retreat  
read by various participants

**The people respond: We come to God.**

**\* Processional Hymn No. 272**

"God of the Sparrow"

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**Prayer of Reconciliation and Renewal**

"Silence"

read by Laura Steiner

Billy Collins

**Time of Silent Confession**

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

Merbecke

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

"The Thing Is"

Ellen Bass

**\*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.*

**Anthem**

"You Are Beside Me"

poem by Jean Reinhold

Anne Wilson

*Children in Pathways may leave following the anthem*

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

**A Minute for Reflection and Prayer**

Naomi Shihab Nye

"Kindness"

read by Jean Reinhold

Ushers will collect your prayers after this time of reflection

**\* Hymn**

"As the Deer Longs"

Congregation, please sing refrain:

As the deer longs for running streams, so I long,  
So I long, so I long for you.

**Scripture Lesson**

read by Elder Scott Lafferty

Genesis 1:1-5; John 1:1-5;

Matthew 6:28b, 11:16-17, 13:14-15, 34-35

*After the reading*

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Dr. John Lentz

"Gospel Poetry"

**Procession of Prayers**

Macy Smith

**Prayers of the People**

Rev. Clover Beal

**Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Ritual of Friendship**

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

**Offertory** Anne Wilson  
"When the Holy Spirit Comes to You"  
poem by Jane Kowall

**\* 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. 268**  
"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

**\* Blessing** led by Clover Beal  
"God Says Yes to Me"  
Kaylin Haught

**\* Choral Benediction** Anne Wilson  
"Yes, Yes, Yes!"

**\* Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *Postlude* M. Duruflé  
"Soissons Fugue"



Today our worship service celebrates the spiritual power of poetry. In this Arts-Enhanced Liturgy, original poems penned by Jean Reinhold and Jane Kowall and set to music by Anne Wilson are used as worship elements.

Other poems used in this service were written by Dawn Markova ("I Will Not Die an Unlived Life"), the women of Forest Hill Church ("God Is"), Billy Collins ("Silence"), Ellen Bass ("The Thing Is"), Naomi Shihab Nye ("Kindness"), Kaylin Haught ("God Says Yes to Me") and Ann Weems ("It's Not Over"). Some of the poems were used with their full text and some were excerpted and modified for service purposes.

■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

**Chancel Flowers**

Today's flowers are given by Marge Drollinger and her four sons in loving memory of her husband, John Drollinger, Jr. A donation for worship enrichment has been given by Valerie Flechtner in loving memory of her parents, Audrey and Victor Raabe.

**Prayer Concerns this Week**

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

Ruth Brickel, Bill Currie, Marian Frederick, Ron and Florence Klein, Debbie Ungemach, Charles White, Johanna Wilcott

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

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

**In memoriam** We remember former member Marilyn Oviatt, who died last week. There will be a service on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012 at 11 a.m. at The First Presbyterian Church of Willoughby, 4785 Shankland Rd., Willoughby.

**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**

**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.

***From the Ministry of Justice and Mission***

Many thanks to all who gave supplies and time to prepare kits for the Homeless Stand Down! We assembled 95 hygiene kits and 24 travel kits for our homeless neighbors to receive at the Stand Down. The congregation also gave an additional financial donation toward the purchase of warm winter coats and boots. Thanks to all for supporting and caring for our neighbors through this important event! Please pray for those who will receive these gifts in the weeks ahead.

***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 **Mark 1: 21-28**.

***NEXT SUNDAY***

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

The Kerygma study of the Gospel of Mark begins January 29. All participants will meet in South Hall from January 29 – February 26.

***LOOKING AHEAD***

***Care Group***

The Deacon Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during January. 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:

Deb Adrine	Carol Hopkins-Lutz	Daryl Musick	Joy Stang
Mary Ball	Cathie Kernich	Cindy Newton	Ahren Stock
Jennifer Blakeney	Janet Kickel	Dick Peterjohn	Julie Waring
Al Gilbert	Robin Mervine	Carol Phillips	Nancy Wyss

Today's CARE Group volunteers: Julie Waring (Continental Breakfast); Carol Phillips (Coffee Hour, Greeter, Flowers); Cathie Kernich (Greeter)

***Gifts for Medical Mission Trip***

Jeff Smith will be leaving February 3 on a medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic. The group would like to take small gifts for the children who will be receiving medical care. There is a box in Fellowship Hall to collect your donations; details may be found in the weekly email and on the tables in the foyers.

***Social Groups and Circles***

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

The Group will gather on Sunday, February 5, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of David and Anne Hunter, 865 Hardwood Ct, Gates Mills. We will provide soup for half time, but we need appetizers, salads, and desserts. BYOB. RSVP to Cathy Ghiandoni (216 691-1905 or [cghiandoni@aol.com](mailto:cghiandoni@aol.com)).

***Forest Hill Cavaliers Night!***

Join your FHC friends and come see the Cavs play the Chicago Bulls on Friday, March 2 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$18 and must be ordered by February 3 – see Kristen Otte.

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

**Today:** Mid and Sr High classes meet from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Please attend the Annual Meeting after worship

**Looking Ahead: Ski Trip coming up – February 3-5**

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

**Next Sunday: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23; Mark 1: 21-28.** 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 January" page of the **TOWER**.

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**The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held today.  
Lunch will be served following worship, and the meeting will begin as lunch  
concludes. All FHC members are invited and encouraged to attend;  
visitors and non-members are welcome as well.**

***Come and see!***



**Genesis 1:1-5**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

**John 1:1-5**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

**Matthew 6:28b**

And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin,

**Matthew 11:16-17**

"But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

**Matthew 13:14-15**

With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says: 'You will indeed listen, but never understand, and you will indeed look, but never perceive. For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn— and I would heal them.'

**Matthew 13:34-35**

Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: "I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world."

