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Service of Worship

September 9, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.

If you are visiting, please join us in wearing a name tag so that we might greet you. Our ushers are ready to help! They have large print editions of the Bible, Hymnal, and today's bulletin; hearing devices; activity bags with quiet activities for older children staying in worship; and directions to our safe, loving nursery in our Monticello Wing for babies and young children.



■■■ *Prayer of Preparation*

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome

Prelude

“Prelude on a Sunday School Tune”

Dale Wood

Choral Introit

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Elder Barbara Hansen

Leader: God calls us to this place,

People: And to this life of love and service.

Leader: We come, encircled by a great cloud of witnesses.

People: Encircled by a great cloud of witnesses, we come.

Leader: With a vital heritage,

People: Looking for guideposts at the crossroads.

Leader: Directing us to new avenues of service, we come.

People: With joy in our hearts and openness to Christ's presence among us, we come to worship God.

Leader: Let us worship the living Lord.

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

*** Processional Hymn No. 276**

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

■■■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Clover Beal

God, you love us like a Mother and a Father. We confess that we are not very good at loving. You love us just as we are. We have trouble loving those in our extended families, in the home, the workplace and the church. How much more do we shy away from loving the stranger in need, or from loving our enemies? Soften our hearts, gracious God. Strengthen our spirits that we may become better friends of our sisters and brothers throughout all creation, showing forth our deepest love for you.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison *(Lord, have mercy)*

Plainsong

■■■ *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

“Over My Head”

Spiritual

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

Celebration of Christian Education

*** Hymn of Inspiration No. 320**

“The Lone Wild Bird”

Children in Pathways may leave during the hymn

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

Scripture Lesson

Romans 1: 1-15

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz

“Dear FHC”

Affirmation of Faith

(From “A Brief Statement of Faith”)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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 as a record of attendance

Offertory John Bell

“Sing Hey For the Carpenter”

*** 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. 354**

“Guide My Feet”
(Stanzas 1 - 4)

*** Commission and Blessing**

*** Choral Benediction**

*** Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

C. S. Lang

“Tuba Tune”

Welcome Visitors!

We look forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Welcome bags are available throughout the building. Take one home with you!

■ ■ ■ *Congregational Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by Marilyn Wilk, in memory of her mother, Cinderella Paradiso; and by Jenny and Caty Himmelman in memory of Nancy Geyer Harper, mother and grandmother.

Prayer Concerns this Week

*In Memoriam We Remember
Johanna Becker Wilcott
who died August 31, 2012
I am the resurrection and I am the life, says the Lord*

**The memorial service for Johanna will be
Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2012 at 11 am.**

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Dick Bloomquist, Ruth and Arthur Brickel, Bill Currie, Marian Frederick, Marilyn Gifford, Iris Gilbert, Barbara Harvey, Ron and Florence Klein, Graham Peters, Arlene and Jack Quinn, Elaine Tapié, Debbie Ungemach.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Pat and Fran Drake, Betty Farnfield, Dorothy Hales, Elizabeth Kosnik, Emelia McGuire, Merdine T. Morris, Joyce Peters, Anne Taylor.

Congratulations to Dan Smith and Kristin Medley, who were married at FHC September 2. Pastor Clover Beal officiated. Dan is the son of members Anne and Jeff Smith.

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, 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.

Attendance last week (including Christian Education children): 165

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

TODAY

The Choirs Are Back!

Would you like more information about the choirs? Contact Anne Wilson (216-870-2729 or annew@fhcpresb.org). New members are welcome in all groups: Chancel Choir (senior highs and adults), Sine Nomine Choir (grades 6 – college), Descant Choir (grades 1-5), Voices in Bronze (senior highs and adults) and the FHC Steel Drum Band (all ages).

THIS WEEK

Bible and Bagels

Bible and Bagels meets Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 am in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The lesson this week is **Romans 3: 21-31**.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall

The fall Kerygma series on Romans begins today. Small groups will meet beginning on September 23. Registration forms are available on p. 12 of the bulletin, in the foyers, on line, and from Pastor Beal.

Micah Initiative Brainstorming and Planning Meeting

September 16 in Bodwell Hall after worship

If you have a Micah Initiative project idea or would like to hear about or participate in projects that are in the works, please join us for a light lunch and a time of sharing ideas, prayer, and planning together. RSVP to Laura Steiner (lauramsteiner@yahoo.com) if you plan to attend.

LOOKING AHEAD

Fall Harvest Festival

September 30, 2012

Our annual Fall Festival will begin with food, followed by

- Games
- Root beer floats with Sweetie Fry ice cream
- Scavenger hunt game
- Cake Walks
- Guess the number of candy corns in the jar
- Pumpkin painting
- Children's games and crafts

Join us for an afternoon of family fun.



Donations are needed for the Cake Walk

Please bring cakes to Fellowship Hall before worship on September 30

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:

Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Deacon leader	Laurie & Eric Muller-Girard & family
Mark Chupp & Sharon Shumaker	Jeanette Nemcek
Lisa Chuppa	Vikki Nowak, Todd Webster & family
Chris & Amy Davis & family	John Prentice
Bob & Joanne Dawson	Rob Reynolds
Muriel Dean	Margaret & George Sentell
Beth & Bill Forsythe & family	Franklin & Naana Soadwa
Cathy & Don Ghiandoni	Chuck & Rosanna Sprague
Allen & Zivile Khoury	Joy Stang
Lisa & Jed Koops & family	Anne Taylor
Laurie & Keith Logan	Debbie & Don Ungemach & family
Ginie Mast	LeAnn West
	Peggy Yeager

Today's CARE Group volunteers: LeAnn West, continental breakfast; Todd Webster and Vikki Nowak, greeters; Vikki Nowak, coffee hour; Zivile Khoury, greeting card table; Lisa Chuppa, flower delivery.

There's Still Time

The pilgrimage to Washington DC on October 13-14 still has room for a few people, but time is running out to make reservations! If you would like to join the group, or have a friend who is interested, or would like to take your middle or high school daughter (exchange student, grandson...), please contact Anne Smith (annejeffsmith@yahoo.com, 216-932-2932) or Barb Cloud (216-321-9112 or faithleader52@yahoo.com), as soon as you decide or for more information. This promises to be an exciting and enriching trip!

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

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

Converge! at First Baptist Church, 3630 Fairmount Blvd, 7 pm.

Friday: Game Night from 6:30 – 9 pm, FHC

Looking Ahead: Presbytery Youth Outing, September 23, 2-5 pm

■ ■ ■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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■■■ *The Lessons*

Today's Scripture: Romans 1: 1-15

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world. For God, whom I serve with my spirit by announcing the gospel of his Son, is my witness that without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers, asking that by God's will I may somehow at last succeed in coming to you. For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as I have among the rest of the Gentiles. I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish —hence my eagerness to proclaim the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

Next Sunday: Romans 3: 21-31 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.

■■■ *Calendar: September 9 - 16, 2012*

Sunday, September 9

Regular schedule begins

9:00 Child care begins
 9:30 Adult Education
 Youth Education
 Descant Choir
 10:15 Descant Choir activity
 10:30 Continental Breakfast
 Chancel Choir
 11:00 WORSHIP
 Little Explorers
 Children in Worship
 11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land
 12:15 Coffee Hour
 Sine Nomine Choir
 Food Pantry Team meeting
 7:00 Youth: **Converge!** at First Baptist
 Church, 3630 Fairmount Blvd

Monday, September 10

6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)
 7:00 pm AI Anon
 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Trp #403

Tuesday, September 11

11:00 am Memorial Service for
 Johanna Becker Wilcott
 Reception following
 6:00 pm Racial Conversation Grp
 7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 36

Wednesday, September 12

7:00 pm All Ministries meet

Thursday, September 13

6:20 pm Voices in Bronze
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir
 FH Swim Club

Friday, September 14

7:00 am **TOWER** deadline
 6:30 pm Youth: Game Night

Saturday, September 15

8:00 am Men's Group

Sunday, September 16

9:00 Child care begins
 9:30 Adult Education
 Youth Education
 Descant Choir
 Budget Committee meeting
 10:00 Cherub Choir
 10:15 Descant Choir activity
 10:30 Continental Breakfast
 Chancel Choir
 11:00 WORSHIP
 Little Explorers
 Children in Worship
 Pathways to the Promise Land
 12:15 Coffee Hour
 Micah Initiative meeting
 Student Leadership Team mtg

Volunteer Opportunities

Crib and Nursery (Infants-2 year olds)

The crib and nursery room is a wonderful place for our little ones to come and be cared for while parents are in worship. We hope all families will find this to be a caring and nurturing place to leave their children.

The nursery is staffed by a paid Child Care Provider with the help of volunteers. Please consider helping: the commitment is small (just one or two Sundays each quarter) and rewards are huge (babies to hold and of course snacks). You can listen to the worship service while you rock!

Our nursery is in great need of volunteers for the autumn months. Sign up in the nursery or contact Liz Wollaeger for more information.



Christian Education

At Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian, we offer many opportunities to educate our children and youth in God's Word and our faith. Each program nurtures spirituality as they grow in their beliefs and begin or continue their faith journey. We encourage our young members to grow in their faith through church school, choirs, youth fellowship groups and Bible studies.

Are you looking for a way to get connected in the life of the church? Consider teaching in one of the Christian Education programs for children and youth. It is a great way to share your faith and get to know our amazing younger members. Curriculum is teacher-friendly and life-relevant. Please contact Liz Wollaeger for more information on how you can enrich your faith as you lead a Church School class.

Paul's Letter to the ROMANS

Forest Hill Church Adult Education

***KERYGMA* Small Group Bible Study**

Sundays 9:30 - 10:30 am; Sept. 9 - November 25

This single letter has informed Jewish-Christian relationships, the role of women in the church, and stewardship of the environment. It inspired both Martin Luther and John Wesley and continues to inspire generations of readers. Join us for an in-depth small group study of one of the most influential texts of the New Testament.

Introduction to Romans : Dr. John Lentz	Sept. 9
Who was the Apostle Paul?: Dr. John Lentz	Sept. 16
Small groups meet	Sept. 23 - Oct. 14
Large group gathering: How are we doing?	Oct. 21
Small groups continue	Oct. 28 - Nov. 18
Large group wrap-up	Nov. 25

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Romans 15:4

Please complete this registration slip to join a study group;
put it in the offering or on Pastor Beal's mailbox.

Name _____

Email _____

Small Group Preferences: Circle any that apply

Study Level: Beginner Intermediate Ready to Dig
Deeper

Small Group Meeting Time: Morning Sunday Evening
(possibility)

A **Bible 101** class will also be offered on Sunday mornings.

If you'd prefer this option, please check here _____

text (\$20): _____ *has book*
paid: cash / check *processed by* _____ *date* _____