

Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian

Service of Worship

October 21, 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*

You discern my thoughts from far away O God
You search out my path and my lying down
And are acquainted with all my ways (Psalm 139:2-3)
Be still and aware of God's presence within and all around.

Welcome

Prelude

"God Is So Good"
Cherub Choir; Beth Zych, director

trad.

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Elder Diana Woodbridge

Leader: People of God arise for worship!

People: Let our souls rise to meet you as the sun rises to meet the day.

Leader: Glory to the Creator, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* Processional Hymn No. 263

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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■■■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we read in scripture that nothing separates us from your love. But we do feel separated: from you, from one another – we even feel divided and not quite right within ourselves. Renew us this day in the image of your love. By your Holy Spirit align us to your truth and put us together again so that we might serve you boldly in Jesus’ name.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

John 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

“This Little Light of Mine”

Descant Choir

trad.

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

Minute for Mission

Dave Hunter

“Living and Giving in Abundance” – Stewardship 2012-13

*** Hymn**

John Bell

“Nothing in Height or in Depth”

The choir will sing this through once

Children in Pathways may leave during the hymn

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn



Noth-ing in height or in depth which be-friends or be-falls us,



noth-ing in life or in death which for-bids or fore-stalls us,



noth-ing can lim-it the love of our sa-viour, Je-sus Christ.

Scripture Lesson

Romans 8: 31-39

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

“Leap of Faith”

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 Alex Bradford

"I Said I Wasn't Gonna Tell Nobody"
Mist'a Craig, soloist

*** 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** Anne Wilson

"Romans 8: 37-39"

*This music was written for the installation of the Rev. John C. Lentz
on April 17, 1994 at FHC*

*** Passing of the Peace**

■■■ *Postlude* Jean Langlais

"Pasticcio"



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 Liz Wollaeger in honor of the teachers, leaders, children and youth of FHC; and by Don and Nancy Grube in memory of loved ones.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Dick Bloomquist, Ruth and Arthur Brickel, Bill Currie, Marian Frederick, Iris Gilbert, Ron and Florence Klein, Graham Peters, Arlene and Jack Quinn, Rowan Smith, Elaine Tapié, Debbie Ungemach, Pat Weissbrod.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Pat and Fran Drake, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Dorothy Hales, Elizabeth Kosnik, Emelia McGuire, Merdine T. Morris, 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**.

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.

Attendance last week (including Christian Education children): 191

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

TODAY

Faith, Religion and Partisan Politics

See page 10 for a description of this series, which continues today at 12:15.

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 9: 14-26**.

Make Soup for Pantry

Come help us make some homemade soup to give away through our Abundance Acres Pantry. We need folks to help chop vegetables in the kitchen on Sat 10/27 at 10:00 am. We still need to collect plastic containers with lids to put the soup in - preferably at 16 to 32 oz sizes. For questions, contact Paul Jennings (jennings_paul@att.net or 440-570-6736).

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall

The Kerygma text for next Sunday is **Romans 9: 14-26**.

LOOKING AHEAD

Care Group

The Mt. Sinai 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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Barb Cloud, Deacon leader	Mary Lewis
Joanne Bielek	Julie & Gary Lustic
Guy Cameron & family	Brooke Marcy & family
Betty & Don Clark	Dave & Jane Olson & family
Jane Frederick & family	Graham & Roz Peters
Donna Frey	Joyce Peters
Sue Gifford & family	Jim Picht, Rebecca Martin & family
Al Gilbert	Matt & Katie Russo & family
Don & Nancy Grube	Gary Sampson
Barb Hansen	Sara & Randy Shaner
Jason & Christine Hidek & family	Anona Stack
Chuck & Jane Ishler	Lorian, Ralph & Fran Thomas
Nina Klein	Ann & Peter Williams
	Warren & Lois Young

This Sunday's volunteers: Continental Breakfast - Barb Cloud; Coffee Hour - Jane Frederick; Greeting Cards - Betty Clark; Greeters - Gary and Julie Lustic; Flower delivery - Barb Cloud

Social Groups and Circles

The Back Row (singles and couples 20s – 40s)

Costumed (or not) adults and kids are gathering for a spook-tacular night at the home of the Hideks (5284 Golfway Lane, Lyndhurst, 44124) on Saturday, October 27 at 4:30 pm. Please bring a potluck dish to share, and if you wish, BYOB. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. Questions? Contact Christina Hidek (216/570-3962 or christina.hidek@gmail.com).

Hilltoppers (retired singles and couples)

On Sunday, November 4, Hilltoppers will go to Heights High for a production of their 2012 fall musical – ***Phantom of the Opera*** – at 4 pm. The cost is \$10 per ticket. RSVP to Dick Peterjohn, 216-991-0424, Lucy Conde, 216-382-5177 or Clyde Loughridge, 216-831-1759.

Pacesetters (singles and couples 40s-60s)

Dinner and a show for \$20 ... what a deal! Join the Pacesetters at Cleveland Heights High School on November 3 for dinner at 6:00 pm, then stay and enjoy the Heights Vocal Music Department production of ***Phantom of the Opera***. If you've already committed to tickets, we'll see you at the show. If you have not, please e-mail Robert Brock (brockr@zin-tech.com) and he will purchase tickets as a group. All proceeds will help defray the cost of the choir tour in the spring.

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

Please join The Group on Sunday, November 18 at 4:00 pm for “A Concert of Music and Healing” at Severance Hall. The Group will also gather after the concert for dinner at Brennan’s Colony, 2299 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights. Tickets are required for this concert and can be obtained through the Severance Hall ticket office, 216-231-1111. To make a dinner reservation, or for any additional information, contact Anne Hunter (anneshunter8@gmail.com). For details about the concert, please see the October **TOWER**.

■■■ *Youth News*

Today: Mid and Sr High classes meet from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Confirmation Reunion, 12:15 pm

Saturday: Leaf-raking for all, especially those who plan to go on the mission trip to Nicaragua.

■■■ *The Lessons*

Today’s Scripture

Romans 8: 31-39

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Next Sunday: Romans 9: 14-26 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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■■■ *Calendar: October 21 - 28, 2012*

Sunday, October 21

9:00 Child care begins

9:30 Adult Education

Youth Education

Descant Choir

10:00 Cherub 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

Faith, Religion and Partisan

Politics

12:30 Confirmation Reunion Picnic

Monday, October 22

6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)

Al Anon Dinner

7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)

Boy Scout Trp #403

Tuesday, October 23

7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 36

Wednesday, October 24

7:30 am Bible and Bagels

10:00 am **TOWER** collators

Thursday, October 25

6:20 pm Voices in Bronze

7:00 pm GCC meeting

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, October 26

9:30 am Al Anon meeting

Saturday October 27

10:00 am Soup-making for food pantry

4:00 pm Racial Conversation Retreat
(at Dunham Tavern)

4:30 pm Halloween Party (at Hideks')

Sunday, October 28: All Saints

Sunday

8:00 Nominating Committee

9:00 Child care begins

9:30 Adult Education

Youth Education

Descant Choir

10:00 Intro to Homeopathic Medicine

10:15 Descant Choir activity

10:30 Continental Breakfast

Chancel Choir

11:00 WORSHIP

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Faith, Religion and Partisan Politics

Religion, Faith and Partisan Politics

October 21, 28 and November 4

12:15 pm, Sundays in South Hall

Bring your own lunch. Beverages provided.

October 21, 2012

“One church, Two church, Red church, Blue church... Purple church?”

How do we talk across partisan lines?

Moderator/facilitator of the conversation: FHC member, Derek Duncan
Associate for Global Advocacy and Education, Disciples and UCC

Especially in an election season, how are polarized politics fraying the fabric of our society and government, our communities and sometimes even our families? Is it inevitable that the incivility and blaming of others divide our churches as well? In this conversation we will explore together what we can do to ensure God's house remains a place for all people. If so, how do we continue to live out our faith in the values and principles we bring to the places we gather, work, and vote?

October 28 “Is the American government for sale?”

Jerry Graham, speaker

The amount of money spent on our political campaigns has grown exponentially in the past two decades. This year we are going to spend perhaps 2 billion dollars on ads, the money for which was provided through largely anonymous sources and are overwhelmingly negative attacks on the opponent. We are the outliers of the world in terms of these expenditures, their lack of regulation and the length of our campaigns. Does this represent a danger to our democratic system? If so, what, if anything, can be done to reduce the influence of moneyed interests in the American political system?

Jerry Graham taught for a few years as an Instructor in Political Science at Wittenberg University (Springfield, Ohio), then for 32 years at Shaker Heights HS. Since retiring from there, Mr. Graham has been teaching in the adult ed programs of CWRU, CCC, the Jewish Community Center and Menorah Park.

November 4 “What is the future of Faith and American Politics?”

A conversation with a multi-religious panel of young adult students—Muslim, Christian, Jewish, Sikh, and non-religious—from CWRU. Are young adults interested in politics, religion and the issues for the world they are living in today and the future they will be creating? Come and hear these bright and insightful voices of young voters.



Tonight at 7 pm at the renowned Cleveland Hts jazz club **Nighttown**, Anne Wilson will be playing piano in a band backing stellar jazz singer Amanda Powell, who has led FHC in Lenten and global worship services. If you'd like to come, call Nighttown (216-795-0550) for reservations (there's a \$10 per person cover charge).

