

# Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian



*Service of Worship*

*November 25, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.*

*Christ the King Sunday*

*Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.*

## ■■■ *Prayer of Preparation*

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and truly worship you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Welcome

### Prelude

Samuel Wesley

"Trumpet Tune"

### Choral Introit

## ■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

### Call to Worship

Elder Elspeth Peterjohn

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples: shout to God with loud songs of joy.

### People: **For the Lord, the Most High is awesome!**

Leader: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

### People: **Sing praises to God, sing praises!**

Leader: Let us worship God.

### \* **Processional Hymn No. 150**

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

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■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Clover Beal

**Almighty God, you love us, but we do not love you fully. You call, but we do not always listen. We often walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We often condone evil, hatred, warfare, and greed.**

**God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you move towards us in mercy, we may turn to you and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

**Time of Silent Confession**

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

Ghana

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*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.*

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

**Minute for Mission**

Elder Rosanna Sprague

**\* Hymn No. 344**

*"Christ of the Upward Way"*

*Children in Pathways may leave during the hymn*

*Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn*

**Scripture Lesson**

Romans 15: 22-33 and 16: 25-27

*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

*"The Letter"*

**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**

Sergei Rachmaninoff

*"Triumph, Thanksgiving!"*

**\* 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. 540**

*"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"*

**\* Commission and Blessing**

**\* Choral Benediction**

**\* Passing of the Peace**

■■■ *Postlude*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

“Now Thank We All Our God”



***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**

Today’s flowers are given by Betty and Don Clark in honor of their parents, Ray and Irma Clark and Herbert and Betty Fritz; by Elspeth and Richard Peterjohn in memory of Barbara Beesley; and by Barbara Hansen in loving memory of Lamont Hansen.

**Prayer Concerns this Week**

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

Ruth and Arthur Brickel, Bill Currie, Dorothy Hales, Marian Frederick, Iris Gilbert, Ron and Florence Klein, Dave Neff, Graham Peters, Arlene and Jack Quinn, Elaine Tapié, Debbie Ungemach.

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

Dick Bloomquist, Pat and Fran Drake, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, 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**

Roger Heineman, Lead and Head Usher; Robyn Hales, Paula Harvey, Tom Harvey, Jason Hidek, Diane McFiggen, Tom McFiggen, Dick Peterjohn.

**Nursery care** for babies and young children is available on the second floor of the Monticello Wing.

**Attendance last week (including Christian Education children): 242**

■■■ *Announcements*

**TODAY**

***Family Promise***

FHC’s week of Family Promise hosting begins this evening and continues through next Sunday morning.

**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 **Luke 21: 25-36**.

## NEXT SUNDAY

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

During Advent we will present a series of lessons on Advent and Christmas hymns and music:

- ✦ **December 2** Lara Troyer will lead a study of four hymns
- ✦ **December 9** Beth Zych will lead a study of another set of hymns.
- ✦ **December 16** Professor David Rothenberg will tell us about the annunciation scene in Renaissance music for Advent. (Find out about Amber Wednesday!)
- ✦ **December 23** FHC choirs, led by Beth Zych, will help us revel in joyful singing in the spirit of Christmas.

### **Advent Workshop, December 2**

Celebrate the season of Advent at Forest Hill Church's annual Advent Workshop on December 2. Have lunch (prepared and served by our youth groups) immediately following worship, then come create a family Advent craft and Christmas decorations to celebrate the season. All are welcome!

## LOOKING AHEAD

### **Ten Thousand Villages and Interfaith Peace Builders**

Ten Thousand Villages and Interfaith Peace Builders will offer fair trade, handmade goods and olive oil for sale on December 9 from 10 am – 1 pm. We need help setting up, selling and cleaning up – please contact Jennifer Blakeney

**([bmlspirit@yahoo.com](mailto:bmlspirit@yahoo.com))**.

## **Christmas Cookies**

Looking for the perfect gift for a friend, co-worker or family member? Buy a gift box of delicious cookies from the FHC Youth! The youth are hosting a Cookie Walk on Sunday, December 16 from 9:30 am – 1:00 pm. We will sell cookies by the pound, complete with a gift box and ribbon. All money raised goes towards our Nicaragua trip next summer.

- ✦ If you would like to contribute your favorite cookie to the cookie walk, please bring in a double batch (or the cookie dough for same) by 4 pm on Saturday, December 15, when we will be baking and setting up for the Cookie Walk.

## **Care Group**

The Jerusalem Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during November. 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

Erin & Bill Armstrong

Doris Brandt

Ruth & Arthur Brickel

Lucy Conde

Monita Franklin

Chris & Daniel Fuller

Carol & Tim Gifford

Brett & Annette Himes & family

Cindy Fink & Kemp Jaycox & family

Jack & Shelly Jesberger & family

Matt & Jacquelyn Knoch

Jim Manista

Jane Melbourne

Pat & Hal Musick

Richard Obermanns

Karen Parker

Carol Scott

Steve Sedam

Peggy Skelly

Damos & Dele Solaru & family

Derry Stauffer & Kathy Hanna-Stauffer

Marjorie Thomas

Anne Wilson

Robert & Julie Ann Yoe

This week's CARE Group volunteers: Mark and Julie Waring, greeters; Steve Sedam, flower delivery.

### ***Social Groups and Circles***

#### ***The Group (60s – 70s)***

We will celebrate Christmas with a potluck dinner at the home of Joe and Betsy Andrews on Friday, December 14 at 6 pm. We will be assembling gifts for a family from Boulevard School that evening. RSVP to Cathy Ghiandoni ([Ghiandoni.c@gmail.com](mailto:Ghiandoni.c@gmail.com) or 216-691-1905) for food and gift suggestions.

#### ***Pacesetters***

Pacesetters' Christmas party will be held at the home of John and Deanne Lentz at 7 pm on Saturday, December 15. Bring a white elephant gift, an appetizer or dessert, and BYOB; bring some canned goods for the food pantry as well.

#### ***Iris Circle (all women of the church)***

Iris Circle will meet at Ten Thousand Villages, 12425 Cedar Rd, at 11 am on Tuesday, December 18 to do last-minute shopping, followed by lunch at Nighttown. RSVP to Cathy Ghiandoni ([Ghiandoni.c@gmail.com](mailto:Ghiandoni.c@gmail.com) or 216-691-1905).

### ■■■ *Youth News*

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

**Next Sunday:** The Youth will provide lunch before the Advent workshop.

### ■■■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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### ■■■ *The Lessons*

#### ***Today's Scripture:***

#### **Romans 15: 22-33**

This is the reason that I have so often been hindered from coming to you. But now, with no further place for me in these regions, I desire, as I have for many years, to come to you when I go to Spain. For I do hope to see you on my journey and to be sent on by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a little while. At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem in a ministry to the saints; for Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to share their resources with the poor among the saints at Jerusalem. They were pleased to do this, and indeed they owe it to them; for if the Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material things. So, when I have completed this, and have delivered to them what has been collected, I will set out by way of you to Spain; and I know that when I come to you, I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ.

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in earnest prayer to God on my behalf, that I

may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my ministry to Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company. The God of peace be with all of you. Amen.

**Romans 16: 25-27**

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

**Next Sunday: 1 Advent: Jeremiah 33: 14-16; Psalm 25: 1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13; Luke 21: 25-36** 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.



**From the Financial Office**

Your pledges and gifts for 2012 are coming in nicely, but we still are expecting to receive \$150,000 before the end of the year. Please refer to your recent statement for balances; you may always email or call Becky Austin, our Financial Administrator, for information ([beckya@fhcpresb.org](mailto:beckya@fhcpresb.org); 321-2660 x 203).

If you are planning on giving a stock gift, would you please set the sale in motion no later than December 12<sup>th</sup>? With the holidays and various office and bank closings, the extra time will insure that the stock can be sold and your gift properly credited to your statement. Forest Hill Church will be closed December 24, 25, 31, and January 1.

If you have had an unexpected crisis and might be unable to fulfill your pledge this year, please contact Graham Peters, Treasurer, or Becky Austin, so that adjustments can be made as we begin to finalize spending and close the year.

With much appreciation for the time, talents and tithing you have given to the church this year, have a very merry Christmas and happy New Year!

■■■ *Calendar: November 25 - December 2, 2012*

<p><b>Sunday, Nov. 25</b>            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            12:15 Coffee Hour                  Student Leadership Team            12:30 Discernment Group            5:00 Faith Leader                  <b>FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK :</b>                  <b>5 pm – 7 am every day</b></p> <p><b>Monday, November 26</b>            5:00 pm PWR meeting: Lakewood PC            6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)                  Al Anon            7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)                  Boy Scout Trp #403</p> <p><b>Tuesday, November 27</b>            7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 36</p> <p><b>Wednesday, November 28</b>            7:30 am Bible and Bagels            7:00 pm Session meeting</p>	<p><b>Thursday, November 29</b>            6:15 pm Voices in Bronze            7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p> <p><b>Friday, November 30</b>            9:30 am Al Anon meeting</p> <p><b>Saturday, December 1</b>            8:00 am Men's Group            9:00 am Advent Workshop set-up</p> <p><b>Sunday, December 2</b>            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            12:15 Lunch                  Sine Nomine Choir rehearsal            1:00 Advent Workshop            5:00 Faith Leader</p>
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*Advent and Christmas at Forest Hill Church, 2012*

**Sundays at 9:30 in South Hall**

**Adult Education: Advent Alleluia! Advent and Christmas hymns and music**

**December 2, 12 – 3 pm:** Lunch and Advent Workshop

**December 9, 9:30 am – 1 pm:**

Ten Thousand Villages and Interfaith Peace-Builders shop

**December 16, 9:30 am – 1 pm:** Cookie Walk (Youth mission trip fundraiser)

**December 16, 11 am:** Festival of Lessons and Carols

**December 24-25:** Office closed

**December 24, CHRISTMAS EVE**

5 pm Family Worship

10:45 Musical Prelude

11 pm Traditional Candlelight Worship

**December 30, 11 am:** Worship in Fellowship Hall

**December 31 - January 1:** Office closed

**Ministries will meet on December 5**

**Session will meet on December 19**

*O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel  
 That mourns in lonely exile here, until the son of God appear.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

**Poinsettias for Christmas**

**Name:** (as you wish it to appear in the bulletin)

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**Number of poinsettias** (\$7 each): \_\_\_\_\_ total cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to Forest Hill Church; write POINSETTIAS in the memo line*

**Dedication:**

\_\_\_ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to \_\_\_\_\_ take the poinsettia(s) after the Christmas Eve service

\_\_\_\_\_ donate them to a shut-in member of the church

*You may place this in the offering, mail it or email the church office*