

# 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*  
*April 28, 2013 at 11:00 am*  
*Celebration of Holy Communion*

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

This morning we celebrate the Eucharist (the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion) by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup). We also provide a gluten-free alternative. After receiving the elements you may come to the railing to receive a blessing.

■ ■ ■ *Prayer of Preparation*

You are above me, O God. You are breath. You are air. You are earth. You are beside me. You are within. O God of heaven, you have made your home on earth in the broken body of Creation. Kindle within me a love for you in all things.

**Welcome**

■ ■ ■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

**Call to Worship**

Elder Paula Harvey

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

**People: Serve the Lord with gladness!**

Leader: Come into God's presence with singing!

**People: Enter the courts of the Lord with praise!**

Leader: Let us worship God.

**\* Processional Hymn No. 258**

"Praise Ye the Lord"

## ■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

### Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. 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*)

Merbecke

## ■ ■ ■ *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*

### Anthem

Anne Wilson

"Amazing Grace"

### Scripture Lessons

Acts 11: 1-3

John 13: 31-35

Revelation 21: 1-6

*After the readings*

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Dr. John Lentz

“As if...”

**Ritual of Friendship**

all are asked to sign as a record of attendance

**Offertory**

Cathy Moglebust

“African Alleluia”

Voices in Bronze

**\* 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.**

■ ■ ■ *Eucharist*

**Invitation**

**Great Thanksgiving**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Sanctus**

**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.**

## Communion of the People

### Music during Communion

Plainsong

#### “Tantum Ergo”

*Let us therefore reverence so great a sacrament. Let the old types depart and give way to the new rite. Let faith provide her help where all the senses fail. To the Father and the Son be praise, acclamation, salvation, honor, might and blessing, too.*

*To the One who proceeds from them both be given equal praise. Amen.*

### Prayer after Communion

**Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## ■ ■ ■ *Going Forth to Live as God's People*

### \* Closing Hymn 432

“Canto de Esperanza” (“Song of Hope”)

### \* Commission and Blessing

### \* Choral Benediction

### \* Passing of the Peace

## ■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

Louis Vierne

“Finale” (Symphony I)

*\*please stand if able*



### ***Welcome Visitors!***

We look forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Visitor welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex. Take one home with you!

## ■ ■ ■ *Congregational Notes*

### **Chancel Flowers**

**Today's flowers** are given by Joan Bacon in loving memory of her father Richard Benson; and by Doris Brandt and Cindy Newton in memory of husband and father William Brandt and mother-in-law and grandmother Clara Brandt.

### **Prayer Concerns this Week**

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

Ruth and Arthur Brickel, Ellison Chapman, Pat Chase, Dorothy Hales, Marian Frederick, Iris Gilbert, Jim Gormley, Ron and Florence Klein, Lissa McKinley, Arlene and Jack Quinn, Charles Sawyer, Lee Thomas, Debbie Ungemach.

**Please pray for Virginia and Priscilla Colville** on their death of their niece and sister, Nancy Colville Flora, who died on Wednesday, April 24, 2013.

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

Dick Bloomquist, Bill Currie, Pat Drake, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Elizabeth Kosnik, Emelia McGuire, Merdine T. Morris, Joyce Peters, Elaine Tapié, Anne Taylor.

**Congratulations** to Erin Lustic and Daniel Grangaard, who were married yesterday in Cleveland in a ceremony officiated by Dr. Lentz. Erin was confirmed at FHC and is the daughter of Julie and Gary Lustic.

### **This Month's Ushers**

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): 272**

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

**TODAY**

***Softball Season***

Forest Hill won its first games against St Ann's last Sunday, 18-14 and 23-18. Today we play Fairmount Presbyterian at 6 pm at FHP #5.

***Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal***

Did you know we have been using the Blue Hymnal for 22 years!? A new one is being published this summer. From now until Sunday, May 19, you may make a donation of \$20 to purchase a hymnal. We have already received generous donations from the family of Hazel Grant and the Robert and Louise Fuller fund which we greatly appreciate.

Please fill out the pink form in the pew rack and put it WITH YOUR PAYMENT in the offering plate or the church office to help us annotate the book plate. Forms will also be available in the bulletin, pew and church office.

***Mobile Health Fair Meeting***

There will be a Mobile Health Fair meeting in the Jin Room at 12:30 today. Guest speaker is Doris Evans, Program Coordinator for the Synod of the Covenant. She will give us information about the Mobile Health Fair to be held here on June 22, 2013.

## ***Greater Cleveland Congregations Meeting***

The Session of Forest Hill Church is considering joining Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC). GCC is an organization of 40 churches, synagogues and mosques that collaborate to build a grass-roots, non-partisan, interfaith response to pressing social concerns in our region such as: Medicaid expansion, education funding, prison reform, sustainability and local foods. The focus of GCC is advocacy and policy at the local and state level. Friends from St. Paul's Episcopal Church will share their GCC experience with us today in Bodwell Hall after worship. All are welcome.

## ***Labre Project***

The Labre Project resumes this evening, 4/28. Moving forward there are two ways you can support our ministry: 1) donate gently-used or new warm weather items (sweaters, sweats, pants, light jackets, new socks or underwear; 2) join us on one of our outings (to get on the schedule email Jack Breisch). Donations should be placed in the designated bin in Fellowship Hall.

## **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 **Acts 16: 9-15 and John 14: 23-29.**

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

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

**May 5 Health and Place in Our County**, presented by Martha Halko of Place Matters, Cuyahoga County Board of Health

**May 12 Opportunity Disparity in Our Time and Our Place**, presented by Greg Brown and Randy McShepherd from PolicyBridge of NE Ohio

## ***Cookies for USO***

We will be accepting donations of cookies – new, unopened, commercially made – on May 12 and May 19 for distribution to active duty servicemen in hospitality centers and on bases overseas.

## ***Positive Parenting Group***

If you are interested in encouragement from other parents in putting positive parenting strategies into practice, please join us on May 5 and May 26 at 9:30 am in Bodwell Hall. We will watch and discuss a brief video clip from Dr. Becky Bailey of Conscious Discipline at each meeting to help build our parenting toolkit. Then we'll brainstorm and encourage each other through whatever parenting challenges we are facing. In addition to building community and supporting each other, we also get special access to Amy Speidel, the parenting coach at Senders Pediatrics. Ms. Speidel has also offered to share chapters from the book she is writing with Dr. Bailey with our group for our reactions, and she may join us from time to time. Please join us for our first meetings on May 5 and May 26; we will then continue to meet monthly. RSVP to Kara Patterson so we can provide adequate childcare.

## ***May 5: The May Cabaret!***

Come to the annual May Cabaret next Sunday evening, starting with dinner (prepared by Morag Keefe) at 6:15 and continuing with the intergenerational variety show at 7:00. Some of this year's highlights: a Beatles medley (sung by the Descant Choir, Jack Lentz, the bell choir, a Barbershop group and YOU!); a name-that-song contest; a piano duet played upside down, and the ever-popular Male Ballet. Please come and enjoy laughter, good food and fellowship with your FHC friends.

***If you plan to come, please indicate on the Friendship Register the number of attendees.***

## LOOKING AHEAD

### *Care Group*

The Corinth Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during April. 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:

Joan Bacon, Deacon leader	Robin & Mel Mervine & family
Molly Bergman	Kate Monaghan
John & Patricia Borthwick	Margery Nokes
Ed Briskey	Linn & Melody Obery
Jeff & Kathy Cameron	David & Susanne Peterjohn & family
Lia Clement	Bill Proudfit
Priscilla Colville	Susan & Randy Reese
Kurt Haas & Dee Dee Pim	Ron Schmidt
Robert & Lisa Higgs & family	Sandy Schultz
Betty Jo Jenkins	Dan & Joanne Shaner & family
Cathy Kernich	Vincent Taylor
Brian & Tish Klein & family	Bobbi van Dijk
John & Deanne Lentz & family	Kevin & Jill White & family
Tom & Diane McFiggen	Dene Young
Alice McKinley	

The Nazareth CARE Group will take over in May.

### *Social Groups and Circles*

#### *Young Adults (22-30s)*

The Young Adults Bible Study Group will meet on April 30 at 7:30 pm at the home of Charissa and Erik Peterson. We will continue our discussion of ***The Book of Confession***. Please contact Julie Wolfram Smith for more information.

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

Iris Circle will meet at noon on Tuesday, May 14 at the home of Nancy Burcham for lunch and Bible study led by Rev. Clover Beal. RSVP to Nancy Burcham.

***Hilltoppers (retired)***

Hilltoppers will meet on Friday, May 17 at 1 pm in South Hall for a travelogue of the trip to Rome, presented by Derry Stauffer. All are welcome to join us! Please contact Dene Young or Nancy Burcham (440-446-0832) for more information.

***The Group (60s – 70s)***

The Group will attend a Suburban Symphony concert at 3:30 pm on Sunday, May 19 at University School-Lower School. We will go out for dinner after the concert – watch for more information.

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

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

Carwash!

Sine Nomine Choir will have their last rehearsal today after worship.

**Next Sunday:** Mission Trip meeting, 4:00 pm.

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

**Today's Scriptures:**

**Acts 11:1-3**

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?"

### **John 13: 31-35**

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

### **Revelation 21: 1-6**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

**Next Sunday: Acts 16: 9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10,22-22:5; John 14: 23-29.** 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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**Grocery Certificate Sales Now Include Whole Foods**

We have added \$100 certificates from Whole Foods to our selection! So we now offer:

**Zagara's -- \$100 and \$25**

**Giant Eagle -- \$100 and \$25**

**Dave's -- \$100 and \$25**

**Whole Foods -- \$100**

**Heinen's -- \$100**

Proceeds from sale of the certificates go to Abundance Cupboard and the FHC Youth Ministry.

■■■ *Calendar: April 28 - May 5, 2013*

**Sunday, April 28**

- 8:15 Nominating Committee
- 9:00 Child care begins
- 9:30 Adult Education
- Youth Education; Confirmation
- Descant Choir
- Car Wash begins
- 10:15 Descant Choir activity
- 10:30 Continental Breakfast
- Chancel Choir
- 11:00 WORSHIP: Communion
- Little Explorers
- Children in Worship
- 12:15 Coffee Hour
- Sine Nomine Choir
- 12:30 GCC meeting
- Health Fair comm. mtg
- 2:00 Piano Recitals:
- Students of Katie Hug
- 5:30 Labre Ministry
- 6:00 Softball vs Fairmount PC, FHP #5

**Monday, April 29**

- 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)
- 7:00 pm Al Anon
- 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)
- Boy Scout Troop #403
- Adult Education comm. mtg

**Tuesday, April 30**

- 3:30 pm Race Conversation mtg
- 7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack #36
- 7:30 pm Young Adult Bible Study
- (Petersons')

**Wednesday, May 1**

- 7:30 am Bible and Bagels
- 7:30 pm Confirmation Bible study

**Thursday, May 2**

- 6:00 pm Super Heroes Unite!
- Family Promise Benefit
- 6:20 pm Voices in Bronze
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

**Friday, May 3**

- 9:30 am Al Anon meeting

**Saturday, May 4**

- 8:00 am Men's Group
- 9:00 am Gun Violence and
- Gospel Values

**Sunday, May 5**

- 8:15 Nominating Committee mtg
- 9:00 Child care begins
- 9:30 Adult Education
- Youth Education; Confirmation
- Descant Choir
- Positive Parenting group
- 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
- 4:00 Youth: Nicaragua Trip meeting
- 6:00 Softball vs Church of the
- Redeemer, FHP #7
- 6:15 May Cabaret

**Gun Violence and Gospel Values**  
**A dialogue with the Rev. James Atwood**

**May 4, 2013**

**8:30 am – 4 pm**

**Forest Hill Church Presbyterian**

**3031 Monticello Blvd. Cleveland Heights, OH**

Co-Sponsors:

The Church of the Covenant and the Presbytery of the Western  
Reserve

The workshop will feature the Rev. James Atwood, author of  
America and Its Guns: A Theological Exposé  
Pastor Emeritus of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Arlington, VA  
Chair of the Greater Washington chapter of  
Heeding God's Call, a faith-based ecumenical movement  
devoted to encouraging gun shop owners  
to adopt a code of conduct  
to discourage illegal purchases and trafficking  
Rev. Atwood is a gun owner and a hunter

Free and open to anyone who is interested  
\$10 offering requested for breakfast and lunch

RSVP to the church office