

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
September 8, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.
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 from the pastors.

■ ■ ■ *Prayer of Preparation*

"In the beginning..."

Gracious Creator God, begin something new in me and in us as we begin this program year in worship. With open mind, open heart, and open hands let me and let us receive your power and follow where you lead, in Jesus' name, Amen.

Welcome

Prelude

Congregational rehearsal

Choral Introit

■ ■ ■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Kate Monaghan

Leader: In the beginning God.

People: At our beginning and our end we will praise you, our Creator and Redeemer.

Leader: In the beginning God said "Let there be light."

People: In the light of this new day we come to worship you.

Leader: In the beginning God saw that the light was good.

People: May our prayers and praise be good in your sight.

Leader: It is the first day of the week: creation day, resurrection day.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, come, make all things new as we walk in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our light and salvation.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*** Processional Hymn No. 464**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Clover Beal

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. 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.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Craig Phillips

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Kyrie eleison'. The first staff is in 4/4 time and contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have'. The second staff is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: 'mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

■ ■ ■ *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.*

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

Family Meditation

Rev. Beal

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 1: 1- 5

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Dr. John Lentz

"Season 1, Episode 1"

Ritual of Friendship

all are asked to sign as a record of attendance

Offertory

F. J. Haydn

"In the Beginning"

*** 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

Anne Wilson

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

Carlton Young

"In the Singing"

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, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

* **Closing Hymn No. 369**

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

* **Commission and Blessing**

* **Choral Benediction**

* **Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

C. S. Lang

"Tuba Tune"

**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 Marilyn Wilk in memory of her mother, Cinderella Paradiso; and by Jenny and Caty Himmelman in memory of Maybelle Geyer and Nancy Geyer Harper.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Norris Curry, Marian Frederick, Iris Gilbert, Ron and Florence Klein, Lissa McKinley, David Sacha, Charles Sawyer, George Sentell, Debbie Ungemach, Jim Seeders, Dwight Stauffer, Anne Taylor.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Dick Bloomquist, Ruth and Arthur Brickel, Bill Currie, Pat Drake, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Elizabeth Kosnik, Emelia McGuire, Merdine T. Morris, Joyce Peters, Elaine Tapié.

This Month's Ushers

Scott Peters, Lead Usher; Tish Van Beers-Klein, assistant lead; 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 Pathways children): 125

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

TODAY

Welcome Back to the Choirs!

The choirs are in full sing this week! If you'd like to join one, please contact Anne Wilson, Director of Music (annew@fhcpresb.org or 216-870-2729).

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 from Genesis 1.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall: Genesis

Sept. 15: Dr. Tim Beal, Introduction to Genesis (pt 2)

Sept 22 - Oct. 13: Small group classes

Flyers describing the program are in the pew racks.

Youth Education, 9:30 am

High School Youth in Koinonia Room: Session 2 – Disruption

Mid High Youth in Caitlin's office: Continuing Creation Stories

It's a Fiesta! Fall Festival 2013

The Deacons are throwing a Fiesta next Sunday, September 15 with a free lunch of chicken tacos, corn chips with salsa and bean dip, salads, fresh fruit, and root beer floats with Sweetie Fry ice cream.

After lunch, there will be crafts and games for all ages, including a piñata, Cake Walk*, and guessing games. Bring a camera with a memory card (cell phone photos won't work) and share your photos throughout the day to help create a special festival keepsake!

This is a great way to celebrate the start of our 2013-14 church year....Come and see!

****Please drop your Cake Walk contributions off in the kitchen before worship on the 15th!***

LOOKING AHEAD

Nursery Help Needed

The FHC Nursery is staffed by a paid child care provider and volunteer assistants. All are invited to help out – the commitment is small, just one or two Sundays each quarter, and rewards are huge, babies to hold and of course a snack. You can also listen to the worship service! Our nursery is in great need of volunteers for the coming months. Sign up in the nursery or contact Liz Wollaeger (lizw@fhcpresb.org or 216-321-2660) for more information.

Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC)

The five-member GCC Core Team is happy to announce that Session approved its participation in the Greater Cleveland Congregations - a non-partisan coalition of faith communities and partner organizations working together to build power for social justice. By uniting people across lines of race, class, religion, and geography to promote public, private and civic sector actions, GCC aims to strengthen and improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods.

The initial members of FHC's GCC Core Team - Jennifer Blakeney, Mark Chupp, Dick Obermanns, Sharon Shumaker, and Diana Woodbridge - extend an open invitation for others to join them in this effort.

Watch for more information and save the date of Sunday, Sept. 22 for a special introduction to our GCC mission!

League of Women Voters Forum: CH-UH School Facilities Bond

All members of the community are encouraged to attend an important and informative public forum presented by the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Chapter of the Cuyahoga Area League of Women Voters (LWV-CA) on Wed. Sept. 11 from 7-8:30 pm in Meeting Room B at the CH-UH Main Library, 2345 Lee Road, Cleve. Hts. The forum will discuss a \$134.8 million bond issue to fund the first phase of a comprehensive school facilities plan, which has been placed on the Nov. 5 general election ballot. Speakers from the CH-UH School Board, Citizens for Heights Schools, and any organization that may come forward to oppose the bond issue will discuss the bond issue, its rationale, and details. Bring your questions and concerns. Members of the CH-UH Chapter of the LWV-CA will consider supporting the bond issue after the presentations and discussion.

Care Group

The Mt. Sinai 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:

Barb Cloud, Deacon leader	Julie & Gary Lusic
Joanne Bielek	Nancy Lyon-Stadler & family
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	Marjorie Ravas
Al Gilbert	Matt & Katie Russo & family
Don & Nancy Grube	Gary Sampson
Barb Hansen	Sara & Randy Shaner
Jason & Christine Hidek & family	Anona Stack
Church & Jane Ishler	Lorian, Ralph & Fran Thomas
Nina Klein	Ann & Peter Williams
Mary Lewis	Warren & Lois Young

Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity And Generosity

Sundays, Sept. 29 – Oct. 20, 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Enough explores our anxiety about money, and invites discussion and prayer about our place as Christians in a culture defined by the acquisition of "things." We possess more and more, yet feel less and less at ease. The Stewardship ministry invites you to read this simple and fairly short book (cost: \$10), view the accompanying video tapes, and join Pastor John Lentz in discussing God's call in our lives for good stewardship. The group will meet for four weeks beginning Sunday, Sept. 29 from 5-7 pm and continuing on Oct. 6, 13, and 20. Reserve your spot by emailing our office administrator, Lynda Bernays, or Pastor Lentz.

Social Groups and Circles

The Group (60s – 70s)

The Group begins its season with a “Look and Listen” CMA tour by museum docent Anne Wilson, which will include recorded music appropriate to the art. Meet at the museum at 3:30 pm on Saturday, Sept. 14; enjoy dinner at The Tavern Company afterwards. RSVP to Hal or Pat Musick (440-781-7572).

The Back Row (under 40s)

The Back Row will gather for a potluck family picnic at the Hideks’ house, 5284 Golfway Lane in Lyndhurst, from 5-8 pm on Saturday, September 14. RSVP to Christina Hidek (christina.hidek@gmail.com or 216-570-3962)

Iris Circle (all women of the church)

Come join Iris Circle for a great potluck lunch on Tuesday, September 17 at noon at the home of Karen Loughridge, 34116 Chagrin Blvd. #9101, Moreland Hills, OH 44022. We will discuss plans for the CARE packages for FHC college freshmen. Any questions, please call Karen (216 831-1759) or Barb Hansen (440 255-5514 or bjhansen47@gmail.com).

Pacesetters (40s-60s)

Pacesetters and friends are invited to come and see the newly renovated Cleveland Museum of Art during a private guided tour, led by Forest Hill's museum docent extraordinaire, Anne Wilson, on Friday, October 18 at 6 pm. For those who wish, we will then head down Euclid Avenue to Mi Pueblo for scrumptious Mexican cuisine and "refreshments." Ole!

RSVP to Sue or Scott Lafferty (salaff@sbcglobal.net or 440-449-2361) so that we can let the restaurant know how many people will be in our dinner group.

Bring a new member or friend to join us!

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

Today: Sine Nomine Choir (gr. 6-12) will meet in the chapel immediately after worship.

Youth Fellowship Kick-Off Dates:

Sun. Sept. 8 @ 6:00 pm – Sr. High Meeting

Sun. Sept. 15 @ 6:00 pm – Mid-High Meeting

Sun. Sept. 29 – After-church potluck lunch for parents and youth, followed by activities for youth and a meeting with Caitlin for parents.

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Today's Scripture:

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.

■ ■ ■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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School Supplies Needed

It's almost back to school time! Once again, we're supporting the students, staff & families of Boulevard Elementary School by collecting the following school supplies:

Large primary crayons (no Rose Art)	2-pocket folders with covers
Box of 24 crayons (no Rose Art)	Wide-ruled notebook paper
#2 pencils	70-page wide ruled spiral notebooks
Elmer's white glue	Highlighters
Glue sticks (no glitter)	Backpacks
Pointed-tip children's scissors	New-in-package underwear (boys & girls)
Colored pencils	New or gently used sweatpants for boys and girls, sizes XS-XL Kids
Markers	
Pencil sharpeners	

Please bring your items to the hamper in front of the windows in Fellowship Hall next Sunday, September 15. Questions? Please contact Christina Hidek (christina.hidek@gmail.com or 216/570-3962).

■ ■ ■ *Calendar: Sept. 8-15, 2013*

Sunday, September 8

- 8:15 Nominating Committee meeting
- 9:15 Child care begins
- 9:30 Descant Choir rehearsal
Adult Education
Youth Education
- 10:15 Descant Choir activity time
- 10:30 Chancel Choir rehearsal
Continental Breakfast
- 11:00 WORSHIP: Communion
Kids in Service Sunday (KISS)
- 12:15 Coffee Hour
Sine Nomine Choir rehearsal
- 5:40 Labre Hunger Outing
- 6:00 Sr. High Fellowship meeting

Monday, September 9

- 9:00 am Abundance Pantry
food distribution
- 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection
(AA)
- 7:00 pm Al Anon
Haiti Group meeting (at
Smiths')
Youth Core team meeting
- 7:30 pm AA: Borton Group

Tuesday, September 10

- 7:30 pm Reaching Heights meeting

Wednesday, September 11

- 7:30 am Bible and Bagels
- 7:00 pm Ministries meet

Thursday, September 12

- 6:20 Voices in Bronze rehearsal
- 7:30 Chancel Choir rehearsal
FH Swim Club meeting

Friday, September 13

- 8:00 am **TOWER** deadline
- 9:30 am Al Anon meeting

Saturday, September 14

- 3:30 pm The Group:
CMA Tour and dinner
- 5:00 pm The Back Row: Potluck
(Hideks')

Sunday, September 15

- 9:15 Child care begins
- 9:30 Descant Choir rehearsal
Adult Education
Youth Education
- 10:15 Descant Choir activity time
- 10:30 Chancel Choir rehearsal
Continental Breakfast
- 11:00 WORSHIP
Pathways to the Promise Land
Children in Worship
- 12:15 FALL FESTIVAL: FIESTA!
- 6:00 Mid High Fellowship meeting



***Join us for a Fiesta
Sunday September 15 after worship
Lunch will be served
Crafts, games, piñatas, cake walk
Bring a camera to contribute to a scrapbook***

