

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

November 16, 2014 at 11:00 am

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 have large print editions of the Bible and today's bulletin; hearing devices; activity bags with quiet activities for children staying in worship; and directions to our Monticello Wing nursery for babies and young children.

■ ■ ■ *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. Amen.

Welcome

Prelude

Francisco Tarrega

"Recuerdos"

Voices in Bronze

■ ■ ■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Elder Diana Woodbridge

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: Clap your hands, all peoples.

People: Shout to God with songs of joy.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*** Processional Hymn No. 12**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Clover Beal

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness. You alone know how often we have, as individuals and as a community, wandered from your ways, wasted your gifts, and forgot your love. Forgive us. Dispel shame and sorrow and help us to turn and live in your light, and walk in your ways. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Craig Phillips

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Kyrie eleison prayer. The first staff is in 4/4 time and contains the 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 lyrics: "mer - cy. Lord, _____ have _____ mer - cy." The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words connected by hyphens and some words followed by blank lines for a pause.

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

Assurance of Pardon

"Glory to God"

3 Glo-ry to God, whose good-ness shines on me, and to the
6 Son, whose grace has par-doned me, and to the Spir-it, whose love has
8 set me free. As it was in the be-gin-ning, is
now and ev-er shall be. A - men.

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 12/8. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. A dotted half note G4 follows, then quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The melody continues with quarter notes D5, E5, and F5, followed by a dotted half note D5. The lyrics are placed below the staff, with measure numbers 3, 6, and 8 indicated. The piece concludes with a final whole note G4.

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

Family Meditation

Clover Beal

Pennies (and other coins) will be collected by the children during the next hymn.

Prayer requests will be collected by the ushers.

Pathways children will leave following the hymn.

*** Hymn**

“The Scottish Penny Song”

Scottish folk song; words by Mary Louis Bringle
Descant Choir; Henry Dyck and Noel Ullom, soloists

**Singing
instructions:
Please sing
refrain after
st. 2 and 3**

3 For some have great rich - es, and some have few rich - es, and

6 some, sad to say, have-n't an - y. From all of the good-ness that

God has sent our way, it will help if we'll each give a pen - ny!

Scripture Lesson

Galatians 6: 11-18

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, Jr.

“Writing in BIG Letters”

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

Offertory

Gwyneth Walker

"O Sinner Man"

This song is a setting of an African American traditional spiritual which dates from the early 20th century.

It has been commonly used at revival meetings to help people bring their sins into the light.

* Response

South African song

"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises!"

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 3/4. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Ha - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our hearts with glad - ness are filled. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our hearts with glad - ness are filled. Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong of faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful Good News." The score includes measure numbers 3, 6, 9, and 13. A "repeat first part" instruction is placed above the final staff.

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

* Closing Hymn No. 741

"Guide My Feet"

Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Keon Abner

John: Our church family is constantly changing. Babies are born. Children grow up. People commit themselves to one another. Loved ones and friends among us come to the end of their lives. Individuals move into our community and church life. Others leave us, moving away to new places, new experiences, and new opportunities. It is important and right that we recognize these times of passage, of endings and beginnings. Today we say goodbye to Keon, who is leaving.

Keon: Last July, I was called to serve you as a Director of Youth Ministries. I thank Forest Hill Church for the love, kindness, and support that you have shown me. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted and for the good things we have been able to accomplish together. I ask forgiveness for any mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

All: We receive your gratitude, offer forgiveness, and accept the fact that you now leave to minister elsewhere. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We too ask your forgiveness for any mistakes we have made. Your influence on our community of faith remains with us at your departure.

Keon: I accept your gratitude, and forgive you, trusting that our time together was pleasing to God.

John: Let us pray: O God, We thank you for Keon and for all he meant to us. We thank you for the gifts you have given to him. We thank you for all the moments we have shared with Keon in worship, in fellowship, in service. We pray that he will be aware of your Spirit's guidance as he moves to a new place in the name of Jesus the Savior.

All: God, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care. Guide Keon as he moves to Texas. Guide us as we move on in ministry and may all things be done in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*** Commission and Blessing**

*** Choral Benediction**

William Byrd

"Deo Gracias" (Thanks Be to God)

*** Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

G. F. Handel

"Concerto in F: Allegro"

**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! Be sure to visit our website, www.fhcpresb.org, to find a complete list of upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and texts and audio of past sermons.

■ ■ ■ *Congregational Notes*

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Richard and Elspeth Peterjohn in loving memory of Richard's parents, Ruth and Carl Peterjohn, and Elspeth's parents, Ina and John Barclay; and by Cate Monaghan in loving memory of her favorite aunts, Rosemary and Nellie Monaghan.

Music

Continuing in our series of celebrating American composers, the Chancel Choir will sing anthems by Gwyneth Walker today and next Sunday. Ms. Walker, a former faculty member at the Oberlin College Conservatory, left academia to pursue a career as a full-time composer while living on a dairy farm in Braintree, Vermont.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Mary Lewis, Connie Sekerak, Margaret Sentell, Debbie Ungemach.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Bill and Kay Currie, Flora Dannemiller, Pat Drake, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Iris Gilbert, Ron and Florence Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Elaine Tapié.

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

Robyn Hales, Paula Harvey, Tom Harvey, Jason Hidek, Diane McFiggen, Tom McFiggen, Dick Peterjohn. 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): 268

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

TODAY

Meeting for Youth and Parents

All youth and their parents are invited to a meeting in the Koinonia Room immediately after worship.

Haiti Ministry Information Meetings

All are invited to get the latest information on our church's Haiti ministry – we will meet at 12:15 pm in South Hall today and next Sunday (both will offer similar information). Get an update on the well we funded in Gabo and the latest information on our partnership with Haiti Outreach. Learn about an exciting FHC cultural immersion trip to Pignon, Haiti that is being planned for February, 2015.

Christianity for Seekers (and others), led by Rev. Dr. John Lentz

Today and next Sunday, 5 pm, South Hall

Compline, 7:30 pm

This evening at 7:30 pm, the Chancel Choir (with cantor John Lentz) will sing the evening monastic prayer service called Compline. This 40-minute service includes plainsong and anthems from the 16th century by Thomas Tallis and William Byrd. The sanctuary will be illuminated by candles and the choir will sing from the congregational pews. The congregation will sit in the choir pews and transepts. Invite friends!

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 lessons this week are from **Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1: 15-23; Matthew 25: 31-46.**

Iris Circle (all women of the church)

Join Iris Circle on Tuesday, November 18 at 11 am when they meet to prepare the Holiday Angel gift-giving project. BYOB or order one from Iris' honorary chef, Don Ghiandoni – contact Cathy Ghiandoni (Ghiandoni.c@gmail.com or 216-691-1905) for more information.

GCC Assembly

LAST CALL for those who want to join the 20 FHC folks going to the GCC Assembly, Thursday Nov. 20, 7 pm at Antioch Baptist Church, to hear the results of the Criminal Justice Team's meeting with Prosecutor Tim McGinty on his plan to reduce the "felon factory" in Cuyahoga County – and to celebrate all the work of GCC this year, including the Education Team's great effort on the ballot issue for Cleveland Schools. Car pools will leave from FHC at 6:15 — but we need to know to expect you. You may can go directly, but if you want to car pool, see Diana Woodbridge, Barb Cloud or Jennifer Blakeney immediately after worship today.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall

Dr. Joseph Kelly, PhD: “The Feast of Christmas in all Its Variations”

Many Christians struggle to balance the religious and secular elements of Christmas, but the history of the feast shows that this is nothing new. The religious Christmas has changed over the centuries and, contrary to many critics, is thriving today. Hear how Christmas is being celebrated in Ethiopia and in Japan, for example, but is not celebrated by some sects of Christianity.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Care Group

The Jericho 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:

Cathy Ghiandoni, Deacon Leader

Janet Banis

Nick & Phyllis Baumgartner

Jennifer Blakeney, Marius Juodisius

Jack & Mary Ann Breisch

Robert & Wendy Brock & family

David & Kate Burleigh & family

Joseph & Janet Dauer

Larry Dorod

Marge Drollinger

John & Sheryl Dugard

Elizabeth Farnfield

Bev Gairing

Cathy & Don Ghiandoni

Tom & Paula Harvey

Alec & Nancy Jamieson

Eunice Manu

Twanda Petterson

Carol Phillips & family

Jean Seeley

Connie Sekerak-Hicks

Chuck & Lora Smith & family

JT & Sarah Tan & family

Liz Wollaeger & family

Katie Zito & family

Labre Thanksgiving

The Labre ministry at FHC is organizing a community meal at Our Family Home Center on Thanksgiving Day, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. And we need cooks! We need turkey and chicken bakers, mashed potato makers, jello molds, dinner rolls, and bakers or purchasers of pies! Note that we will supply you with the birds or the potatoes! If you can help, please contact Jeff Smith for details or to volunteer, 216-312-6989.

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

Every Sunday

- Mid and Sr High classes meet from 9:30 – 10:30 am.
- Youth Fellowship meets at 5 pm

Today

- Sine Nomine Choir will rehearse in the Chapel immediately after worship
- The meeting for youth and parents will start by 12:30

■ ■ ■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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Abundance Food Pantry is collecting donations of the following items between now and Christmas:

- Turkeys: preferably frozen, any size - they will be cooked for either holiday. Extras will be raffled.
- New or GENTLY USED children's gifts, unwrapped, for parents to take (along with some wrapping paper) as gifts for their families

Please contact Paul Jennings or the church office if you have donations

Service of Compline – This evening, 7:30 pm



*Be transported from the ordinary and mundane
to the sublime and ethereal.*

■ ■ ■ *Calendar: November 16-23, 2014*

Sunday, November 16

- 9:00 Child care begins
- 9:30 Adult education
Descant Choir
- 10:15 Descant Choir activity
- 10:30 Continental Breakfast
Chancel Choir
- 11:00 WORSHIP
Children in Worship
- 11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land
(Gr 1-5)
- 12:15 Coffee Hour
Blood Pressure check
Sine Nomine Choir
Youth and Parent meeting
Haiti information meeting
- 5:00 Youth Fellowship
Christianity for Seekers
- 7:30 Service of Compline

Monday, November 17

- 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)
- 7:00 pm Al Anon
Stewardship ministry meets
- 7:30 pm AA: Borton Group
Boy Scout Troop #403

Tuesday, November 18

- 11:00 am Iris Circle
- 1:00 pm Abundance Pantry
food distribution
- 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class

Wednesday, November 19

- 7:30 am Bible and Bagels
- 10:00 am **TOWER** collators
- 12:30 pm Wednesday Women's AA
Bullshevicks (at Alfredo's)
- 7:00 pm Session meeting

Thursday, November 20

- 1:00 pm Abundance Pantry food
distribution
- 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class
- 6:15 pm Meet at FHC to carpool to
GCC meeting
- 6:20 pm Voices in Bronze
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, November 21

- 9:30 am Al Anon

Saturday, November 22

- 9:30 Soup & turkey group

Sunday, November 23

- 8:30 Nominating Committee mtg
- 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
Children in Worship
- 11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land
(Gr 1-5)
- 12:15 Coffee Hour
Haiti information mtg
Confirmation meeting
- 5:00 Youth Fellowship
Christianity for Seekers
- 7:00 Hts High Barbershoppers
concert

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Galatians 6: 11-18

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Next Sunday: The Reign of Christ: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1: 15-23; Matthew 25: 31-46. 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.

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