

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
Sacrament of Baptism and Reception of New members
November 9, 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*

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome

Prelude

Jamie Harvill, Nancy Gordon

"Jesus, You're My Firm Foundation"
Cherub Choir; Lisa Koops, director

■ ■ ■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Shannon Header

Leader: We are the body of Christ!

People: The hand-clapping, toe-tapping, heart-pumping, arms-embracing, justice-seeking, hymn-singing, love-sharing, bread-baking, risk-taking Body of Christ!

Leader: Baptized in one Spirit, we are members of one body.

People: Many and varied in gender, color, sexuality, age, class, and ability, we are members of Christ's beautiful body.

Leader: None of us can say to another, "I have no need of you."

People: For only together can we find wholeness.

Leader: None of us can say to another, "I will not care for you."

People: **For we are connected like muscle and bone. If one suffers, we all suffer. If one rejoices, we all rejoice!**

Leader: Thanks be to God who, in Christ, has made us one.

People: **Let us worship God!**

* **Processional Hymn No. 442**

"Just as I Am, without One Plea"

■ ■ ■ *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 to 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

Francisco J. Nuñez

"Señor, Ten Piedad" (Lord, Have Mercy)

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

Assurance of Pardon

*** Response**

Paul Vasile

"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. It consists of five lines of music. The lyrics are placed below the staff, with measure numbers 3, 6, and 8 indicated at the start of their respective lines. The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests and a final double bar line at the end.

Anthem

John Be

"Sisters and Brothers, in One Voice"

Sine Nomine Choir

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

Sacrament of Baptism for LaDon, Lyric and Zen Headen

(Kermit Lind, attending Elder)

Congregational Response

LaDon, Lyric and Zen, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

Reception of New Members

We welcome the following people into active FHC membership:

Melanie Alban

Alex Heston

Leslie Clement

Elizabeth Endicott-Heston

Lourdevic (Jerry) Delva

Kate Kolmodin

Carline Paul-Blanc

Bill Ladebue

LaDon Headen

Sandy Ladebue

Tammy Steele

Carol Sims

* Hymn No. 492

“You Belong to Christ”

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

Singing instructions:

#492

Choir sings thru first

Then congregation

joins in

Scripture Lesson

Galatians 6: 1-10

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.

“What’s Not To Like?”

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

“God Be in My Head”

* Response

South African song

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises!”

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.

3
6
9
13

repeat first part

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

* Closing Hymn No. 727

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

Singing instructions:
#727
All, st. 1 & 6
Women, st. 2 & 4
Men, st. 3 & 5

*** Commission and Blessing**

*** Choral Benediction**

Gwyneth Walker

“Peace Falling Like the Rain”

*** Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

J. S. Bach

“Prelude in G Major”

**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

The flowers today are given by Nancy Burcham in memory of her niece, Cathy Kern; by Anne Hunter in memory of her mother, Gwen Stephenson; and by Beth Bell Hsu in honor of Dave and Chris Bell.

Music

Continuing in our series of celebrating American composers, the Chancel Choir will sing anthems by Gwyneth Walker today and the next two Sundays. 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:

Kay Currie, Flora Dannemiller, Jean Duncan, Gracie Glaros, Mary Lewis, Connie Sekerak, Margaret Sentell, Debbie Ungemach.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

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

Welcome to the newest member of the FHC family – Carter Hugh Strachan, son of Robert and Leslie Richards Strachan, born October 26, 2014. Carol Leslie is Carter's great-aunt.

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: 277

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

TODAY

Cornucopia Lunch

All are invited to celebrate the conclusion of the stewardship drive with a Cornucopia Lunch today after worship.

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

Sundays through Nov. 23, 5 pm, South Hall

Labre Project

Warm, gently-used clothing and accessories – coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, blankets for men, women and children – are appreciated for the Labre Project in East Cleveland. Please leave donations in the bin in Fellowship Hall.

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 **Psalm 123 and Galatians 6: 11-18**.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall

All Kerygma participants will gather for a wrap-up session in South Hall next Sunday.

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 for the next two Sundays (Nov. 16 and 23; 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.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Social Groups and Circles

The Group (60s – 70s)

The Group is invited to Hal and Pat Musick's (369 W. Glen Eagle Dr., Highland Hts) on Saturday, November 15 at 7 pm. Dave and Allie Neff will present a slide show of their recent trip to Namibia. RSVP to Hal or Pat.

Young Adults (20s-30s)

The Young Adults are invited to Clover and Tim Beal's on Tuesdays (through Nov. 11) at 7:15 pm for a series of discussions on topics of faith: God, Religion, Jesus, Salvation, Bible, and Church. Bring a friend if you wish; RSVP to Clover (pastorbeal@fhcpresb.org or 216-321-2660).

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 for more information.

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

Kitchen Renovation Has Begun

After hard work by the kitchen committee, help from the endowment fund, money from the operating fund, and several personal gifts by our members, the new kitchen appliances are here. We have installed a new 6-burner stove, a convection oven, new work tables, new drawers and pot racks. Thanks to the generosity of our members with their time and with their financial gifts, we are bringing the kitchen into the 21st century. Food and fellowship are a central part of making Forest Hill Church a welcoming place and these improvements, along with planned additional improvements to the cabinets, flooring and lighting, signify the dynamic nature of our church.

■ ■ ■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

Every Sunday

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

Release Your Inner Super Woman!

Come to FHC on Saturday morning, Nov. 15 for a workshop that will help align your mind, spirit and environment to achieve your goals. Workshops will be led by:

Jeannine Gury of Freshwater Coaching

Christina Hidek of Streamlined Living

Judith Eugene of Loving Hands Yoga and Reiki

For more information, contact Christina Hidek (christina.hidek@gmail.com or 216-586-4738). The cost is \$60; each participant will get a total of \$45 credit for services from the speakers.

■■■ *Calendar: November 9 - 16, 2014*

Sunday, November 9

8:45 Nominating Committee
 9:00 Child care begins
 9:30 Adult education
 Descant Choir
 10:00 Session and New Members meet
 10:15 Descant Choir activity
 10:30 Continental Breakfast
 Chancel Choir
 Cherub Choir
 10:45 Sine Nomine Choir
 11:00 WORSHIP
 Children in Worship
 Pathways to the Promise Land (Gr 1-5)
 12:15 Cornucopia Lunch
 4:00 Hilltoppers to Hts High play
 4:30 Labre Project
 5:00 Youth Fellowship
 Adult Ed: Christianity for Seekers

Monday, November 10

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

Tuesday, November 11

1:00 pm Abundance Pantry
 food distribution
 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class
 7:15 pm Young Adults:
 Discussion group at Beals'

Wednesday, November 12

7:30 am Bible and Bagels
 12:00 pm Hilltop Garden Club
 12:30 pm Wednesday Women's AA
 7:00 pm Ministry meetings

Thursday, November 13

1:00 pm Abundance Pantry food
 distribution
 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class
 6:20 pm Voices in Bronze
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir
 FH Swim Club

Friday, November 14

7:00 am TOWER deadline
 9:30 am Al Anon

Saturday, November 15

8:00 am Men's Group
 9:30 am Women's Workshop:
 Release Your Inner Superwoman
 7:00 pm The Group (at Musicks')

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
 Haiti information mtg
 12:30 New Member brunch
 5:00 Youth Fellowship
 Adult Ed: Christianity for Seekers
 7:30 Compline Service

GCC Assembly
Update on Stopping the Felon Factory in Cuyahoga County
New Date is Thursday, November 20
7:00 p.m. at Antioch Baptist Church

GCC will gather at Antioch Baptist Church, 8869 Cedar Ave, to hear an update on the October 29th meeting with Prosecutor McGinty on his plan to reduce the felon factory in Cuyahoga County. We hope to bring a large contingent from Forest Hill Church to evidence our deep concern for this social justice issue – as well as all the work of GCC this year.

The meeting date was changed to include updates from all GCC's Issue Teams. So, in addition to learning about progress on reducing the number of low-level, nonviolent offenses charged as felonies in our County:

- The Education Team will celebrate their work around Issue 4, the CMSD Bond Levy Renewal, and celebrate its passing.
- The Gun Violence Reduction Team will applaud mayors who have signed on to the **Do Not Stand Idly By** campaign, and update us on developments in their strategy.
- The newly elected Strategy Team will report on budget, staffing, recruitment and GCC's strategic plan.

Please join your Core Team to show your support for what is being accomplished through Forest Hill Church's involvement as part of GCC.

For those who wish, we will car pool from FHC, leaving at 6:15 p.m. Your GCC Core Team will be in Fellowship Hall at the Stewardship Brunch today to answer any questions and to gather the names of those who will attend. There are two ways to sign up: either email **dwoodbridge@sbcglobal.net** or stop by to let us know that you will attend. Be sure to say whether you want to car pool or will meet us at Antioch. *Come and See . . .*

Jennifer Blakeney, Chair; Barb Cloud, Ed Gernerchek, Gretchen Reynolds, Dick Obermanns & Diana Woodbridge

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Galatians 6: 1-10

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

Next Sunday: The revised Common Lectionary readings are **Judges 4: 1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11; Matthew 25: 14-30**. 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.

Service of Compline – November 16

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, November 16 at 7:30 pm when the Chancel Choir (with cantor John Lentz) sings the evening monastic prayer service called Compline. This 40 minute service is entirely sung a cappella and 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.



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