

Forest Hill Church

Service of Worship

August 28, 2016 at 10:00 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 hearing devices, large print editions of the bulletin, activity bags for children staying in worship, and directions to our nursery for babies and young children.

Prayer of Preparation

I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:18-19

Welcome

Prelude

Paul Halley

“Anthem”

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Elder Mark Chupp

Leader: We gather this day, stranger and friend,

People: Known and unknown,

Leader: All loved by God.

People: We gather to worship,

Leader: To offer concern and joy,

People: To be reminded to love as we have been loved.

Let us worship God.

*** Opening Hymn No. 366**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

** Please stand if you are able*

Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Rachel McDonald

Gracious God: We confess that we too easily forget how much you love us. We give worries and resentments “room to rent” in our minds and lose track of the good news that you care for us with a passion. In our fearful forgetting we grasp at things that cannot save us—control, prestige, power and material possessions. Restore us to wholeness, we pray. Open our eyes to see how you continually grant us grace. Open our hearts to others that we might extend the same grace to them. Open our hands to generously share what you have first given us. Uphold us by your Spirit and help us mature into the people you’ve created us to be. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Plainsong

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.

Anthem

spiritual, arr. R. Lee Gilliam

“My Lord, What a Mornin’”

Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 112 *read responsively*

Leader: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments.

People: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Leader: Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

People: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

Leader: It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

People: For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

Leader: They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

People: Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

Leader: They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

People: The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

Luke 14: 1-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. Just then, in front of him, there was a man who had dropsy. And Jesus asked the lawyers and Pharisees, "Is it lawful to cure people on the sabbath, or not?" But they were silent. So Jesus took him and healed him, and sent him away. Then he said to them, "If one of you has a child or an ox that has fallen into a well, will you not immediately pull it out on a sabbath day?" And they could not reply to this.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be

honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

After the readings

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

People: Thanks be to God.

*** Hymn No. 693**

“Though I May Speak”

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

Sermon

Rev. Lois Annich

“The Table of Privilege”

Prayers of the People

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

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

Offering

Offertory

B. Graham and R. Lovland, arr. Jim Clancy
"You Raise Me Up"

*** Response**

South African song

Ha - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our
3 hearts with glad - ness are filled. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
6 prais - es, all our hearts with glad - ness are filled. Now he
9 sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong of
13 faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful Good News. *repeat first part*

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Going Forth to Live as God's People

*** Closing Hymn No. 694**

"Great God of Every Blessing"

*** Commission and Blessing**

*** Choral Benediction**

*** Passing of the Peace**

“Offertorio”

*The Call to Worship is taken from the website **Hold Fast To What Is Good***



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! Our website, www.fhcpresb.org, lists upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and texts and audio of past sermons.

Notes & Announcements

Chancel Flowers: The flowers today are given by the Ralph Dise Jr. family in loving memory of Ralph and Molly Dise, Ann Dise, Florence and Ann Mercer, and Jane and Homer Dise; by Cliff and Jane Kowall to the glory of God; and by Nancy Burcham in memory of many dear friends.

Prayers are requested this week for:

Max Harmon, Kathryn Himmelsteib, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Robin Richards, Robert Ruggeri, George Sentell, Joy Stang and Debbie Ungemach, Ann Williams.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Ruth Brickel, Bill Currie, Marge Drollinger, Emma Jane Gibbs, Iris and Al Gilbert, Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Jack Quinn, Margie Stauffer, Elaine Tapié, Lorian Thomas.

The Deacons encourage you to stop by the Greeting Card Table in Fellowship Hall before or after worship to sign a card for any member who is ill or homebound. We will address and mail the card for you.

Ushers: Thank you to Roger Heineman, head usher, and today's usher team.

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

Care Group: The Bethlehem 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 the Bethlehem Care Group are:

Sally Davis, Deacon leader	Karen & Clyde Loughridge
Jon Adams & Pam Conover	Ted Mueller
Clarence & Elsie Boyd	Glenn Pihlak & Eun-Joo Ahn
Chris & Rhonda Chapman	Bethany & Joe Pinzone
Meg & Larry Cull	Ron Register
Peter & Kathryn Eloff	Jean Reinhold
Sharon Hansen	Baldwin Sawyer
Shannon & LaDon Headen & family	Mollie & Dick Secor
Kemp Jaycox , Cindy Fink & family	Carol Sims
Joan Kandare	Dorothy Turick
Megan Keefe	Carolyn Vrtunski
Morag & Tom Keefe	Amy Wadsworth & David Wiggin
Sherry Leinweber	Beth, Tom & Ian Zych

Coming Up

TODAY

Thanks to today's music leaders: Ahren Stock, Seth Ungemach, Carl Jenks, Grant Heineman and Chris Vandall.

THIS WEEK

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are: **Jeremiah 18: 1-11; Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14: 25-33.**

Bible and Bagels discusses next week's text on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 to 8:30. All are welcome!

NEXT SUNDAY

The summer schedule ends next Sunday. On September 11, worship is at 11 am (see schedule on p. 8).

LOOKING AHEAD

The choir season starts soon! See the TOWER for details. Rehearsals begin for the Chancel Choir on September 8, Descant Choir on September 11, Voices in Bronze on September 15, and Sine Nomine Choir on September 18. See Ann Wilson for more information.

Fall Festival: As we kick off the new church year on September 11, please plan to stay for the ever-popular Fall Festival hosted by the Deacons. What will be their theme this year? What entertainment is in store for us? Who will make an appearance at the beginning of worship?

COME AND SEE!

Iris Circle (all women): Save September 20 for the next gathering— Anne Wilson will share her summer pilgrimage. See the TOWER for details.

Hilltoppers (retired): Join us on September 23 from 10 am – 2 pm for a Lolly the Trolley tour of Cleveland, followed by lunch at Shooters. The cost is \$23 plus your lunch. We'll carpool from the church at 9 am. RSVP to Nancy Burcham (440-446-0832 or burcham@roadrunner.com) by September 1.

The Unexpected Guest: All adult members, guests and visitors of Forest Hill are invited to be a part of a fellowship dinner event on Saturday, October 8. Contact Sue Lafferty (salaff@sbcglobal.net), Julie Lusic (jlusic@gmail.com) or Mary McMillan (mcmillan954@gmail.com) for more information, and look for it in the September **TOWER**.

Adult Education: Kerygma classes on “The Odd Couple: Jonah and Ruth” begin on September 11 with a plenary session at 9:30 am in South Hall.

Youth News

Looking Ahead: Kick-off Lock-in on September 10! Watch for details.

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Calendar: August 28 – September 4, 2016

<p>Sunday, August 28 8:30 am Nominating Committee 9:30 am Child care begins Continental Breakfast 10:00 am WORSHIP 11:15 am Coffee and Conversation Children’s Worship training Legacy Luncheon Blood Pressure check</p> <p>Monday, August 29 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) 7:00 pm Al Anon 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA) Boy Scout Troop #403</p> <p>Tuesday, August 30 1:00 pm Abundance Pantry distribution 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion 7:00 pm Church Growth meeting</p>	<p>Wednesday, August 31 7:30 am Bible and Bagels 12:30 pm Wed. Women’s AA 7:00 pm Session meeting</p> <p>Thursday, September 1 8:30 am Staff retreat 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion</p> <p>Friday, September 2 9:30 am Al Anon</p> <p>Sunday, September 4 9:30 am Child care begins Continental Breakfast 10:00 am WORSHIP 11:15 am Coffee and Conversation</p>
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The Fall Schedule Begins September 11:

- 9:30 Adult and Youth Education**
 Descant Choir followed by Descant Choir Activity
 Childcare for children thru kindergarten
- 10:30 Continental Breakfast**
 Chancel Choir
- 11:00 WORSHIP with communion**
 Children’s Worship Class (preK-K)
 Pathways to the Promise Land (gr. 1-5)
- 12:15 The Fall Festival: Under the Big Top!**