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Serve One Another

2017 Stewardship Campaign

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." 1 Peter 4:10

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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Service of Worship

October 23, 2016 at 11:00 am

Sacrament of Baptism

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

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Welcome

Prelude

Bill Carter

“How Good It Is” (Psalm 133)
Andrew Marunowski, bass

Choral Introit

Taizé

“Jubilate Deo”
Descant Choir

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

James Birdsell

Leader: All that we are is a gift from God.

People: The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it,

Leader: All that we have is a gift from God.

People: The world, and those who live in it,

Leader: Rejoice as we join together in praise for God’s great gifts.

People: Let us worship the living God!

*** Processional Hymn No. 611**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

**please stand if able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, you have called us to give ourselves completely to you. Yet we often hold back. You provide us with opportunity to serve in numerous ways using the talents and abilities we have been given. Yet we tend to hide our gifts. You have provided even the least among us with more financial resources than most of the world. We resist sharing because we fear the future. You have provided us with a beautiful

creation to enjoy. We take it for granted and abuse this incredible earth.
Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Henry Purcell

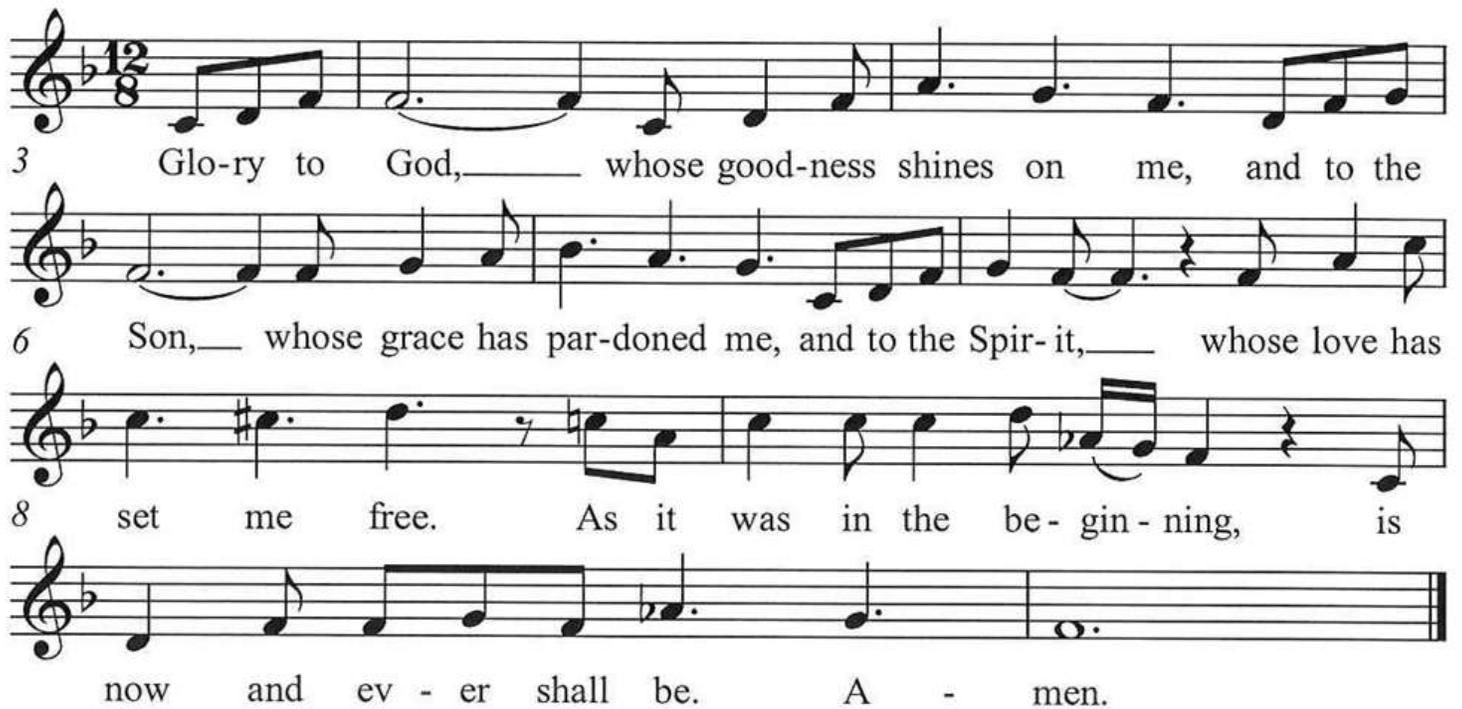
Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

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.

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Sacrament of Baptism for Evelyn Lydia Miller

Congregational Welcome

Evelyn, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

Minute for Mission

John and Sheryl Dugard

"Stewardship"

*** Hymn No. 691**

"Lord, When I Came into This Life"

*Children in Pathways may leave during the hymn
Prayer requests to be read during the Prayers of the People
may be passed to the ushers during this hymn*

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 65 (*read responsively*)

Leader: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed, O you who answer prayer!

People: To you all flesh shall come. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation;
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.

You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;

you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it;

the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges,

softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

You crown the year with your bounty;

your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,

the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,

the valleys deck themselves with grain,

they shout and sing together for joy.

Joel 2: 23-32

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the

Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Then afterwards I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

“Fit to Be Tithed”

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

Offering

Offertory

Stephen Schwartz

“All Good Gifts” (from *Godspell*)

Shelly Jesberger and Carl Jenks, soloists

*** Response**

South Africa

“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.

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Going Forth to Live as God's People

*** Closing Hymn No. 39**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*** Commission and Blessing**

*** Choral Benediction**

*** Passing of the Peace**

Postlude

Paul Halley

“Outer Hebrides Toccata”



Welcome Visitors!

We look forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex. Take one home with you! Be sure to visit our website, www.fhcpresb.org, for a list of upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and past sermon texts and audio.

Notes & Announcements

Chancel Flowers The flowers today are given by Rosanna and Chuck Sprague in grateful appreciation of their beloved parents, and by Steve and Peg Marunowski in loving memory of Kay and Stanley Marunowski.

Today we celebrate the baptism of Evelyn Lydia Miller, daughter of Sam and Lauren Miller. Charity McDonald is the attending Elder.

Prayers are requested this week for: Max Harmon, Laurie Muller-Girard, Robin Richards, Robert Ruggeri, Connie Sekerak-Hicks, George Sentell, Joy Stang, and Debbie Ungemach.

In Memoriam We Remember

William Currie

who died October 19, 2016

I am the resurrection and I am the life, says the Lord

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: 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 one or more of our homebound members. We will address and mail the card for you.

Congratulations to Keon Abner and Ashley Flowers, who were married here yesterday afternoon. The Rev. Bradley Stokes officiated.

Care Group: The Nazareth Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during October. 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.

Coming Up

TODAY

Community Vigil: On Friday, October 14, 15 year old Sunny Patel was killed as he worked for his family's business at Mr. Hero Restaurant in Cleveland Heights. Following worship this morning, there will be a community interfaith prayer vigil in memory of Sunny for his loved ones on behalf of our community. We invite you to attend at 1:30 pm in the parking lot in front of Mr. Hero, 1923 South Taylor Road (just north of Cain Park).

Cain Park is also a possible location. Look for updates at Future Heights website, www.futureheights.org.

TOWER: Printed copies of the TOWER are ready to be picked up. Please help us save mailing costs by looking for yours! The TOWER is also posted on the website (look for the "Monthly Newsletter" link on the right side of the homepage).

Beer 'n Hymns at The BottleHouse Brewery on Lee Rd near Washington: TODAY at 7 pm All are invited to an old-fashioned hymn-sing in a family-friendly environment. BYO food or buy pizza and cookies from us; buy beer, mead, cocktails or root beer from the BottleHouse.

THIS WEEK

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are: **Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4; Psalm 119: 137-144; 2 Thessalonians 1: 1-4, 11-12; Luke 19: 1-10.**

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

Rides to the Polls: Early voting is easier and often faster. FHC members and friends will provide rides to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections on **Tuesdays, Oct. 25 and Nov. 1 (1 - 3 pm)** and **Sundays, Oct. 30 and Nov. 6 (1 - 3 pm)**. **You must sign up so we can provide enough rides.** Please contact Roz Peters (216-932-2649 or rozpeters@ameritech.net). You may also contact Roz if you are interested in providing rides on any of the above days.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall: Kerygma small groups on "The Odd Couple – Jonah and Ruth" will meet until November 20. Bible 101 will meet in the library until November 20.

LOOKING AHEAD

Labre Project The Labre Project needs additional volunteers to prepare food for the twice-monthly meals served at Our Family Home Center in East Cleveland. Contact Jack Breisch (jbrei@hawken.edu or 440-241-5149).

Hilltoppers: The Hilltoppers have purchased a block of tickets (\$10 each) for the Heights High production of *Anything Goes* on Sunday, November 6 at 4 pm. If you would like to join them, whether or not you are a member of Hilltoppers, please contact Lucy Conde (216-382-5177). Note to Hilltoppers: Even if you have reserved a ticket, you need to pay for it before it's reserved for you.

The Group: The Group has also purchased a block of tickets to *Anything Goes*, and will go to dinner afterwards. Please contact Cathy Ghiandoni for reservations (ghiandoni.c@gmail.com).

Iris Circle: Iris Circle will meet November 15 at 11 am to prepare the Holiday Angels project. See the November **TOWER** for more information.

Christianity, Scripture and the Transgender Community, October 30, 12:15

Led by Interim Associate Pastor Rachel McDonald

Most transgender Christians are searching for the same things that other believers want: a connection to God within a loving community. Unfortunately, transgender people too often are left without a place to call their "church home" because most congregations and religious institutions are not ready to welcome them. If you are interested in learning more, join us on October 30 from 12:15 to 1:15 in South Hall for "Christianity, Scripture, and the Transgender Community." This introductory class will give you tools and information to be equipped to extend hospitality to all people. Teens and adults of all genders are welcome.

GCC Assembly: Justice and Jobs in Greater Cleveland Save to date – Thursday, November 17 – for an important GCC Assembly at Olivet Baptist Church (8712 Quincy Ave.). GCC will hold public officials accountable to their promises to make changes in the criminal justice system, and they need a full house of GCC members to show how important this is! Meet at the church at 6 pm to carpool to Olivet; the assembly will begin promptly at 7 pm. Sign up with Diana Woodbridge or Jennifer Blakeney.

Youth News

Every Sunday: Mid and Sr High classes meet from 9:30 – 10:30 am.

Today:

- **Sine Nomine Choir** will meet in the Chapel immediately after worship
- **Haunted Hayride** - meet in the church parking lot at 5:30. Contact Shannon Headen (Shannon@fhcpresb.org or 216-496-6462) for more information.

Next Saturday:

- **Apple picking** - Meet at the church at 9 am to go to Eddy's Fruit Farm in Chesterland. We'll make caramel apples when we return to FHC. Contact Shannon (see above) for more information.

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Fall Work Day

Help us button up the building for winter

**November 5, 9:00 AM to 12:00
Work will begin promptly 9:00 AM**

We need 50 volunteers!

There is inside work - washing windows & installing storms

And outside work - cleaning the grounds

*We will supply all the equipment & supplies
including bagels and lunch!!*

All skill levels welcome!

Lunch will be served at 12:00



Calendar: October 23 - 30, 2016

Sunday, October 23

- 8:30 Nominating Committee
9:30 Adult and Youth Education
Descant Choir followed by
Descant Choir Activity
Childcare for children thru Kdg
10:30 Continental Breakfast
Chancel Choir
11:00 WORSHIP: Baptism
Children's Worship Class (preK-K)
11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land (gr. 1-5)
12:15 Coffee and Fellowship
Stewardship: Tell Your Story project
Sine Nomine Choir
Exploring Membership
4:00 Beginner's Journey class:
Exploring Your Spiritual Autobiography
5:30 Youth: Haunted Hayride
7:00 Beer 'n Hymns at The BottleHouse

Monday, October 24

- 5:30 pm Al Anon Dinner
6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)
Faith Leader: Mandalas
7:00 pm Trustee meeting
7:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #403

Tuesday, October 25

- 12:00 pm Abundance Pantry Lunch
1:00 pm Abundance Pantry distribution
5:00 pm Fitness Fusion

Wednesday, October 26

- 7:30 am Bible and Bagels
12:30 pm Wed. Women's AA
7:00 pm Session meeting

Thursday, October 27

- 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion
6:20 pm Voices in Bronze rehearsal
7:00 pm GCC Housing meeting
7:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

Friday, October 28

- 9:30 am Al Anon

Saturday, October 29

- 9:00 am Justice & Mission Retreat
Youth: To Eddy's Fruit Farm

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