

# 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*

**January 9, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

*Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.*

If you are visiting, please print your name on a name tag and wear it so that we might greet you. Large print editions of the Bible, the Hymnal, and today's bulletin as well as hearing devices are available from the ushers on request.

### ■■■ *Prayer of Preparation*

Almighty God, you who continually call your people to yourself, draw us by the power of your Holy Spirit into such a warm and binding relationship that we may faithfully follow you all the days of our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

### **Welcome**

### **The Prelude**

"Processional"  
David Anderson, piano

M. Mussorgsky

### ■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

### **The Choral Introit**

### **The Call to Worship**

Peter Williams

Leader: We are a people created to sing praise to God!

**People: We praise the God who gives rivers in the desert.**

Leader: We worship the God who has called creation "Good!"

**People: We give thanks to the God who gives the Spirit in our hearts.**

Leader: Glory be to God, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, giver of all good gifts.

### \* **The Processional Hymn No. 288**

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**The Prayer of Confession**

Dr. John C. Lentz

Holy and 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; 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, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. AMEN.

**A Time of Silent Confession**

**Kyrie eleison** (*Lord, have mercy*)

South Africa

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

**The Assurance of Pardon**

\***Gloria, Gloria No. 576**

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

*2<sup>nd</sup> time, men begin; women begin 2 measures later;*

*Children and youth begin 2 measures after that.*

**The Anthem**

Jed Koops

“The Waters of Baptism”

Lisa Koops, soprano

*Children in Pathways may leave following the anthem*

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

**The Scripture Lesson**

Genesis 1:1 – 2:4 (p. 1)

*After the reading*

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

\* **Hymn No. 553**

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

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

**The Sermon**

Rev. Clover Reuter Beal

“Imaging God”

**The Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

*please use debts, debtors*

**The Ritual of Friendship**

*all are asked to sign the tablets as a record of attendance*

**The Offertory**

Kirk Franklin

“Conquerors”

Liturgical Mime:

Courtney Burton and Richard Moses, mimes

\* **The 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.

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

\* **The Closing Hymn No. 339**

“Be Thou My Vision”

\* **The Commission and Blessing**

\* **The Choral Benediction**

\* **The Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *The Postlude*

J. Lemmons

“Fanfare”



*The crucifer today is Ethan Gifford.*

■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

**Chancel Flowers**

The flowers today are given by Randy and Sara Shaner. One bouquet is given in memory of Sara’s aunt Eileen Pickersgill Borcicky, who died this past October. The other is given in celebration of many years of Bob Young’s service as a Trustee and as the treasurer of Forest Hill Church for the past 12 years. Sara would like to thank him and all the Trustees who serve so faithfully.

The flowers last Sunday were given by Molly Bergman in memory of Ken Bergman and all others who provide time and effort making our church a better place.

**Prayer Concerns this Week**

Wendy Anderson	Frances Frey	Jill Roberts
Dick Bloomquist	Rose Gehring	Austin Schwaderer
Allen Bloomquist	Charles Gilbert	George Sentell
Ralph and Molly Dise	Jason Himmelsteib	Debbie Ungemach
Fran and Pat Drake	Jane Little	Dennis Wedding
Daniel Eloff	Rebecca Martin	Johanna Wilcott
	Jeff Phillips	Doug, Marcie and Lucy Harvey

**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.

**This Month's Ushers**

Kevin Stauffer, Lead Usher; Joe Andrews, Nick Baumgartner, Bill Currie, Kay Currie, Charles Ishler, Jane Ishler, Kate Monaghan, Daryl Musick, Victoria Sampson. Sam Manu, Head Usher

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

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

**TODAY**

*Welcome Visitors!*

Please stop by the Visitor Information table in the Courtyard Foyer following worship. We're looking forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Visitor welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex.

*Mimes*

Today we are happy to welcome guest mimes Courtney Burton and Richard Moses, both students at Heights High School and singers in the school choirs. They performed this piece at the December Gospel Choir concert.

**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! This Wednesday's lesson: Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18.

*Yoga*

The yoga class meets Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. All are welcome to join as a drop-in or a regular. The cost is \$10 per session.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

*Adult Education: 9:30 in South Hall*

*January: We Are Reformed, and Still Reforming*

*Annual Meeting*

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held next Sunday, January 18. Lunch will be served immediately after worship. The meeting will follow. Child care will be provided.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

*Social Groups and Circles*

*Hilltoppers (retired singles and couples)*

We will meet at the Art Museum at **10:50 for an 11 a.m. tour** (note revised and correct time) on Friday, January 16 for a tour led by docent Anne Wilson, followed by lunch in the museum cafe. RSVP by January 11 to Elspeth Peterjohn, 216-991-0424, or Dave Neff, 440-269-1229.

*Homeless Stand Down 2009*

Each winter, InterAct Cleveland organizes several days of respite, renewal, and reconnection for guests, predominantly men, facing challenges of poverty and homelessness. The Ministry of Justice & Mission is again collecting your gifts of Personal Care Kits with hygiene products vital to maintaining good overall health. Components for assembling a Kit are listed on the Kiosk in Fellowship Hall. Please bring completed Kits to church no later than Sunday, January 25th. Those wishing to volunteer at one of the Homeless Stand Down events should visit the Kiosk, or go to [www.interactcleveland.org](http://www.interactcleveland.org). The signup deadline is Friday, January 16th.

**Popcorn Closeout Sale**

Cub Scout Pack 36 and Boy Scout Troop 403 of Forest Hill Church wish to thank everyone for their generous support during our popcorn fundraisers. Your purchases help provide program support and materials for activities that help to build character in our future leaders. As usual we have a few boxes and cans of unsold popcorn and we would like to offer it at a significant discount to Forest Hill congregants on a first-come, first-served basis! We invite you to check out our "scout specials" in Fellowship Hall after worship, or call the Schellenbergs at 216-321-6720.

**Care Group**

The Corinth Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during January. 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:

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| Ed Briskey, Deacon leader    | Tom & Diane McFigger               |
| Joan Bacon                   | Kate Monaghan                      |
| Molly Bergman                | Margery & James Nokes              |
| John & Patricia Borthwick    | Linn & Melody Obery & family       |
| Jeffery & Kathy Cameron      | David & Susanne Peterjohn & family |
| Barbara Cloud and family     | Bill Proudfit                      |
| Nancy Crawford               | Susan & Randy Reese & family       |
| Joy Ferguson                 | Ron Schmidt                        |
| Emma Jane Gibbs              | Sandy Schultz                      |
| Kurt Haas & Dee Dee Pim      | Dan & Joanne Shaner & family       |
| Sylvia Herd                  | Vincent Taylor & family            |
| Robert & Lisa Higgs & family | Bobbi van Dijk                     |
| Brian & Tish Klein & family  | Kevin & Jill White & family        |
| John & Deanne Lentz & family | Dene Young                         |

■■■ *FHC Youth*

**Today:** Sine Nomine Choir will meet in the chapel immediately after worship.

**MOB:** Both Mid and Sr High will meet this evening at 5 p.m.

**This week:** Sr High Bible study will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 14, at Phoenix Coffee.

**Looking ahead:** Save January 23-24 for the Gift of Sexuality retreat!

■■■ *The Lessons*

**Next Sunday:** 1 Samuel 3: 1-10; Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20; John 1: 43-51.

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