

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

June 21, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

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*

Gentle us, Holy One, into an unclenched moment, a deep breath, a letting go of heavy expectancies, of shriveling anxieties, of dead certainties. That, softened by the silence, surrounded by the light, and open to the mystery, we may be found by wholeness, upheld by the unfathomable, entranced by the simple, and filled with the joy that is you.

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Welcome

Gathering Song

Amanda Powell, song leader

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

The Call to Worship

Elder Todd Webster

Leader: The world belongs to God.

People: The earth and all its people.

Leader: How good it is, how wonderful,

People: To live together in unity.

Leader: Love and faith come together,

People: Justice and peace join hands.

Leader: If Christ's disciples keep silent

People: These stones would shout aloud.

Leader: Open our lips, O God,

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

* **The Opening Hymn No. 469**

"Morning Has Broken"

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

The Prayer of Confession

Leader: Holy God, Maker of all **All: Have mercy on us.**
Leader: Jesus Christ, Servant of the Poor **All: Have mercy on us.**
Leader: Holy Spirit, Breath of life **All: Have mercy on us.**
Leader: Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty

A Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*) Estonia

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

The Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Before God with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness: to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.
People: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.
Leader: Amen.
People: Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness: To the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world.
Leader: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.
People: Amen.

* **Glory Be to the Father, No. 577**

**Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen. (repeat)**

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

The Sacrament of Baptism for Alec and Maya Miller

The Congregational Response

Maya and Alec, 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.

* **Hymn No. 280**

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"
Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

The Scripture Lesson

Romans 5:12-21 (p. 917)

After the reading

Leader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.
People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Dr. John Lentz

"Faith Matters: Grace"

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

M. Miller

"There's A Spirit of Love in This Place"

* **The Response**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his son. (2x)
And now, let the weak say "I am strong;"
let the poor say "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." (2x)
Give thanks, give thanks.**

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

* **The Closing Hymn No. 369**

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

* **The Commission and Blessing**

* **The Choral Benediction**

* **The Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *The Postlude*



■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Anona Stack in memory of Joseph Wenta; by Nancy Crawford in loving memory of her parents; and in honor of Maya and Alec Miller's baptism by their grandparents, Joan Kandare and Jacqueline and John Martindale.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Wendy Anderson	Fran and Pat Drake	Aiesha Minor
William and Verna Bidelman	Marian Frederick	Marilyn Oviatt
Dick Bloomquist	Dorothy Hales	Austin Schwaderer
Allen Bloomquist	Jason Himmelsteib	Debbie Ungemach
Arthur Brickel	Jane Little	Dennis Wedding
Ralph and Molly Dise	Peter Manista	Doug, Marcie and Lucy Harvey
Carolyn Doggett	Rebecca Martin	

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.

Congratulations!

Congratulation to Karen Ishler and Steve Parker, who were married yesterday in Myrtle Beach SC.

This Month's Ushers

Amy Davis, Chris Davis, George Dean, Muriel Dean, Scott Duncan, Jean Duncan, Scott Peters, Tish Van Beers-Klein, Brian Klein. 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.

Guest Musician

Guest musician Amanda Powell is leading the music today as Anne Wilson is teaching at the Presbyterian Association of Musicians Music and Worship Conferences at the Montreat Conference Center near Asheville, North Carolina. Amanda has a passion for global music. She moved from Massachusetts to Cleveland last summer with her husband Sergio, who teaches music at Hawken School, and twin toddler daughters. Welcome, Amanda!

Baptisms

Today we celebrate the baptism of Maya Catherine and Alec Harrison Miller, children of Steve and Chantal Miller. Diana Woodbridge is the attending Elder. Maya and Alec's sister Lindsey and their grandparents, Jacqueline and John Martindale and FHC member Joan Kandare, are all here this morning.

Sr. High Fund-Raising Car Wash

Cars washed during worship!

Arrive dirty, leave clean!

Proceeds support the mission trip.

Softball

Today: 6:00 Team A vs First Baptist, Roxboro MS; Team B vs Fairmount PC, FHP

Next Sunday: 3:00 Team B vs Central Bible Baptist Church at Monticello MS

6:00 Team A vs Church of the Saviour A at Forest Hill Park

THIS WEEK

Bible and Bagels

Bible and Bagels will meet Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The lesson this Wednesday is **Mark 5: 21-43**.

Yoga Returns!

Classes meet Wednesdays through Aug. 5 – 6:00-7:00 p.m.

\$10 per class; drop-ins and beginners are welcome!

NEXT SUNDAY

Summer Adult Education

Our summer Adult Education classes will meet at 9:00 a.m. in South Hall. We will study and discuss the biblical text that will be preached that day in worship. Bring your minds, hearts and spirits for this community bible study.

LOOKING AHEAD

Social Groups and Circles

Pacesetters (single and couples, 40 – 55ish)

We're having a bike-hike-and-picnic day in the Cuyahoga Valley on Saturday, June 27! Meet at the Station Road Trailhead on Saturday, June 27 at 9 a.m. for a bike or a hike on the towpath; then gather at the nearby Plateau Picnic Area in Brecksville reservation for a picnic. For more information or the RSVP, contact Sue and Scott Lafferty (440-449-2361 or salaff@sbcglobal.net). All are welcome for any or all of the day!

The Group (Singles and couples, 55 – 70 ish)

Join us on July 11 to hear the Cleveland Orchestra at Blossom performing Liszt's *Mephisto Waltz*, Mussorgsky/Ravel's *Pictures at an Exhibition*, and Rachmaninoff's *Piano Concerto No.2*. Bring a picnic supper to eat on the lawn at 6:30 p.m.; concert starts at 8p.m. Tickets are \$13, good for the lawn OR the new General Admission area of the Pavilion (on a first-come, first-serve basis). **RSVP by 6/29** to Kathy or Derry Stauffer: 216-381-6599 or khannas@sbcglobal.net. All are welcome!

Care Group

The Bethlehem Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during July. 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:

Mark Waring, Deacon	Elizabeth Kosnik
Jon Adams and Pam Conover and family	Karen and Clyde Loughridge
Katie & Chris Batcheller	Dorothy Menn
Dick Bloomquist	Bethany and Joe Pinzone and family
Clarence and Eloise Boyd	Ron Register and family
Kay and Bill Currie	Jean Reinhold
Carolyn Doggett	Baldwin Sawyer
Peter and Kathryn Eloff	Rosaneil Schenk
Louise Fuller	Mollie and Dick Secor
Sharon Hansen	Millie Skeivis
Jenny Himmelman and family	Carolyn Vrtunski
Joan Kandare	Mark and Julie Waring and family
Morag and Tom Keefe	Blanche Winston
	Beth and Tom Zych and family

Next Sunday's CARE Group volunteers: Karen and Clyde Loughridge (continental breakfast), Carolyn Vrtunski (cards), Hazel Grant (flowers).

■■■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8: 7-15; Mark 5: 21-43. 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. The lectionary reading for each Sunday is included in the "Sundays in June" page of the **TOWER**.

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■ ■ ■ *Calendar: June 21 -- 28, 2009*

Sunday, June 21

8:30 Exploring Evangelism
8:45 Child care begins
9:00 Summer Bible Study
9:30 Summer Choir
Continental Breakfast
Sr High Car Wash
10:00 WORSHIP: Baptism of Alec and
Maya Miller
Summer Pathways
Children's story time
11:15 Coffee hour
Blood pressure check
6:00 Softball: Team A vs First Baptist,
Roxboro MS
Team B vs Fairmount PC, FH Park

Monday, June 22

Culture Camp is here all week

7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA)

Tuesday, June 23

7:00 p.m. Sycamore Group

Wednesday, June 24

7:30 a.m. Bible and Bagels

6:00 p.m. Yoga

7:30 p.m. Session mtg

Thursday, June 25

7:00 p.m. Justice & Mission joint mtg

Friday, June 26

9:30 a.m. Al Anon mtg

7:00 p.m. Culture Camp Fiesta

Saturday, June 27

11:00 a.m. Pace setters' Outing: CVNP

Sunday, June 28

8:30 Exploring Evangelism

8:45 Child care begins

9:00 Summer Bible Study

9:30 Summer Choir

Continental Breakfast

10:00 WORSHIP

11:15 Coffee hour

3:30 Softball: Team B vs Central Bible

Baptist, Monticello MS

6:00 Softball: Team A vs Church of the

Saviour A, FH Park