

# 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 16, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.*

*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*

Be still and know that I am God.

*(Repeat this verse several times, lingering on each word)*

### **Welcome**

### **Prelude**

"Pastorale" BWV 590, mov. 1  
Lynn Balaze, guest organist

J. S. Bach

### **Choral Introit**

### ■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

### **Call to Worship**

Alex Jamieson

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: We come from many places.

**People: We carry many burdens.**

Leader: Yet all are accepted here, in this gathering place, in the name of Jesus.

**People: May we be open to receive what the Spirit would lay on our hearts this day.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

### **\* Processional Hymn No. 417**

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Clover Beal

We confess to you, Almighty God, that we have sinned against you and one another. By our thoughts, in our words, by our action and inaction we have not reflected your compassion, justice and joy. Forgive us and set us on the path of righteousness. In Jesus' name we pray.

**Time of Silent Confession**

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

Merbecke

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

**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.*

**Anthem**

T. Dorsey

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"  
Jaired Birks, bass and conductor

**Scripture Lesson**

Acts 2: 43-47

*After the reading*

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

**Family Meditation**

Rev. Clover Beal

\* **Hymn No. 419**

"How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord"

*Children in Pathways may leave during the hymn*

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

**Sermon**

Dr. John Lentz

"Holy Coincidences"

\* **Affirmation of Faith**

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**Prayers of the People**

**Lord's Prayer**

*please use debts, debtors*

**Ritual of Friendship**

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

**Offertory**

P. Halley

"Sound Over All Waters"

Beth Zych, soprano

*This anthem was dedicated to Coretta Scott King and sung in her honor when she preached at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in NYC, where the composer was choirmaster.  
The poem is by John Greenleaf Whittier.*

\* **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*

\* **Closing Hymn No. 430**

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

\* **Commission and Blessing**

\* **Choral Benediction**

\* **Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

“Pastorale” BWV 590, mov. 4

J. S. Bach



■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

**Chancel Flowers**

The flowers today are given by Joe and Betsy Andrews in loving memory of Joe’s parents, Mary and Clifford Andrews, and Betsy’s parents, Agnes and Leonard Cooper; and to the glory of God, by Dene Young.

**Prayer Concerns this Week**

**Prayers are requested this week for the following:**

George Dean, Ralph Dise, Joy Ferguson, Hazel Grant, Arlene Quinn, Leighton Scott, Debbie Ungemach, Ted Woodbridge

**Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:**

Pat and Fran Drake, Rose Eaton, Betty Farnfield, Marilyn Gifford, Mary Jean Kent, Elizabeth Kosnik, Mary Lewis, Merdine T. Morris, Joyce Peters

Please pray for the family of Robert Eaton, who died January 11, 2011.

**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**

Kevin Stauffer, Lead Usher; Joe Andrews, Nick Baumgartner, Charles Ishler, Jane Ishler, Kate Monaghan, Daryl Musick, Victoria Sampson. Roger Heineman, Head Usher

**Nursery care** for babies and young children is available on the second floor of the Monticello Wing. Child care will also be available during the Annual Meeting.

■ ■ ■ *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.

**Visitors and newer members** – If you have a few minutes after church and would like to meet and get to know other members of Forest Hill Church, come to **Connections Corner** in Fellowship Hall. Look for the table to the left as you enter the room. Come for coffee, a tasty treat, conversation and connection!

***The Annual Meeting of the Congregation***

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held today. Lunch will be served immediately after worship; the meeting will begin at 12:30. Child care will be provided.

***Today’s Music***

Many thanks to our guest music leaders this morning: Lynn Balaze, organist, and Jaired Birks, conductor. Lynn earned a master’s degree in organ from the Cleveland Institute of Music and is the mother of a charming toddler. Jaired is a senior at Heights High and a singer and ringer in three FHC ensembles. Anne Wilson has been in Detroit the last few days, where she has participated in two performances of her chorus and orchestra work *Song of Hope*, which was commissioned by FHC and premiered here in March 2004.

***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 week is **Acts 3: 1-10**.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### *Praising God with Singing – Movement – Fun*

Preschool and Kindergarten children are invited to be a part of Forest Hill Church's Cherub Choir. Winter and spring meeting dates are:

- January 23, 10:30 rehearsal in Children in Worship, rm. 207
- February 13, 10:20 in the Sanctuary; singing in worship
- March 27, 10:30, rehearsal in Children in Worship, rm. 207
- April 17, 10:20 rehearsal in Sanctuary; singing in worship

Please contact Lisa Koops (216-691-3316) or Liz Wollaeger (216-321-2660) for more information.

### *Care Group*

The Mt. Sinai 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:

Janet Kickel, Deacon and leader	Mary Lewis
Allen Ball	Julie & Gary Lusic
Bob & Joanne Bielek	Brooke Marcy and family
Guy Cameron and family	The McCumber family
Betty & Don Clark	Dave & Jane Olson and family
Sue Conant	Joyce Peters
Ralph Dise	Graham & Roz Peters
Jane Frederick and family	Jim Picht & Rebecca Martin and family
Donna Frey	Matt & Katie Russo and family
Sue Gifford and family	Sara & Randy Shaner
Don & Nancy Grube	Anona Stack
Barb Hansen	Lorian, Ralph & Fran Thomas
Jason & Christine Hidek and family	Ann & Peter Williams
Chuck & Jane Ishler	Betty Woodruff
Nina Klein	Warren & Lois Young

Today's CARE Group volunteers: Jason and Christina Hidek (Continental Breakfast); Chuck Ishler (Coffee Hour); Betty Clark and Rosaneil Schenk (Greeting Cards); Katie Russo and Sara Shaner (Greeters)

## Social Groups and Circles

### *Pacesetters*

The annual gala Pacesetter party to plan the year's events will unfold at Chris & Dave Bell's (3040 Scarborough Rd., Cleveland Hts., 215-932-6992) next Friday evening, January 21, at 7:00 pm. Bring a dessert or an appetizer, and something to drink.

**Note: This is on a Friday, not our usual Saturday!!**

Also, come prepared with ideas. Better yet, email your ideas ahead of time to Dave at [DLBell3040@Hotmail.com](mailto:DLBell3040@Hotmail.com), or to Chris at [Chris3040@AOL.com](mailto:Chris3040@AOL.com). Prizes will be awarded for the best planning performances. (Judging will be entirely subjective, and may be arbitrary.)

### *The Group (singles and couples, 60s-70s)*

The Group's Super Bowl party will be held Sunday, February 6, beginning at 5:30 (½ hr. before kickoff time, which is 6 p.m.) at Hal & Pat Musick's, 369 W. Glen Eagle Dr., Highland Hts. RSVP to the Musicks (440-442-3592) by February 3 to receive your food assignment.

### *The Back Row (singles and couples 20s- 40s)*

The Back Row will gather to watch the Super Bowl at the home of Jason and Christina Hidek on Sunday February 6, 2011 at 6 p.m. Bring your favorite tailgating food, along with a non-perishable donation for the FHC food pantry. Contact Christina Hidek at (440)646-9093 or [christina.hidek@gmail.com](mailto:christina.hidek@gmail.com) for more information.

## ■■■ Youth News

**Today:** Youth groups will not meet today

### **Next Sunday**

Mid High: Meet from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Sr High: Meet from 6:30 – 8 p.m.

### **Looking Ahead**

February 6: Meeting for all mission trip participants and families, after Sine Nomine Choir.

February 12: Ski trip to Peak 'n Peek! **Please sign up by January 30.**

## ■■■ The Lessons

**Next Sunday: Acts 3: 1-10.**