

# 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 2, 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*

I arise today, God's strength to pilot me; God's might to uphold me; God's wisdom to guide me; God's eye to look before me; God's ear to hear me; God's word to speak for me; God's hand to guard me; God's shield to protect me; God's host to secure me; God's way to lie before me.

*From The Lorica of St. Patrick*

### **Welcome**

### **Prelude**

"A Little Shepherd Music"

H. Rohling

### **Choral Introit**

### ■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

#### **Call to Worship**

Janet Kickel

Leader: O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns,

**People: soul behind all souls,**

Leader: In everything we touch,

**People: In everyone we meet,**

Leader: your presence is all around us,

**People: and we give you thanks.**

(Iona Community)

### \* **Processional Hymn No. 46**

"On This Day Earth Shall Ring"

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**Prayer of Confession**

Dr. John C. Lentz

Leader: For all that we do that fractures the whole or halts the healing,

**People: We release those things and open our hearts to you.**

Leader: For all that we choose to do or not do, spinning our time and attention in small selfish circles,

**People: We release those things and open our hearts to you.**

Leader: For all of the ways in which we close up and turn away,

**People: We release those things and open our hearts to you.**

Leader: You, Lord, give us fresh feet and renewed hope,

**People: So, again and again and again, we open our hearts to you.**

**A Time of Silent Confession**

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

J. Bell

■ ■ ■ *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.*

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

**Scripture Lesson(s)**

John 1: 1-18

*After the reading(s)*

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Elder Jean Reinhold

"The Gifts of God for the People of God"

**Ritual of Friendship**

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

**Offering of Our Gifts**

**Offertory**

B. Britten

"New Year Carol"

**\* 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.

■ ■ ■ *Eucharist*

**Invitation**

**\* Hymn**

"For Everyone Born"

*Please see p. 11*

**Great Thanksgiving**

**Leader: The Lord be with you.**

People: And also with you.

**Leader: Lift up your hearts.**

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

**Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Sanctus**

J. Bell

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

*(please use debts, debtors)*

**Communion of the People**

**Music during Communion**

Puerto Rico

"From a Distant Home"

**Prayer after Communion**

**Thank you for sharing your life and love with us. Now strengthen us to be your lively and loving people. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit to bring good news to the poor and lift blind eyes to sight, to loose the chains that bind and claim your blessing for all people. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.**

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

\* **Closing Hymn No. 66**

“We Three Kings”

\* **Commission and Blessing**

\* **Choral Benediction**

\* **Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

P. Manz

“How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”



■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

**Chancel Flowers**

The flowers today are given by Molly Bergman in memory of Ken Bergman and all others who provide time and effort making our church a better place; and by the Klein family in honor of Florence, mother and grandmother. Happy Birthday!

**“We Three Kings”**

Many thanks to our three kings / wise men: Jed Koops, Pastor John Lentz, and Josh Toombs. The beautiful robes and bright headgear were given in memory of Bill Tapié (husband of Elaine Tapié, father of Kris Fay and grandfather of Katie Fay).

**Prayer Concerns this Week**

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

George Dean, Ralph Dise, Robert Eaton, Joy Ferguson, Hazel Grant, Arlene Quinn, 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

**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.

■ ■ ■ *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!

***Today Is Hunger Sunday***

Any cash or checks in envelopes marked **Hunger** will be used 100% for support of hunger programs. Each month we send the money to the Heights Emergency Food Cupboard (Disciples Church, Cleveland Hts.), the New Covenant Lutheran Church Hunger Center (East Cleveland), and the Presbyterian Hunger Program in Haiti.

**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 1: 1-11**.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

***Adult Education, 9:30 a.m.***

January 9: Introduction to Luke – Acts (Dr. Lentz), Fellowship Hall  
January 16 – March 16: Kerygma groups will meet

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Kerygma Begins January 16**

Information and registration forms are now available for the next Kerygma series, titled **Into the Word: The Book of the Acts of the Apostles** or **Bible 101**. Look for the registration table in Fellowship Hall.

**The Annual Meeting of the Congregation**

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, January 16, 2011. Lunch will be served immediately after worship; the meeting will follow lunch. Please make every effort to attend.

**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:

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| Janet Kickel, Deacon and leader    | Mary Lewis                            |
| Allen Ball                         | Julie & Gary Lustic                   |
| 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 & family            | Jim Picht & Rebecca Martin and family |
| Donna Frey                         | Matt & Katie Russo and family         |
| Sue Gifford & 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: Janet Kickel (Continental Breakfast and Coffee Hour); Rosaneil Schenk and Betty Clark (Greeting Cards); Don and Nancy Grube (Greeters)

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

**Today**

Mid High: Meet from 4 – 5:30 for game night  
Sr High: Meet from 6:30 – 8 for game night

**Next Sunday**

Mid High: Meet from 4 – 5:30  
Sr High: Meet from 6:30 – 8

**Looking Ahead**

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

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

**Next Sunday: Acts 1: 1-11.** 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.

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Calendar: January 2 - 9, 2011

<p><b>Sunday, January 2</b>  <b>No classes or children's choirs</b>          10:30 Child care begins                  Continental Breakfast          11:00 WORSHIP: Celebration of                  Epiphany, Communion, and                  The Three Kings          12:15 Coffee Hour                  Teacher Training          12:30 Abundance Cupboard mtg          4:00 MOB: Mid Hi – game night          5:00 Faith Leader          6:30 MOB: Sr. High – game night</p> <p><b>Monday, January 3</b>          6:00 p.m. Progress not Perfection                  (Al Anon)          7:00 p.m. Al Anon                  Sycamore Group          7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA)                  Boy Scouts Troup #403</p> <p><b>Tuesday, January 4</b>          6:00 p.m. Iris Circle potluck          7:00 p.m. Women's Lessons and Carols                  Cub Scout Pack #36</p> <p><b>Wednesday, January 5</b>          7:30 a.m. Bible &amp; Bagels          7:00 p.m. Ministries meet</p>	<p><b>Thursday, January 6</b>          6:20 p.m. Voices in Bronze          7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p> <p><b>Friday, January 7</b>          9:30 a.m. Al Anon</p> <p><b>Saturday, January 8</b>          5:00 p.m. MOB: meet to go tobogganing          8:00 p.m. The Group: <b>Backwards in                  Heels</b> at the Playhouse</p> <p><b>Sunday, January 9</b>          9:15 Child care begins          9:30 Adult and Youth Education                  Confirmation class                  Descant Choir          10:15 Descant Choir activity          10:30 Continental Breakfast                  Chancel Choir          11:00 WORSHIP                  Pathways to the Promise Land                  Children in Worship                  Little Explorers          12:15 Coffee Hour                  Sine Nomine Choir          12:30 Confirmation luncheon          4:00 MOB: Mid Hi          5:00 Faith Leader          6:30 MOB: Sr. High</p>
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**John 1: 1-18**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.



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