

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

February 16, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

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 large print editions of the Bible and today's bulletin;
hearing devices; activity bags with quiet activities for children staying in worship;
and directions to our Monticello Wing nursery for babies and young children.

■ ■ ■ *Prayer of Preparation*

God of mercy, grant that the Word you speak this day may take root in our hearts, and bear fruit to your honor and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome

Prelude

Speech chant: Galatians 5: 22, 23, 25

*Walk by the Spirit. Let us live by the Spirit in love, joy, peace and patience,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

Descant Choir

■ ■ ■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Elder Jeanette Nemcek

Leader: God of the open road, God of the twisting path,

**People: God of the narrow and upward way, your people are gathered for
worship!**

Leader: In this hour, give us provision for the journey: courage, faith and
compassion,

People: endurance to face any hardship.

Leader: Open our eyes to see you walking beside us,

People: encouraging us, loving us.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*** Processional Hymn No. 821**

"My Life Flows On"

How Can I Keep From Singing

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Clover Beal

O Holy One, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times when we fail to recognize you in our lives. Shame clenches our hearts, hiding our true feelings. Fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Doubt invades our hopefulness, degrading our experiences. O Holy God, remind us of your presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to live honestly, act courageously, and speak from our wisdom.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Guarani trad. (Hymn No. 578)

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

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria, Gloria No. 583

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

2nd time, men begin; women begin 2 measures later;

Children and youth begin 2 measures after that.

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

Family Meditation

Rev. Beal

* Hymn No. 353

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Children in Pathways may leave during the hymn

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 5: 21-37

After the reading

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz

"To a Higher Standard"

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

all are asked to sign as a record of attendance

Offertory

Anne Wilson

"You Are Beside Me in Everything I See"
poem by Jean Reinhold (2011)

* 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. 840

"When Peace Like a River"
It is Well with My Soul
(stanzas 1 and 4)

* Commission and Blessing

* Choral Benediction

* Passing of the Peace

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

Cesar Franck

"Fantasia in A Minor"

**please stand if able*



Welcome Visitors!

We look forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Welcome bags are available throughout the building. Take one home with you!

■ ■ ■ *Congregational Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by the Cameron family in loving memory of Alan Scott Cameron.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Weldon Adams, Chessie Bleick, Kay Currie, Clyde Loughridge, Jillian Murphy, Bob Nemcek, Mollie Secor, Marge Thomas, Debbie Ungemach.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Dick Bloomquist, Ruth and Arthur Brickel, Bill Currie, Pat Drake, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Iris Gilbert, Ron and Florence Klein, Elizabeth Kosnik, Emelia McGuire, Merdine T. Morris, Joyce Peters, Elaine Tapié.

In memoriam

Doris Oliver, former member and choir member in the 1960s and 70s, died on December 28, 2013.

In Memoriam We Remember

Anne Taylor

Who died February 11, 2014

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

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

Roger Heineman, Lead and Head Usher; Robyn Hales, Paula Harvey, Tom Harvey, Jason Hidek, Diane McFiggen, Tom McFiggen, Dick Peterjohn.

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

Attendance last week (including Pathways children): 237

■■■ *Announcements*

TODAY



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It's Dr. Proudfit's 100th Birthday!
Join us for birthday cake in Fellowship Hall after worship.

THIS WEEK

Bible and Bagels

Bible and Bagels meets Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 am in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The lesson this week is **Psalm 119: 33-40 and Matthew 5: 38-48.**

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall

The Bible and Racism: The Bible has served as both an instrument of liberation and a tool for oppression. Dr. Lentz will lead the class on ways that scripture has been used to justify racism and division as well as hospitality and inclusion.

LOOKING AHEAD

Social Groups and Circles

The Group (60s – 70s)

The Group will meet on Saturday, March 8 for dinner at 5:30 pm at Light Bistro, 2801 Bridge Ave, before attending the Singers' Club concert at St. Ignatius' Breen Auditorium (2 blocks from the restaurant). The Singers' Club describes the event as a multimedia event featuring luminous music reminiscent of the heavenly universe, a juried show of art work by local high school students, and the una voce musica choir from Oberlin. Please contact Don and Nancy Grube for reservations (donance@sbcglobal.net or 440-461-4693) by February 25. The cost of the concert is \$12; make your check out to Singers' Club of Cleveland. Invite a friend! All are welcome.

Hilltoppers (retired)

Hilltoppers will meet on Friday, March 7 at 1:00 pm in South Hall. Our speaker is Shanon Newcomb from the FBI, who will speak about scams - phone and internet, identity theft and fraud prevention. Refreshments will be served.

Iris Circle (all women of the church)

Food for the Body, Food for the Soul – please bring a favorite dish (your choice) and join us at Iris Circle’s February 18 meeting at the home of Elspeth Peterjohn, 22832 Byron Rd., Shaker Hts. After lunch Clover Beal will lead a Bible study. RSVP to Elspeth (216-991-0424 or elspethpj@earthlink.net).

Care Group

The Corinth Care Group is responsible for meeting members’ needs during February. 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:

Joan Bacon, Deacon leader	Alice McKinley
Molly Bergman	Robin & Mel Mervine & family
John & Patricia Borthwick	Cate Monaghan
Ed Briskey	Margery Nokes
Jeff & Kathy Cameron	Linn & Melody Obery
Kathy Carr	David & Susanne Peterjohn & family
Lia Clement	Bill Proudfit
Priscilla Colville	Ron Schmidt
Kurt Haas & Dee Dee Pim	Sandy Schultz
Robert & Lisa Higgs & family	Dan & Joanne Shaner & family
Betty Jo Jenkins	Vincent Taylor
Cathy Kernich	Bobbi van Dijk
Brian & Tish Klein & family	Kevin & Jill White & family
John & Deanne Lentz & family	Dene Young
Tom & Diane McFiggen	

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

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

Today: Middle School Book Group at Caitlin’s, 6 pm

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Today's Scripture: Matthew 5: 21-37

“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

Next Sunday: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119: 33-40; 1 Corinthians 3: 10-11, 16-23; Matthew 5: 38-48. 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.

■■■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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Black History Month Schedule

TODAY 12:30-2 pm

Participate in a charette (a community dialogue) on how we can re-imagine a more welcoming and inclusive Fellowship Hall (see p. 10 for details). A light lunch will be provided.

Sunday, February 23: Book Discussion and lunch, 12:30-2 pm

Join us to discuss *The New Jim Crow*, by Michelle Alexander. A soul-food potluck lunch will accompany the discussion. Please contact Jennifer Blakeney (jablakeney.13@gmail.com) for details or recipes or if you know what you will bring.

Please contact Barb Cloud or Annette Himes if you have questions or are interested in helping with any of these events. Thank you!

The Black History Month Team

- Doris Allen
- Jennifer Blakeney
- Barbara Cloud
- Jordon Dail
- Ajah Hales
- Robyn Hales
- Annette Himes
- Kermit Lind
- Vikki Nowak

Are you interesting in being part of the Black History Month team? Please join us by contacting Barb Cloud or Annette Himes.

Coffee Hour Charette: TODAY in Fellowship Hall

Today, right after worship, we have a chance to reimagine our Fellowship Hall.

Picture a Sunday morning coffee hour in Fellowship Hall. Are you drawn to it or do you head out the door without stopping by? Can you imagine coffee hour as a warm and inviting place to be every Sunday after church, a place filled with people and abuzz with activity, a place to get to know people in meaningful ways?

This morning's "Coffee Hour Charette" will encourage us to think about what we might do to make our fellowship hour more welcoming and further our goal of becoming a more diverse and inclusive congregation.

A "charette" is a way of gathering people in small groups around tables to envision possibilities and come up with one best idea to address a particular issue. Each small group then pitches their idea to the larger group. Creative ideas, and the energy and excitement to do something with them, are the end result.

A light lunch will be provided, so grab a sandwich and a chair and join a table hosted by a small group leader. No special expertise is needed, just your experience and ideas.

A program of interest at the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage

**Racial & Religious
Housing Discrimination in
Cleveland Heights & Shaker Heights,
1925-1970**

February 19, 2014

3pm: Open House

4pm: Lecture

5pm: Guided Tour

FREE

While the inner-ring suburbs of Cleveland Heights and Shaker Heights are today known as some of the most diverse communities in Northeast Ohio, their origins as exclusive bedroom communities for wealthy, white residents excluded many people who make their homes there today. The Van Sweringen brothers and John D. Rockefeller Jr. believed that restrictive covenants would enhance the property values and prestige of their suburban developments, Shaker Heights and the Forest Hill allotment in Cleveland Heights and East Cleveland; both developments became known as exclusive enclaves, unwelcoming to Jews and African Americans. Hear from Marian Morton, Professor Emerita at John Carroll University and author of ***Cleveland Heights: The Making of an Urban Suburb***, whose presentation will raise the questions: how effective were the covenants and how exclusive were these communities?

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■■■ *Calendar: February 16-23, 2014*

Sunday, February 16

- 9:15 Child care begins
- 9:30 Descant Choir rehearsal
Adult Education
Youth Education
Confirmation
- 10:15 Descant Choir activity time
- 10:30 Chancel Choir rehearsal
Continental Breakfast
- 10:45 Cherub Choir
- 11:00 WORSHIP
Children in Worship
- 12:15 Coffee Hour charette
- 5:00 Faith Leader
- 6:30 YOUTH: Middle High Book Group
(Caitlin's)
- 7:00 Apollo's Fire rehearsal

Monday, February 17: Presidents' Day

Office closed

- 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)
- 7:00 pm Al Anon
Sycamore Group
- 7:30 pm AA: Borton Group
Boy Scout Troop #403

Tuesday, February 18

- 8:45 am Tai Chi class
- 9:00 am Abundance Pantry:
food distribution
- 12:00 pm Iris Circle: Lunch and Bible study
(Elspeth Peterjohn's)
- 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class
- 7:00 pm CE/Youth Director Search Comm.

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Wednesday, February 19

- 7:30 am Bible and Bagels
- 8:45 am Tai Chi class
- 12:00 pm Hilltop Garden Club
Bullshevicks
- 7:00 pm Ministry of Vocation and
Leadership mtg

Thursday, February 20

- 8:45 am Tai Chi class
- 1:00 pm Abundance Pantry open
- 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class
- 6:20 pm Voices in Bronze
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, February 21

- 10:00 am Al Anon
TOWER collators

Saturday, February 22

- 9:00 am CEIRS class:
"Angels and Demons in the Bible"

Sunday, February 23

- 9:15 Child care begins
- 9:30 Descant Choir rehearsal
Adult Education
Youth Education
Confirmation
- 10:15 Descant Choir activity time
- 10:30 Chancel Choir rehearsal
Continental Breakfast
- 10:45 Cherub Choir
- 11:00 WORSHIP:
Baptism of John Patrick Dolan
Children in Worship
- 12:15 Coffee Hour
Sine Nomine choir
- 12:30 Black History Month: Book Group
- 5:00 Faith Leader
- 5:40 Labre Project