

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

May 11, 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*

You have given so much to me,
Give one thing more, a grateful heart.

George Herbert (1593 – 1633)

Welcome

Prelude

J. S. Bach

“Fantasy in G Major”

Choral Introit

■ ■ ■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Elder Julie Wolfram Smith

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised!

Leader: Bless us, Creator God, this day.

People: Be with us, brother Christ, in faith and courage.

Leader: Inspire us, Holy Spirit, in stillness and in joy.

People: Let us worship God!

*** Processional Hymn No. 267**

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Confession

Leader: We pray, O Lord, for deliverance from all that weakens faith in you:

Men: From seeking easy answers to large questions;

Women: From being overawed by the self-confident;

Men: From dependence upon mood or feeling;

Women: From hesitation from making decisions;

Men: From fear that frustrates bold hope.

All: In Christ we pray. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

John Bell

■ ■ ■ *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.

Anthem

Malcolm Archer

“Pie Jesu” (Blessed Jesus)

Sine Nomine Choir

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

Minute for Mission

Jack Breisch

“Labre Project”

*** Hymn No. 306**

“Blessed Be the Tie That Binds” (st. 1, 3, 5)

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

Scripture Lesson

Acts 2: 42-47

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

“The Once and Future Church”

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

Bobby McFerrin

“The 23rd Psalm”

Mr. McFerrin dedicated this psalm setting to his mother

*** 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**

G. Moone and F. Washington

Congregation, please sing refrain:

"Unity"



4 Un - i - ty, un - i - ty, Lord, we pray for

6 un - i - ty. Un - i - ty,

un - i - ty, Lord, we pray for un - i - ty.

* **Commission and Blessing**

* **Choral Benediction**

* **Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

J. S. Bach

"Come, Holy Spirit"

**please stand if able*



Welcome Visitors!

We look forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Visitor welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex. Take one home with you! Be sure to visit our website, www.fhcbresb.org, to find a complete list of upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and texts and audio of past sermons.

■ ■ ■ *Congregational Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by Scott and Jean Duncan and Elizabeth Duncan in loving memory of Gloria and Bill Duncan and Ruth and Leonard Lick; and in honor of all mothers.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following: Ruth Brickel, Ginny Colville, Flora Dannemiller, Mollie Secor, Debbie Ungemach.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Dick Bloomquist, Bill Currie, Pat Drake, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Iris Gilbert, Ron and Florence Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Elaine Tapié.

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

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

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

Attendance last week (including Pathways children): 208

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

THIS WEEK

Gentle Yoga and Stretching

The next yoga class will meet on Monday, May 12 at 5:30 pm in South Hall. Please bring a water bottle and a mat or towel.

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 from **Acts 7: 55-60; Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2: 2-10; John 14: 1-14.**

Advocate for Public Education?

You are invited to a public screening of the documentary ***Standardized – Lies, Myths and Civil Rights: How Testing Is Ruining Public Education*** on Thursday, May 15 at 7 pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 13001 Cedar Rd, Cleveland Hts. The film is 78 minutes and will be followed by a discussion. The cost to attend is \$5.

Movie: Harlan County USA

Join the FHC Youth on Friday, May 16 at 6:30 pm in South Hall to watch the Academy Award-winning 1976 documentary Harlan County USA, highlighting the poor living and working conditions of coal miners in Harlan, KY, where the FHC Youth will be travelling in July to serve and learn. Snacks will be available (for sale – benefits the mission trip!). All are welcome.

TOWER Deadline

Friday, May 16, 7 am, for the June **TOWER**.

Electronics Recycling

Still have old electronics hanging around after last fall's round-up? You have another chance! Saturday (8 am - 12 n) and Sunday (8 am – 2 pm), May 16-17, Enviro Recycle will be at FHC. Spend the week collecting old electronic and metal objects, load 'em up and bring 'em in! Watch for more information this week from the FHC Green Team.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall

Zionism Unsettled: A Congregational Study

Discussion led by Dr. John Lentz

Labre Cookout

On Sunday, May 18, beginning at 5 pm, the LABRE team is hosting a spring cookout at Our Family Home Center (Lee at Euclid Ave.). Come and see our community garden lot! Get to know our East Cleveland friends! If you're interested and/or would be willing to bring a salad or dessert, add your name to the list on the J & M bulletin board in Fellowship Hall, or contact Jeanette Nemcek.

LOOKING AHEAD

Flower Donation Dates Available

Would you like to donate chancel flowers on May 18, June 15 or June 29? The cost is \$30 per arrangement. Please contact the church office.

Summer Adult Education

One Church, One Book: FHC's Summer Read, 2014

The Screwtape Letters, by C. S. Lewis

Read this classic masterpiece of religious satire this summer, and discuss it on Sunday, August 24 at 7 pm – all are welcome! More details will be in the June TOWER. Copies are available from Consuelo Heineman for \$10.

Summer Bible Study

Tom Zych will lead Bible study at 9 am in the Jin Room every Sunday from June 22 – July 27.

Care Group

The Nazareth Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during May. 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:

Richard Peterjohn, Deacon

Barb & Kermit Lind

Doris Bartlett

Laura Minder

Marcia Beck

Dave & Allie Neff

JoAnne Black

Cindy Newton

Deborah Chapman & Lyn Hale

Elsbeth & Richard Peterjohn

Virginia Colville

Scott Peters, Jeannine Gury & family

Ron & Patty Console

Lois Reilly

Jim & Terry Daedelow

Eric Rich & family

Melinda Dus & Curtis Jastremsky

Jim Roosa & family

Beth Garrett

Peggy Sasso

Jennifer & Barry Hartz & family

Kevin & Laura Stauffer & family

Kathryn Himmelsteib

Kimble & Sandy True

Audrey & Bob Kellermeyer

Megan & Peter Tzefronis & family

Jane & Cliff Kowall

Matt & Sarah Winters & family

Wafa Kuri

Social Groups and Circles
Hilltoppers (retired singles and couples)

Hilltoppers will meet on Friday, May 16 at 1 pm in South Hall. Baldwin Sawyer will speak about his work on the Manhattan Project as well as post-WWII communication projects.

Iris Circle (all women of the church)

Iris Circle will meet in South Hall at 1 pm on Tuesday, May 20 for jewelry-making – see the May TOWER and the weekly email for details. RSVP to Nancy Burcham.

Pacesetters (40s-60s)

Join the Pacesetters on Saturday, May 31 at 12:30 for lunch at Barle Soup and Sandwich (2438 Lee Blvd.), followed by a walking tour in Lakeview Cemetery. RSVP to Laurie Logan.

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

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

Friday: 6:30 pm movie – ***Harlan County USA***. Required for Mission Trip attendees! All are welcome.

Next Sunday: 4:30 Contemplative Worship Service/Experience for all youth – FHC chapel.

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Today's Scripture:

Next Sunday: ***Acts 7: 55-60; Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2: 2-10; John 14: 1-14.*** 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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■■■ *Calendar: May 11 - 18, 2014*

Sunday, May 11

9:15 am Child care begins
9:30 am Descant Choir rehearsal
Adult Education: "Marriage Matters,"
The Rev. Tricia Dykers-Koenig
Youth Education
10:15 am Descant Choir activity time
10:30 am Chancel Choir rehearsal
Continental Breakfast
10:45 am Children in Worship
Cherub Choir
11:00 am WORSHIP
Pathways to the Promise Land
12:15 pm Coffee Hour

Monday, May 12

5:30 pm Gentle Yoga
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, May 13

1:00 pm Abundance Pantry
food distribution
5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class
7:30 pm Reaching Heights mtg

Wednesday, May 14

7:30 am Bible and Bagels
7:00 pm Ministries meet

Thursday, May 15

1:00 pm Abundance Pantry open
5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class
7:00 pm Movie: **Standardized**
at Grace Lutheran Church
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, May 16

7:00 am TOWER deadline
10:00 am Al Anon
1:00 pm Hilltoppers
6:30 pm Movie: **Harlan County USA**

Saturday, May 17

8 am – 12 pm electronic recycling
8:00 am Men's Group
9:30 am Worship planning mtg

Sunday, May 18

8 am – 2 pm electronic recycling
9:15 am Child care begins
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Adult Education: **Zionism Unsettled:
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11:00 am WORSHIP
11:15 am Pathways to the Promise Land
12:15 pm Coffee Hour
Blood pressure check
2:00 pm Piano recitals
(students of Katie Hug)
4:30 pm Youth: Contemplative Worship
5:00 pm Labre Cookout

Cleveland Pride March

On Saturday, June 28 there will be a celebration march to support the GLBT community of Cleveland. The Session of Forest Hill Church has endorsed our presence at the march.

If you are interested in attending or helping to organize this event, please contact Lia Clemen.

