

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
November 2, 2014 at 11:00 am
Celebration of Holy Communion

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.

This morning we celebrate the Eucharist (the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion) by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup). We also provide a gluten-free alternative. After receiving the elements you may come to the railing to receive a blessing from the pastors.

■ ■ ■ *Prayer of Preparation*

Gentle God, we meet this morning as persons who seek your love, celebrate your grace, and receive your hope. Our spirits rejoice in acknowledging that you have created us and know us better than we know ourselves. We give you thanks. Amen.

Welcome

■ ■ ■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Elder Paula Harvey

Leader: Open our hearts, that we may see!

People: May we see our brothers and sisters the way God sees them.

Leader: Open our hearts, that we may hear!

People: May we hear the cries of our brothers and sisters the way God hears them.

Leader: Open our hearts, that we may understand!

People: May we accept others who are different than us, the way God accepts us.

Leader: Open our hearts, that we may listen!

People: May we listen to others, for we know God listens to us.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who breaks open the Word!

People: May our hearts be broken open to the Gospel.

*** Processional Hymn No. 769**
"For Everyone Born"

**Singing
instructions:
#769
St. 1, 2, 3**

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Reconciliation

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

Holy God, we are confident in your goodness, even as we are mindful of our brokenness. You call us to live with generosity and compassion;

instead, we fill our lives with possessions and accomplishments, and wonder why we feel empty. Is the life to which you call us really as simple and as difficult as following you? Help us to let go of the burdens that keep us from walking freely with you. Help us to trust that nothing can separate us from your love.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)Paraguay

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

Assurance of Pardon

“Glory to God”

3 Glo-ry to God, whose good-ness shines on me, and to the
6 Son, whose grace has par-doned me, and to the Spir-it, whose love has
8 set me free. As it was in the be-gin-ning, is
now and ev-er shall be. A-men.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 12/8. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with line numbers 3, 6, and 8 indicating the start of new lines of text. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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

Stewardship Moment for Witness

Don and Betty Clark

Scripture Lesson Galatians 5:1, 13-25

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Clover Reuter Beal

“It's Not about Us”

Ritual of Friendship

all are asked to sign

Offertory Tom Trenney

“Clear Our Heart, O God”

* Response

South African song

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises!”

Ha - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais-es, all our
3 hearts with glad-ness are filled. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
6 prais-es, all our hearts with glad-ness are filled. Now he
9 sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong of
13 faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy-ful Good News. *repeat first part*

■ ■ ■ *Eucharist*

Invitation

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.

Prayers of the People

The Necrology for 2014: We honor these members of the Forest Hill Church family who have died in the past year:

Mildred Broadwater
Elizabeth Dorr McKinley
Anne Taylor
Merdine T Morris
Francesca Kemp Bleick
Elizabeth Kosnik
Elizabeth A. Woodruff
Arthur Brickel
Irma Knepper
Marie Iphone Destine
Richard Allen Bloomquist

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.

Communion of the People

Music during Communion

Thomas Tallis

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

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. 769

"For Everyone Born"

<p>Singing instructions: #769 St. 4, 5</p>

* Commission and Blessing

* Choral Benediction

"Amen"

Tom Trenne

* Passing of the Peace

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

J. S. Bach

"In Thee Is Gladness"

**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.fhcb.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

Today's flowers are given by William Proudfit in memory of Thelma; and by Dave and Chris Bell in loving memory of Chris' parents, Bob and Betty Conklin. Donations for worship enrichment have been given by Vikki Nowak in honor of Todd Webster's 47th birthday; and by Jean Reinhold in memory of Sally Reinhold, who is missed.

Music

Continuing in our series of celebrating American composers, today's offertory anthem was written by Tom Trenney, Director of Music at First Plymouth Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. Tom is an internationally acclaimed organist, choir director and composer, and he took organ lessons at Forest Hill Church from age 13 to 18 with Anne Wilson.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Kay Currie, Flora Dannemiller, Jean Duncan, Gracie Glaros, Mary Lewis, Connie Sekerak, Margaret Sentell, Debbie Ungemach.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

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): 236

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

TODAY

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 Hts Emergency Food Cupboard (Disciples Church, Cleveland Hts.), the New Covenant Lutheran Church Hunger Center (East Cleveland), and the Presbyterian Hunger Program in Haiti.

Shifting Gears in the Second Half of Life

12:30 pm, South Hall (final class)

Today's topic: Put It in Writing

Get expert advice on how to create a checklist, update important documents, and talk with families about your wishes; learn about qualifying for Medicare and Medicaid programs.

Christianity for Seekers (and others), led by Rev. Dr. John Lentz

Sundays through Nov. 23, 5 pm, South Hall

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 78: 1-7 and Galatians 6: 1-18.**

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall

Kerygma small groups will continue to meet.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Care Group

The Jericho Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during November. 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:

Cathy Ghiandoni, Deacon Leader

Janet Banis

Nick & Phyllis Baumgartner

Jennifer Blakeney, Marius Juodisius

Jack & Mary Ann Breisch

Robert & Wendy Brock & family

David & Kate Burleigh & family

Joseph & Janet Dauer

Larry Dorod

Marge Drollinger

John & Sheryl Dugard

Elizabeth Farnfield

Bev Gairing

Cathy & Don Ghiandoni

Tom & Paula Harvey

Alec & Nancy Jamieson

Eunice Manu

Twanda Petterson

Carol Phillips & family

Jean Seeley

Connie Sekerak-Hicks

Chuck & Lora Smith & family

JT & Sarah Tan & family

Liz Wollaeger & family

Katie Zito & family

Social Groups and Circles

The Group (60s – 70s)

The Group is invited to Hall and Pat Musick's (369 W. Glen Eagle Dr., Highland Hts) on Saturday, November 15 at 7 pm. Dave and Allie Neff will present a slide show of their recent trip to Namibia. RSVP to Hal or Pat.

Young Adults (20s-30s)

The Young Adults are invited to Clover and Tim Beal's on Tuesdays (Oct. 21 – Nov. 11) at 7:30 pm for a series of discussions on topics of faith: God, Religion, Jesus, Salvation, Bible, and Church. Bring a friend if you wish; RSVP to Clover (pastorbeal@fhcpresb.org or 216-321-2660).

Hilltoppers (retired)

Hilltoppers invite all interested parties to join them on Sunday, November 9 at Heights High at 4 pm for the all-district production of "Guys and Dolls." Tickets are \$10. RSVP and order tickets by November 5 by calling Lucy Conde or Nancy Grube.

Iris Circle (all women of the church)

Join Iris Circle on Tuesday, November 18 at 11 am when they meet to prepare the Holiday Angel gift giving project. BYOB or order one from Iris' honorary chef, Don Ghiandoni – contact Cathy Ghiandoni for more information

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

Every Sunday

- Mid and Sr High classes meet from 9:30 – 10:30 am.
- Youth Fellowship meets at 5 pm

Today

- Sine Nomine Choir will rehearse today after worship

■ ■ ■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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**DATE CHANGE for THE GCC Assembly (correction to Tower article)
Update on Stopping the Felon Factory in Cuyahoga County
New Date is Thursday, November 20th (instead of November 13th)
7:00 p.m. at Antioch Baptist Church**

GCC will gather at Antioch Baptist Church, 8869 Cedar Ave, to hear an update on the October 29th meeting with Prosecutor McGinty on his plan to reduce the felon factory in Cuyahoga County. We hope to bring a large contingent from Forest Hill Church to evidence our deep concern for this social justice issue – as well as all the work of GCC this year.

The meeting date was changed to include updates from all GCC's Issue Teams. So, in addition to learning about progress on reducing the number of low-level, nonviolent offenses charged as felonies in our County:

- The Education Team will celebrate their work around Issue 4, the CMSD Bond Levy Renewal, and hopefully celebrate its passing;
- The Gun Violence Reduction Team will applaud Mayors who have signed on to the Do Not Stand Idly By campaign and update us on developments in their strategy;
- The newly elected Strategy Team will report on budget, staffing, recruitment and GCC's strategic plan.

Please join your Core Team to show your support for what is being accomplished through Forest Hill Church's involvement as part of GCC.

For those who wish, we will car pool from FHC, leaving at 6:15 p.m. Your GCC Core Team will be in Fellowship Hall on November 2nd and at the Stewardship Brunch on the 9th to answer any questions and to gather the names of those who will attend. There are two ways to sign up:

either email dwoodbridge@sbcglobal.net or stop by to let us know that you will attend. Be sure to say whether you want to car pool or will meet us at Antioch. *Come and See . . .*

Jennifer Blakeney, Chair

Barb Cloud, Ed Gemerchek, Gretchen Reynolds, Dick Obermanns & Diana Woodbridge



The Partnership for Middle East Peace presents two programs:

TODAY at 4 pm

at the Cleveland Institute of Art Cinematheque, 11141 East Blvd

Voices Across the Divide

A powerful documentary and oral history project that explores the Israeli/Palestinian conflict thru personal stories

Narrated by Dr. Alice Rothchild

Monday at 7 pm

Book Presentation by Dr. Alice Rothchild

at the Beachwood Library, 25501 Shaker Blvd

Dr. Rothchild will speak about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and sign her books

On the Brink* and *Broken Promises, Broken Dreams

For more information, go to the following websites:

www.cia.edu/cinematheque

www.alicerothchild.com

www.peaceactioncleveland.org

■ ■ ■ *Calendar: November 2 - 9, 2014*

Sunday, November 2

Daylight Saving Time ends

All Saints Day

9:00 Child care begins

9:30 Adult education

Descant Choir

10:15 Descant Choir activity

10:30 Continental Breakfast

Chancel Choir

11:00 WORSHIP: Communion

Children in Worship

Pathways children will stay
with their families

12:15 Coffee Hour

Adult Ed: Shifting Gears in the
Second Half of Life

Sine Nomine Choir

5:00 Youth Fellowship

Adult Ed:

Christianity for Seekers

Monday, November 3

The kitchen will be closed for renovation

5:45 pm Election set-up

6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)

7:00 pm Al Anon

7:30 pm AA: Borton Group

Boy Scout Troop #403

Tuesday, November 4

Election Day

6:30 am – 7:30 pm: Polls open

1:00 pm Abundance Pantry

food distribution

5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class

7:15 pm Young Adults:

Discussion group at Beals'

Wednesday, November 5

7:30 am Bible and Bagels

12:30 pm Wednesday Women's AA

7:00 pm Church Growth mtg

Thursday, November 6

1:00 pm Abundance Pantry food
distribution

5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class

6:00 pm Voices in Bronze

Friday, November 7

9:30 am Al Anon

Saturday, November 8

9:00 am Women's Retreat

10:00 am Chancel Choir rehearsal

Sunday, November 9

9:00 Child care begins

9:30 Adult education

Descant Choir

10:15 Descant Choir activity

10:30 Continental Breakfast

Chancel Choir

Cherub Choir

11:00 WORSHIP

Children in Worship

Pathways to the Promise Land (Gr 1-5)

12:15 Cornucopia Lunch

4:00 Hilltoppers to Hts High play

4:30 Labre Project

5:00 Youth Fellowship

Adult Ed: Christianity for Seekers

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Galatians 5:1, 13-26

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

Next Sunday: The Revised Standard Lectionary readings for next Sunday are **Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78: 1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18; Matthew 25: 1-13.** The Kerygma lesson is **Galatians 6: 1-18.** As part of your daily devotions, read the lessons.