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Service of Worship
January 11, 2015 at 11:00 am
Baptism of the Lord

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

O God, set your blessing on us as we begin this day together. Confirm us in the truth by which we rightly live; confront us with the truth from which we wrongly turn. We ask not for what we want, but for what you know we need, as we offer this day and ourselves for you and to you, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Welcome

Prelude

Sarah Glick

“By the Waters of Babylon”

Choral Introit

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Cate Monaghan

Leader: The world belongs to God,

People: The earth and all its people.

Leader: How good it is and wonderful,

People: To live together in unity.

Leader: Love and faith come together, justice and peace join hands;

People: If Christ's disciples keep silent these stones would shout aloud.

Leader: Open our lips, O God,

People: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*** Processional Hymn No. 159**

“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

**please stand if able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Clover Beal

Merciful God, in baptism you grafted us into the body of Christ, promising us forgiveness of sin and newness of life. But we fail to live as forgiven people. We keep destructive habits and hold grudges. We allow our past to hold us hostage and are reluctant to welcome newness. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you have made to us in baptism so that we may live as your people, claimed in the waters of promise.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison *(Lord, have mercy)*

John Bell

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Assurance of Pardon

* **Response** (John Bell)

Singing instructions
First: All sing
Second: Men start, women and children start 1 measure later

5 Be still and know that I am God.

Be__ still and know__ that I__ am God.__

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody starts on a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The second staff continues the melody with quarter notes D5, E5, and F#5, followed by a half note G5. The lyrics 'Be still and know that I am God.' are written below the notes. The second staff shows the same melody with a different phrasing: 'Be__ still and know__ that I__ am God.__', with longer note values and ties.

Anthem

spiritual

“Wade in the Water”

Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word

Minute for Mission

Eric Muller-Girard

“Living in the Spirit”

* **Hymn No. 475**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

Scripture Lesson

James 1:1-8

Psalm 29

After the readings

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

“A Doubting Faith”

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

Offertory

Robert Lowry

"Shall We Gather by the River"

* 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. 313

"Lord, Make Us More Holy"

* Commission and Blessing

* Choral Benediction

* Passing of the Peace

Postlude

Herbert Howells

"Prelude in C"



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.fhcpresb.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 Randy and Sara Shaner in memory of their parents, Eric and Ruth Pickersgill and Edwin and Evelyn Shaner, and Janet Pickersgill Mueller, Sara's sister.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Mary Lewis, Margaret and George Sentell, Debbie Ungemach, Ray and Pat Weissbrod.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Ginny Colville, Bill and Kay Currie, Flora Dannemiller, Pat Drake, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Iris Gilbert, Ron and Florence Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Arlene and Jack Quinn, Margie and Dwight Stauffer, Elaine Tapié.

Please pray for Jane Frederick and her family; Jane's mother Marion Frederick died January 7.

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

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.

Attendance last week: 213

Announcements

TODAY

"Living in the Spirit!" Informational Event

If you'd like to expand your spiritual horizons in the weeks leading toward Easter, please come to South Hall after worship today to hear about *Living in the Spirit!*, a Scripture-based small group fellowship series designed to promote deeper knowledge and appreciation of Christ. It will meet on 8 Sunday evenings, Feb. 1 through March 22, 5-7:00 pm at FHC. It is for "beginning spiritual explorers" or "seasoned faith leaders." The series is limited to 35 participants. Cost is \$40.00 per participant. Registration deadline is Jan. 25.

If you are even a bit interested in knowing more about this series, please come today. There's no better way to get the full details; Q&A period is also included.

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 139 and James 2**.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall

Kerygma small groups studying the Letter of James will continue through February 1.

Labre Project

Warm, gently-used clothing and accessories – coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, blankets for men, women and children – are appreciated for the Labre Project in East Cleveland. Please leave donations in the bin in Fellowship Hall.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greater Cleveland Congregations: Teach-Ins

The GCC Core Team invites you to join one of GCC's upcoming teach-ins:

- **Antioch Baptist Church, 8869 Cedar Ave, in Cleveland on January 13**
- **West Shore UU Church, 20401 Hilliard Boulevard in Rocky River, on January 29**
- **Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave in Cleveland, on February 3**

The teach-ins will focus on presenting report findings and developing plans for public action.

Cleveland Peace Action Education Fund

On Saturday, January 17 Cleveland Peace Action will present "1948: A Story of Loss" at the Cleveland Heights Main Library at 2 pm. Two Palestinian-Americans will recall their family stories from 1948 in the Palestinian cities of Jaffe and Deir Yassin.

Homeless Stand Down

Calling for volunteers! The 2015 Homeless Stand Down is on January 24. We are looking for 10 “personal shoppers” for the morning shift – volunteers who help individuals and families choose sweaters, outerwear and boots. Last year FHC provided a dozen volunteers, and we hope to put together another strong team! Please contact Jack Breisch for more information or to volunteer (jbrei@hawken.edu or 440-241-5149).

Care Group

The Eden 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:

Carol Leslie, Deacon leader

Doris Allen

Nathan & Lane Baldwin

Mary Ball

Clover & Tim Beal

Dave & Chris Bell

Jane & Derek Duncan & family

Jean & Scott Duncan

Jeff Dyck & Lara Troyer & family

Julie Lafferty Ely

Kris & Bill Fay, Elaine Tapié

Carrie Fister

Tim & Leigh Henderson

Bob & Pat Jeffreys

Sue & Scott Lafferty

Suzanne Marcy

Steve Marunowski & Peg Weissbrod

Clayton & Julie Minder

Ron Polderman & Carol Smith

Lorraine Ranchod

Elizabeth Shaw

Jeff & Anne Smith

Quentin Smith & Sylvia Herd

Tammy Steele

Elaine Turley

Paul & Katie Weissbrod

Black History Month – February 2015

For Black History Month we will be reading *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*. Robyn Hales will have copies of the book for sale in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour. Books are \$10 for paperback, and can be purchased as a Kindle or audio book at Amazon.com. For more information, call Robyn ([216-659-9566](tel:216-659-9566)). We would like to have 60 participants! There will be an in-depth book review in March as well.

More information about Black History Month may be found on p. 13

Social Groups and Circles

Young Adults (20s-30s)

The FHC Young Adults meet every second Sunday for brunch, camaraderie, conversation and coffee. Today they are going to Sweet Melissa in University Heights. Look for Charity McDonald in the hallway by the CE bulletin board at the end of worship if you'd like to join them.

Youth News

Every Sunday

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

Today

- Sine Nomine Choir will rehearse in the Chapel immediately after worship

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Calendar: January 11 - 18, 2015

Sunday, January 11: 1 Epiphany

9:00 Child care begins
9:30 Adult and Youth Education
Descant Choir
10:15 Descant Choir activity
10:30 Continental Breakfast
Chancel Choir
11:00 WORSHIP
Pathways to the Promise Land
Children in Worship
12:15 Coffee hour
Sine Nomine Choir
Living in the Spirit:
Informational meeting
12:30 Young Adults: Brunch
4:30 Labre Project

Monday, January 12

8:45 am Tai Chi
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, January 13

1:00 pm Abundance Pantry opens
5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class

Wednesday, January 14

7:30 am Bible and Bagels
12:30 pm Wednesday Women's AA
7:00 pm Ministries meet

Thursday, January 15

5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class
6:20 pm Voices in Bronze rehearsal
6:30 pm Cub Scouts
7:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

Friday, January 16

7:00 am **TOWER** deadline
10:00 am Al Anon meeting

Saturday, January 17

8:00 am Men's Group
9:00 am CEIRS class

Sunday, January 18: 2 Epiphany

9:00 Child care begins
9:30 Adult and Youth Education
Descant Choir
10:15 Descant Choir activity
10:30 Continental Breakfast
Chancel Choir
11:00 WORSHIP
Children in Worship
11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land
12:15 Coffee hour
Blood pressure check
Youth: Brief parent meeting
12:30 Black History Month
presentation: MLK and Gandhi

Black History Month
Black Innovation: Past, Present and Future

January 18, 2015 – Martin Luther King Sunday, 12:30 – 2:00 pm

Black History Month Committee presentation on MLK and Gandhi

February 1, 2015 – Hip Hop 2.0; 12:30 - 2 pm; led by LaDon Headon

February 8, 2015 – Cajun Treats and Jazz music – 12:30 pm to 2 pm

February 15, 2015 – Challenges of gaining entrance and mobility in nursing medicine – 12:30 - 2:00 pm

Speaker: Dr. Ron Hickman

Dr. Ronald Hickman, Ph.D., RN, is a young African American Nurse Researcher and Assistant Professor of Nursing at Case Western Reserve University who is a real rising star. More information may be found on his faculty page (<http://fpb.case.edu/Faculty/Hickman.shtm>).

February 20, 2015 - Friday Movie Night - 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Family friendly night; hot dogs, pizza and popcorn. Short movie discussion after film.

February 22, 2015 – Soul Food Pot Luck – 12:30 - 3:00 pm

Dr. Faye Gary will speak at 11 am worship.

BOOK: *The Immortal Life Of Henrietta Lacks* AVAILABLE NOW!

Speaker: Dr. Faye Gary

Dr. Faye Gary, Ph.D., RN is an African American female trailblazer. She is the Medical Mutual of Ohio Professor for Vulnerable and At-Risk Persons at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Gary will lead a book discussion on *Henrietta Lacks* and what the National Institute of Health recommends for future research protocols.

Evening Worship Service: A celebration of African Music, 7 – 9 pm
Poetry, Stories and Music, led by Caleb Wright
Featuring: Mother Willie Mae Wright and Peter Williams, and
others.

The Lessons

James 1: 1-8

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,
To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion:
Greetings.

My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.

If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind; for the doubter, being double-minded and unstable in every way, must not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendour.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Next Sunday – The lectionary readings are 1 Samuel 3: 1-10; Psalm 139: 1-6, 13;18; 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20; John 1: 43-51. The Kerygma lesson is James 2: 1-8, 14-18. As part of your daily devotions, read the lessons. What image or word catches your attention?

**The 2015 Annual Meeting of the
Congregation of Forest Hill Church,
Presbyterian will be held
on Sunday, January 25
in Fellowship Hall
after worship.**

**All are encouraged to attend.
Members will be asked to vote on new
officers and leaders for 2015.**

Lunch will be served.

Child care will be provided.



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