

# Forest Hill Church

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## *Service of Worship*

*August 9, 2015 at 10:00 am*

*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). We celebrate the Eucharist by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup). We also provide a gluten-free alternative, so that all may freely partake.

After receiving the elements you may come to the railing to receive a blessing from the pastors.

### *Prayer of Preparation*

Gracious and loving God, silence every voice but your own. Attune my heart to you this day. Inspire me to sing your praises and let me worship you in spirit and in truth. Amen.

### **Welcome**

### **Prelude**

Johannes Brahms

"Waltz"

Linnea Koops, violin

### *Greeting Our God with Joy*

### **Call to Worship**

Elder Elspeth Peterjohn

Leader: Wait for the Lord, let your spirit wait for God.

**People: We wait for God who is our hope.**

Leader: Wait for God, let your heart wait for God's truth.

**People: We wait for the God who brings the words of life.**

Leader: Wait for the living God, let your spirits wait for God.

**People: We wait for the God whose gift is forgiveness.**

Leader: Wait for the Lord, let your hearts wait for God.

**People: We wait for the God who joins us to each other in kinship.**

Leader: With open minds and ready hearts let us worship God.

*Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Sally Wile

**Holy God, you call us to imitate our Lord, your Son. You call us to speak truth to one another, but we are afraid and silent. You call us to be angry when we see injustice, but we are angry with those we love. You call us to encourage one another with our words, but we speak ill of our brothers and sisters. You call us to forgive one another as Christ has forgiven us, but we are bitter and resentful, not wanting to forgive. How we must grieve your Holy Spirit, O God.**

**Forgive us, yet again. Point us toward Christ.**

**Empower us through your Spirit to follow him more nearly.**

**Time of Silent Confession**

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

John Merbecke

*Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\* Response**

Paul Vasile

**"Glory to God"**



*Opening Our Hearts to God's Word*

**Sacrament of Infant Baptism:** Christopher James Koops

**Congregational Response**

**Christopher, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

**Anthem**

Jed Koops

**"May You Grow"**

Lisa Koops, soprano, and members of the Koops family

From the very beginning when the Universe was formed,  
When the Holy Trinity planned for you to be born,  
You were made for Love, and Love is all around, is flowing down on you!

May you grow into your gifts,  
May you live into the dreams God breathes in you.  
Nourished by the Word, inspired by the Spirit who is making  
A way – a way of love beyond all love!

As you grow and develop, God is always standing by,  
Like a mother who tends to you, as the apple of her eye.  
You were made for Peace, and Peace beyond all fear is very near to you!

Everywhere that you go, share God's love in word and deed,  
May the dreams you aspire to serve the ones in greatest need,  
You were made for Joy, and Joy is smiling now, is beaming down on you!

## **Scripture Lesson**

John 6: 35, 41-51

*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, Jr.

*"Follow Your Gut"*

## **Ritual of Friendship**

All are asked to sign and return the open pad to the beginning of the row.

## **Offertory**

Richard Smallwood

*"Your Love Divine"*

*Elegie*

## \* Response

South African song

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 God thanks and praise.**

### Sanctus

John Merbecke

### 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.

## Communion of the People

### Music during Communion

Dr. C. Ronald S. Williams II

"My Dwelling Place"

*Elegie*

### Prayer after Communion

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

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

\* Closing Hymn No. 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

\* Commission and Blessing

\* Choral Benediction

\* Passing of the Peace

## *Postlude*

Henry Purcell

"Voluntary in C"

\* Please stand if you are 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.fhcpresb.org](http://www.fhcpresb.org)**, to find a complete list of upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and texts and audio of past sermons.

## ***Community Notes***

### **Chancel Flowers**

Today's flowers are given in honor of Anne Wilson, laudable musician and adventurer; and by the Khoury family in memory of Brian.

### **Prayer Concerns this Week**

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

Melanie Alban, Chuck Ishler, Ann Jones, Sue Lafferty, Mary Lewis, Robert Nemcek, Hal Roosa, George Sentell, Debbie Ungemach, Marilyn Wilk, and Scott, Kari and Evelyn Louise Fuller.

### **Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:**

Bill Currie, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Iris Gilbert, Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Arlene & Jack Quinn, Margie & Dwight Stauffer, Elaine Tapié.

**Ushers:** Thank you to Roger Heineman, head usher, and today's usher team.

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



**Congratulations to Sylvia Herd and Quentin Smith**, who were married here on August 5; and to **Heather Phillips and Jeremy Jenkins**, who were married here on August 8. Dr. Lentz officiated at both ceremonies.

**The Deacons encourage you to stop by the Greeting Card Table in Fellowship Hall before or after worship to sign a card for any member who is ill or homebound. We will address and mail the card for you.**

## *Announcements*

### **TODAY**

#### ***Today's Music Leaders***

Many thanks to the members of *Elegie*: Caleb Wright, Mist'a Craig, and Michael Hives.

### ***Baptism***

Today we celebrate the baptism of Christopher James Koops, son of Lisa and Jed Koops. Deanne Lentz is the attending Elder. Christopher's aunt and uncle, Andrew and Natalie Huisman, are his godparents. Christopher is welcomed by numerous family members including his siblings Linnea, Julia, and Joshua.

### ***Prayer Support***

All are welcome to bring their personal prayer requests to the Prayer Support Team today in the chapel after worship. Praying in community, we will represent the Body of Christ, connecting each other more closely to God, ourselves, and the Forest Hill Church community. Private prayers will be offered individually and confidentially in the chapel. Please gather quietly outside the chapel until you are called.

**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 lessons this week are from **1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5: 15-20; John 6: 51-58.**

***Outdoor Worship: Saturday, August 15, 6 pm***

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Outdoor Worship. This year we will be on the front steps of the church and will witness to the world – or at least our corner of it. Music will be provided by *Elegie* and Jack Lentz. The service will be followed by a cookout in the courtyard. Look for Julie Wolfram Smith in Fellowship Hall after worship today to sign up to donate food items. We also need people earlier on Saturday to help prepare for the service and meal – see Julie to volunteer.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

***Worship will be held as usual on Sunday, August 16 at 10 am***

***The memorial service for Donald Clark will be held Sunday, August 16 at 1 pm***

**ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***One Church, One Book: Open Heart, by Elie Wiesel, August 30.***

***Grocery Certificate sales: Today and August 23***

***Fall Festival and Kick-off: September 13***

## ***Social Groups and Circles***

### ***Iris Circle (all women of the church)***

Members of Iris Circle are invited to Kathy Hanna-Stauffer's cottage in Madison-on-the-Lake on August 19.

### ***Care Group***

The Corinth Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during August. 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:

Kathy Carr, Deacon leader Joan Bacon Lynn Bayer Molly Bergman John & Patricia Borthwick Ed Briskey Jeff & Kathy Cameron Lia Clement Nan Dorer Kurt Haas & Dee Dee Pim Betty Jo Jenkins Cathy Kernich Brian & Tish Klein & family John & Deanne Lentz & family Charity McDonald	Tom & Diane McFiggen Robin & Mel Mervine Cate Monaghan Linn & Melody Obery David & Susanne Peterjohn & family Bill Proudfit Ron Schmidt Sandy Schultz Dan & Joanne Shaner & family Vincent Taylor Bobbi van Dijk Lance Vernon & Jennifer Carr Kevin & Jill White & family Dene Young
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## *FHC Staff Emails*

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**Youth Kick-off  
Sept. 20 5 pm**

## *Calendar: August 9-16, 2015*

<p><b>Sunday, August 9</b></p> <p>8:30 am Nominating Committee</p> <p>9:30 am Child care begins Continental Breakfast</p> <p>10:00 am WORSHIP: Communion and Baptism of Christopher Koops</p> <p>11:15 am Fellowship hour Prayer Support Group</p> <p>5:00 pm Labre ministry</p> <p><b>Monday, August 10</b></p> <p>6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)</p> <p>7:00 pm Al Anon</p> <p>7:30 pm AA: Borton Group</p> <p><b>Tuesday, August 11</b></p> <p>1:00 pm Abundance Pantry opens</p> <p><b>Wednesday, August 12</b></p> <p>7:30 am Bible and Bagels</p> <p>12:30 pm Wednesday Women's AA</p> <p>7:00 pm Ministry Meetings</p>	<p><b>Thursday, August 13</b></p> <p><b>The parking lot will be closed all day for resurfacing. The building will be open; call the office if you need advice on how to get in.</b></p> <p><b>Friday, August 14</b></p> <p>7:00 am <b>TOWER</b> deadline</p> <p>10:00 am Al Anon meeting</p> <p><b>Saturday, August 15</b></p> <p>9:00 am Garden weeding</p> <p>6:00 pm Outdoor worship and picnic supper</p> <p><b>Sunday, August 16</b></p> <p>9:30 am Child care begins Continental Breakfast</p> <p>10:00 am WORSHIP</p> <p>11:15 am Fellowship hour Blood Pressure check Race Dinner conversations kick-off</p> <p>1:00 pm Memorial Service: Donald Clark</p> <p>5:00 pm Labre ministry</p>
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***Adult Education 6-Session Class***  
**Understanding Our Neighbors:**  
**Observations and Conversations of World Religions**  
**and the Issues of Our Time**

**Six Sessions – Sundays, 12:30 - 1:45 pm (see dates below)**

Understanding and appreciating the commonalities and differences among religions seems ever more important with the progression of events around the globe and the ensuing media coverage. Explore first-hand the beliefs and practices of four religions – **Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism, and Islam** – represented in our own backyard through this interactive and community-building class.

Each month, the class will meet for one session with one of four professors from Case Western Reserve University to discuss a specific religion's tenets, beliefs, and outlooks on key issues. The following week the class will attend services in a temple, synagogue, or mosque to bring to life the discussion as well as meet with leadership from the place of worship for dialogue, inquiries and relationship building.

Introductory and closing class sessions will be led by Dr. John Lentz. All sessions will be held at Forest Hill Church on **Sundays from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Space is limited to 15 participants.** Class members should plan to attend all or a majority of the sessions. Observation visits to places of worship will be scheduled separately.

***Classes:***

*September 27: Introduction*  
*October 4: Buddhism, Dr. Bill Deal*  
*November 1: Judaism(s), Dr. Peter Haas*  
*December 6: Hinduism, Dr. Deepak Sarma*  
*January 10: Islam, Mr Ramez Islambouli*  
*January 24: Closing session*

The exact dates of the visits will be determined by the host congregation's availability but will be within the week following the class discussion.

Registration closes September 15. For more information or to register for this class, please contact **Cindy Fink** ([finkcindy@gmail.com](mailto:finkcindy@gmail.com)) or the church office (216-321-2660 or [office@fhcpresb.org](mailto:office@fhcpresb.org)).

**Limit: 15 participants on first-come basis.**

## *The Lessons*

### **Today's Scripture: John 6: 35, 41-51**

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

**Next Sunday: 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5: 15-20; John 6: 51-58.** Set aside time each day for prayer and study. As you read the lessons for the week, consider how they settle or challenge you? What image or word catches your attention? Keep notes of your observations in a journal.