

Forest Hill Church

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For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also.
Matthew 6: 21

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*Forest Hill Church seeks to be diverse, inclusive and welcoming.
All God's children have a place in this choir!*

Service of Worship
October 18, 2015 at 11:00 am

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 hearing devices, large print editions of the bulletin, activity bags for children staying in worship, and directions to our nursery for babies and young children.

Prayer of Preparation

Give me a pure heart – that I may see Thee,
A humble heart – that I may hear Thee,
a heart of love – that I may serve Thee,
A heart of faith – that I may abide in Thee.

Dag Hammarskjold 1905-1961

Welcome

Prelude

folk song

“One More River to Cross”
Descant Choir

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Elder Jack Breisch

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship with the Lord with gladness. Come into God’s presence with singing!

People: For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*** Processional Hymn No. 694**

“Great God of Every Blessing”

**please stand if able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Lois Annich

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need thy tender care. Forgive us for the wrong we know we have done: Our neglect of the vulnerable; our misuse of your gifts; our hoarding of things we are called to share. Forgive us for the good we have failed to do: offering grace to the imperfect; forgiving those who have hurt us; seeing the good that surrounds us. Turn us away from that which harms, and turn us to you, the One who heals. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Ghana

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us proclaim the Good News.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, reconciled, loved and changed.**

Amen.

*** Alleluia**

Jeannette Sorrell

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- le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Stewardship Moment

Elder Ann Williams

Psalm 116: 1-6, 12-14

Leader: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

People: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

Leader: The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

People: I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the Lord: 'O Lord, I pray, save my life!'

Leader: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

People: The Lord protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

Leader: What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

People: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

*** Hymn No. 697**

"Take My Life"

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| <p>Women & children, sing st. 3 Men, sing st. 5</p> |
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Children in Pathways may leave during the hymn

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

Scripture Lessons (*see page 12*)

Micah 6: 6, 8

Matthew 6: 19-21

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

“A Glimpse of the Kingdom”

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

Ralph Manuel

“Alleluia”

Seth Ungemach (music intern), conductor

*** 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. 699**

“Fill My Cup”

*** Commission and Blessing**

*** Choral Benediction**

*** Passing of the Peace**

Postlude

J. S. Bach

“We All Believe in One True God”



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

Today's flowers are given by Jon Newton in memory of his son Jeffrey Robert Newton, his father John A. "Pa" Newton and his mother Nora L. Newton; by Roger Heineman in honor of all ushers; by Liz Wollaeger in honor of the children and youth of Forest Hill Church; and by Margie and Mike Glaros in memory of their dear friend Ann Jones and of Margie's mom, Eleanor Luff.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Nan Dorer, Robert Fink, Chuck Ishler, Kemp Jaycox, Ron Jones, Mary Lewis, Mel Mervine, Jim Roosa, 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, George Sentell, Margie & Dwight Stauffer, Elaine Tapié, Lorian Thomas.

Please pray for the Cary family; Paul's brother Sean Bernard Cary died October 8, 2015.

Please pray also for Joan Bacon and her family; Joan's mother Katherine Benson died October 8, 2015.

The Deacons encourage you to stop by the Greeting Card Table in Fellowship Hall before or after worship to sign a card for one or more of our homebound members. We will address and mail the card for you.

Thank you to head usher Roger Heineman and today's ushers. Please contact the church office if you are interested in joining an usher team.

Announcements

TODAY

Stewardship Season Is Here!

By now you should have received the narrative budget of Forest Hill Church and a letter from Pastor Lentz in the mail. We are very excited to share with you the ways that your gifts contribute to the God's transformative work through our ministries. Please read through the materials and pray about your 2016 financial commitment to FHC. **DATE CORRECTION:** Commitment Sunday is **October 25**. Bring your completed Affirmation of Gift card to church with you. If you are unable to attend, you can mail your pledge card to the church c/o Becky Austin, Financial Administrator.

From the Deacons

The Deacons would like to thank the many people who have volunteered to provide meals for various church members over the past months. What a wonderful witness you make to the love and care of our church family! The recipients and the Deacons are most grateful for your enthusiastic response to our calls for help.

Sine Nomine Choir: You will rehearse today in the Chapel after worship.

Peace and Global Witness Offering: We collected \$840 on October 4.

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 34: 1-8 and Mark 10: 46-52.**

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 am: Prophets Amos and Hosea

This fall's Kerygma class is "Boundaries, Tough Love, and Amazing Grace: Amos and Hosea." On October 25, Rabbi Roger Klein will speak to all participants on "Prophetic Pathos." Small group discussions resume on November 1.

Social Groups and Circles

Iris Circle (all women of the church)

We will shop at Ten Thousand Villages this Tuesday, October 20, then go to Nighttown for lunch. Please contact Elspeth Peterjohn (216-991-0424 or elspethpj@earthlink.com) if you would like to go.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Care Group

The Bethlehem Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during October. 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:

Kemp Jaycox, Deacon leader

Jon Adams & Pam Conover

Katie & Chris Batcheller

Clarence & Elsie Boyd

Chris & Rhonda Chapman

Peter & Kathryn Eloff

Sharon Hansen

Shannon & LaDon Headen & family

Kemp Jaycox & Cindy Fink & family

Joan Kandare

Morag & Tom Keefe

Sherry Leinweber

Karen & Clyde Loughridge

Ted Mueller

Glenn Pihlak & Eun-Joo Ahn

Bethany & Joe Pinzone

Ron Register

Jean Reinhold

Heidi & Steve Salkin

Baldwin Sawyer

Mollie & Dick Secor

Carol Sims

Dorothy Turick

Carolyn Vrtunski

Mark & Julie Waring & family

Beth & Tom Zych & family

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 today.

This week

- October 24 – Haunted House – Haunted Hayride: All youth are invited. Meet at the church at 5 pm for a trip to Spooky Ranch in Columbia Station (www.spookyranch.com). Cost per person is \$10 for transportation, admission and dinner. Contact Shannon Headen for more information or to reserve your spot (Shannon@fhcpresb.org).

Calendar: October 18 - 25, 2015

Sunday, October 18

Stewardship Campaign begins

- 8:30 Nominating Committee
- 9:00 Child care begins
- 9:30 Adult Education
- Youth Education
- Descant Choir
- 10:15 Descant Choir activity
- 10:30 Continental Breakfast
- Chancel Choir
- Cherub Choir
- 11:00 WORSHIP
- Children in Worship class
- 11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land
- 12:15 Fellowship Hour
- Blood pressure check
- Sine Nomine Choir
- 2:00 Cleveland Messiah Chorus

Monday October 19

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

Tuesday, October 20

- 10:30 am Iris Circle: TTV and Nighttown
- 1:00 pm Abundance Pantry opens
- 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class
- 7:00 pm LITS Prayer Group

Wednesday, October 21

- 7:30 am Bible and Bagels
- 10:00 am TOWER collators
- 12:30 pm Wednesday Women's AA
- 1:00 pm Hilltop Garden Club

Thursday, October 22

- 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class
- 6:20 pm Voices in Bronze choir
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, October 23

- 10:00 am Al Anon meeting

Saturday, October 24

- 2:00 pm PEO International:
 Author Sam Thomas will speak
- 6:00 pm Youth: Haunted House

Sunday, October 25

- 9:00 Child care begins
- 9:30 Adult Education
- Youth Education
- Descant Choir
- 10:15 Descant Choir activity
- 10:30 Continental Breakfast
- Chancel Choir
- Cherub Choir
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- 2:00 Cleveland Messiah Chorus
- 5:00 Labre ministry

Is Forest Hill Church Still Involved with Family Promise?

The answer is YES!

As you know, Family Promise changed their model for hosting homeless families in local churches or synagogues to housing families at two permanent locations. (For 8 years Forest Hill hosted families in the church for a week at a time, three or four times each year.) Since the model change, congregations have struggled with how to remain involved with Family Promise and continue to support homeless families.

At this time, Forest Hill has decided to partner with Coventry Library to host Story Time / Literacy Nights at the Kinsman location. Coventry librarians will present age-appropriate reading events and provide tips and books to each family. Since Family Promise is always in need of items for families, this seemed like a good opportunity for our congregation to collect household supplies that families need upon moving to their new apartments.

On Sunday October 25, Forest Hill will hold its first supply drive to fill "Move-Out Bags." Ideally, we envision people coming into worship and dropping their "offering" in baskets as you enter the sanctuary. But you can also drop off your offering anytime in the designated cart in Fellowship Hall. Items collected will be delivered Thursday, October 29 during Story Time. Supply Drives (and Story Time) will also be held in January and April. (As this program evolves other ways to engage with families may arise. Stay tuned!)

While we are not feeding or connecting with homeless families, Forest Hill can still support families with necessary items for a new and successful life.

Contact Sue Lafferty, Deanne Lentz or Anne Smith with any questions.

Please provide some or all items for a Move-Out Bag:

Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Dish Soap, Sponges, Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Toilet Brush, All Purpose Cleaner, Laundry Soap, Shower Curtain, Shower Curtain Rings.

Reusable shopping bags are also appreciated.

FHC Staff Emails

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GREASE

Tickets for the Heights High production of ***Grease*** (November 6, 7, 8) are available through Forest Hill's young actors, Grant Heineman and Garrett Vandall. Even though students do not receive credit for tickets sold, you may place your order through them and they will deliver the tickets to you.

Consuelo Heineman will have order forms available today.



GCC University: 3-Day IAF Training

Sunday, November 8, 3-7pm
Monday, November 9, 9-5pm
Tuesday, November 10, 9-5pm

Location TBD

Training is free for GCC members.

Lunch will be provided Monday and Tuesday.

Attendance for the entire training is required for participation.

RSVP to Anna Risch at info@greaterclevelandcongregations.org

GCC University is a 3-day training on key concepts and critical components essential to GCC's mission- *building power for social justice in Greater Cleveland.*

We do this by building strong individual congregations and then connecting those groups into a broad-based organization across faith traditions, neighborhoods, race, gender, and class.

GCC University will include:

- **Building Power:** Initiate and develop public relationships through one-to-one relational meetings, develop leadership skills, create analyses to understand power.
- **Action Team Training:** Strategic decision making, how to cut problems into winnable issues we can act on over and over again.
- **Core Team and Delegate Development:** Create a culture of organizing in your own congregation, understand the qualities and responsibilities of a GCC leader.

Training will include role playing, GCC case studies, large group and small group discussion, and teachings by GCC and Metro IAF organizers.

The Lessons

Micah 6: 6, 8

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Matthew 6: 19-21

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Next Sunday: Job 42: 1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34: 1-8; Hebrews 7: 23-28; Mark 10: 46-52. 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.