

Forest Hill Church

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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
December 27, 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.

Meditation for Reflection

When the religious leaders saw the outrageous things he was doing, and heard all the children running and shouting through the Temple, "Hosanna to David's Son!" they were up in arms and took him to task. "Do you hear what these children are saying?" Jesus said, "Yes, I hear them. And haven't you read in God's Word, 'From the mouths of children and babies I'll furnish a place of praise?'"

Matthew 21: 15-16 (*The Message*)

Welcome

Choral Introit

"Mary and Jesus Came to the Temple"

David Haass

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Ian Zych

Leader: When Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph,

People: God is there.

Leader: When Jesus is listening at the temple,

People: God is there.

Leader: When children bring wisdom,

People: God is there.

Leader: This very morning,

People: God is here.

Leader: In the future we cannot see,

People: God is there.

All: Let us worship God!

*** Opening Hymn No. 133**

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

**please stand if able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

**Holy God, we know that you have been present to us
throughout all of history, even throughout our own histories.**

We know you will be with us in our future.

Yet often we don't live as if we know that.

You ask no more of us than what we can provide.

Forgive us, make us wise and joyful and strong

so that we live in the understanding

of your never ending love. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

John Bell

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Assurance of Pardon

**The scriptures promise that God will make all things new.
As God makes the year new, may we also be made new
by God’s love and forgiveness in Jesus. Amen.**

*** Alleluia**

Jeannette Sorrell



Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word

Scripture Lesson

Luke 2: 41-52

Ian Zych, reader

Now every year Jesus’ parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day’s journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, “Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.” He said to them, “Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*** Hymn No. 113**

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

These requests will be shared in the Prayers for the People

Sermon

Rachel McDonald

“Generation to Generation”

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

"I Sing of a Night in Bethlehem" trad. Irish melody, arr. David Mooney
Beth Zych, soprano

* 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. 136

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

* Commission and Blessing

* Choral Benediction

* Passing of the Peace

Postlude

"Noel No. 10"

Louis Daquin



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

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Lucy Conde, Doris Brandt, Marge Drollinger, Carol Himmelsteib, Mary Hosier, Shelly Jesberger, Mary Lewis, Mel Mervine, Dorothy Turick, Debbie Ungemach, and Robert Vandall.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Bill Currie, Betty Farnfield, Iris Gilbert, Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Jack Quinn, George Sentell, Margie & Dwight Stauffer, Elaine Tapié, Lorian Thomas.

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

Thanks to today's music leaders: Beth Zych, Laura Minder, Patty Console, Seth Ungemach and Carl Jenks.

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 from **Psalm 147: 12-20 and John 1: 1-18.**

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall

There is no Adult Ed class on January 3.

The Kerygma series on The Song of Solomon begins January 10.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pacesetters (50s-60s)

Pacesetter's Planning Party and Potluck Dinner will be hosted by Bill Finn and Rachel Martinez-Finn, 2592 Berkshire Rd. in Cleveland Heights on Saturday, January 9th from 5-8 pm. Please bring a dish to share for dinner. The Finns will provide all beverages, and dinnerware. Come ready to plan Pacesetter events for the year. **RSVP to Rachel Martinez-Finn by January 3 (cruzmack@gmail.com).**

Homeless Stand Down: January 23

Want to have a memorable Saturday morning this January? Join the Forest Hill Church Stand Down Team! The Homeless Stand Down, an annual service event scheduled for January 23, 2016 at Public Auditorium, needs volunteers. As a member of our team, you would be serving as "personal shoppers" for families or individuals. Our shift runs from 7:30 – 11:30 am, and we'll meet afterwards for a celebratory lunch at Nighttown in Cleveland Hts.. For more details and to sign up, please go to [this address](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4baaaa22a3fd0-homeless): <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4baaaa22a3fd0-homeless>.

Care Group

The Mt. Sinai 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:

Kathy Hanna-Stauffer, Deacon leader	Mary Lewis
Joanne Bielek	Julie & Gary Lustic
Guy Cameron & family	Nancy Lyon-Stadler & family
Betty Clark	Brooke Marcy & family
Barb Cloud	Dave & Jane Olson & family
Jerry Delva & Carline Paul-Blanc	Graham & Roz Peters
Jane Frederick & family	Joyce Peters
Donna Frey	Marjorie Ravas
Sue Gifford & family	Matt & Katie Russo & family
Al Gilbert	Gary Sampson
Mike & Margie Glaros	Sara & Randy Shaner
Julie Gran	Anona Stack
Don & Nancy Grube	Kathy Hanna-Stauffer and Derry Stauffer
Barb Hansen	Beverly & Harold Thomas
Chuck & Jane Ishler	Lorian, Ralph & Fran Thomas
Janet Kickel	Ann & Peter Williams
Nina Klein	Warren Young

Thanks to everyone who helped out in December.

FHC Staff Emails

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The Lessons

Next Sunday: Jeremiah 31: 7-14; Psalm 147: 12-20; Ephesians 1: 3-14; John 1: 1-18 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.

Calendar: December 27 - January 3, 2015

<p>Sunday, December 27: 1 Christmas Classes and choirs will not meet 10:30 Child care begins 10:30 Continental Breakfast 11:00 WORSHIP 12:15 Coffee and fellowship hour</p> <p>Monday, December 28 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) 7:00 pm Al Anon 7:30 pm Borton Group</p> <p>Tuesday, December 29 1:00 pm Abundance Pantry opens</p> <p>Wednesday, December 30 7:30 am Bible and Bagels 12:30 pm Wednesday Women's AA</p>	<p>Thursday, December 31: New Year's Eve Friday, January 1, 2016: New Year's Day Office is closed</p> <p>Sunday, January 3 Epiphany observed – The Feast of the Three Kings 9:15 Child care begins 9:30 Descant Choir (gr. 1-5) Youth Education (gr. 6-12) 10:15 Descant Choir activity 10:30 Chancel Choir Continental Breakfast 11:00 Worship: Communion Children's Worship class 12:15 Coffee and fellowship hour <i>Living Prayer</i> series informational meeting 5:00 Faith Leader</p>
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Use a QR code reader
to find a link to donate
securely via PayPal.

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Join Forest Hill Church on a trip to Memphis TN

Thursday, April 14, 2016 – Leave Forest Hill Church parking lot at 10:00pm (to arrive at approx. 10:30 am)

Friday, April 15

Lunch – Gus’s World Famous Fried Chicken
Visit the National Civil Rights Museum

Saturday, April 16

Visit St. Andrew AME Church
Lunch - Neely’s Interstate Bar-B-Que
Worship at Rhodes College
Dinner – B.B. King’s Blues Club

Sunday, April 17

8:00 Breakfast, 9:30 Check-out
10:00 am Bus leaves to return to Cleveland

For more information, please contact

Anne Smith (anneandjeffsmith@gmail.com; 216-932-2932)

Barb Cloud (faithleader52@yahoo.com; 216-321-9112)



Please return this to the Forest Hill Church office (or place it in the offering) with a **non-refundable** deposit of \$50 per person TODAY. (Make checks out to Forest Hill Church, and write “Memphis trip” on the memo line):

Name (s): _____

Number in your party:

___ adults ___ children (12 and up; must accompany an adult)

Phone: _____

Email: _____