

# Forest Hill Church

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*Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming*

*Service of Worship*  
*September 25, 2016 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 and directions to our nursery.

*Prayer of Preparation*

*The measure of intelligence is the ability to change.*                    **Albert Einstein**

*Those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.*

**George Bernard Shaw**

*A mind is like a parachute. It doesn't work if it is not open.*        **Frank Zappa**

Creator of Light and Wisdom, thank you for giving us minds that can know and hearts that can love. Help us to keep learning every day of our lives. Grant us the grace to put our knowledge to use in building your kingdom on earth. Amen.

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

Robert Schumann

“Prelude in B Minor”

**Choral Introit**

## *Greeting Our God with Joy*

### **Call to Worship**

Garrett Vandall

Leader: We are met in the presence of God

**People: And we do not meet alone.**

Leader: With the angels in the highest heaven

**People: We gather to worship the Lord.**

Leader: With Abraham and Sarah

**People: We gather to worship the Lord.**

Leader: With the saints of every age

**People: We gather to worship the Lord.**

Leader: We embark on our own journey of faith

**People: God's Holy name be praised.**

Leader: God makes of us a great people

**People: God's Holy name be praised.**

Leader: In the desert and in the den, in barrio and basilica

**People: God's Holy name be praised.**

Leader: We journey in the presence of God.

**People: And we do not journey alone.**

**\* Processional Hymn No. 26**

“Earth and All Stars!”

*\*please stand if able*

## *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

### **Prayer of Confession**

**O Holy God, we know we have fallen short. We turn our backs when we could embrace. We remain silent when we could speak. We speak when we could listen. We close the door when we could fling it wide open. We judge when we could seek understanding. We cling when we could give. Forgive us, O God. Help us to continue to grow into the people you created us to be, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Time of Silent Confession**

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

Betty Pulkingham

*Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*  
**Assurance of Pardon**

**\* Response**

Paul Vasile

**“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 a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 12/8. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The piece concludes with a final whole note chord.

**Anthem**

**“All God’s Critters Got a Place in the Choir”**

Descant Choir

Soloists: Vaughn Ullom, Zen Headen, Andrew Burleigh, Linnea Koops

*Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word*

**Minute for Mission**

Charity McDonald

**“Peacemaking”**

**\* Hymn No. 693**

**“Though I May Speak”**

*Children in Pathways may leave during the hymn*

*Prayer requests to be read during the Prayers of the People  
may be passed to the ushers during this hymn*

## Scripture Lessons

### Psalm 25 (*selected verses*)

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**People: O my God, in you I trust;**

Leader: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

**People: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.**

Leader: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore God instructs sinners in the way.

**People: God leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble the way of the Lord.**

Leader: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness.

**People: May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.**

### Proverbs 1: 1-7, 20-22

For learning about wisdom and instruction, for understanding words of insight, for gaining instruction in wise dealing, righteousness, justice, and equity; to teach shrewdness to the simple, knowledge and prudence to the young—let the wise also hear and gain in learning, and the discerning acquire skill, to understand a proverb and a figure, the words of the wise and their riddles. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge... fools despise wisdom and instruction. Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: “How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?”

## **Matthew 5: 1-9**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

“Cracked Wide Open”

**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**

**Offering**

**Offertory**

Mark Hayes

“Grace”

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises!”

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

*Going Forth to Live as God's People*

\* Closing Hymn No. 700

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

\* Commission and Blessing

\* Choral Benediction

\* Passing of the Peace

*Postlude*

J. S. Bach

“Prelude in A Major”



## *Welcome Visitors!*

We look forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. 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), for a list of upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and past sermon texts and audio.

### *Notes & Announcements*

**Chancel Flowers** Today's flowers are given by Margaret and George Sentell in memory of loved ones; and by Ron and Marcia Grant in loving memory of their parents, Hazel and Art Grant and Louise and Bob Boylan.

**Prayers are requested this week for:** Ed Briskey, Max Harmon, Kathryn Himmelsteib, Dick Peterjohn, Robin Richards, Robert Ruggeri, George Sentell, Joy Stang, and Debbie Ungemach.

**Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:** Ruth Brickel, Bill Currie, Marge Drollinger, Emma Jane Gibbs, Iris and Al Gilbert, Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Jack Quinn, Margie Stauffer, Elaine Tapié, Lorian Thomas.

**In remembrance:** Please pray for all those involved in the shooting deaths of Terence Crutcher, Keith Scott and Tyree King.

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

*Therefore we will not fear.*

*Psalm 46:1*

**Welcome to the newest member of the Forest Hill family** – Evelyn Lydia Miller, daughter of Sam and Lauren Miller, was born September 14.

**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 all who donated** to this year's school supply drive for Boulevard School. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the staff and students. Thank you for your support of our children in this community.

## *Coming Up*

### **TODAY**

**Adult Education: Whole Life Stewardship** – This series continues today after worship. Rev. Lois Annich will lead today's session, "The Stewardship of Relationships," and author and religion professor Wayne Simsic will lead the third session, "Stewardship of the Earth."

**Boy Scout Troop #403:** The Scout troop will sell popcorn today and next Sunday. This annual fundraiser helps support the troop's programs.

**Tithes and Offerings:** This is a new card in the pew racks that describes a variety of ways by which you can financially support the mission of Forest Hill Church. If on any Sunday you are unable to place funds in the offering plate on but still wish to show your commitment to the mission of this church, you may to place the card in the offering plate as it passes by. Thank you for sharing your time, talents and treasures.

**El Camino de Santiago, Part II:** Join Anne Wilson this evening at 7 pm as she presents a slide show and informal talk about completing the ancient pilgrimage path known as *El Camino de Santiago* (The Way of St. James) in Spain. Sangria and tapas by Morag Keefe will accompany the talk and Anne will play some Spanish piano music.

**Labre Project:** Volunteers are needed to help with the Sunday afternoon meals. We are now serving over 100 people at a time! We are serving a

meal today and again on October 9. Please contact Jack Breisch ([jbrei@hawken.edu](mailto:jbrei@hawken.edu)) if you would like to join the team.

## THIS WEEK

**Bible Study:** The lessons for this week are: **Lamentations 1: 1-6; Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 2: 8-15; Luke 17: 11-19**

**Bible and Bagels** discusses next Sunday's text(s) on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 to 8:30. Sometimes we use the lectionary, sometimes the preaching text. All are welcome!

## NEXT SUNDAY

**Adult Education, 9:30:** Kerygma small groups on "The Odd Couple – Jonah and Ruth" will meet until November 20. See Consuelo Heineman to sign up.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering challenges us to look at the world not as a place where conflict is inevitable, but where Christ's peace is possible. The programs supported by the Peace & Global Witness Offering to help bring people tables of peace, justice, and reconciliation even in the wilderness of war, violence, and division.

Your support of the Peace & Global Witness Offering acknowledges that a wilderness of conflict may surround us, but we are not abandoned there. If we open our eyes to the possibilities of peace, we see God has set a table for anyone willing to take a seat.

Please give generously to the Peace & Global Witness Offering:

- Through FHC's collection on October 2
- Text PEACE to 20222 to give \$10
- [presbyterianmission.org/give/peace-global](http://presbyterianmission.org/give/peace-global)

## LOOKING AHEAD

***Young Adult Taco Tuesday:*** Join other young adults of the church for Taco Tuesday on October 4, 7 pm, at Los Arcos (2175 South Green Road, across from Heinen's just south of Cedar). You're responsible for your own tacos and drinks; queso dip is on us. RSVP to Rachel McDonald (rachelm@fhcpresb.org) so we can get an estimated headcount. Friends are welcome.

***Exploring Membership:*** The next class will be held on October 9 and October 23 at 12:30 pm (after worship). Anyone curious about the church or interested in membership is welcome. Please use the on-line sign-up form given in the weekly emails, or call the church office.

***Faith Leader Small Plates:*** Two Faith Leader classes begin in October – Your Spiritual Autobiography and Exploring Mandalas. Please follow the links in the weekly emails for descriptions and to sign up. Call the church office if you have no internet access.

***See p 14 for a multi-event sign-up sheet***

***Be sure you are registered to vote:*** Go to [boe.cuyahogacounty.us](http://boe.cuyahogacounty.us) to be sure you are registered, to find your polling place, or to print an application for a vote-by-mail ballot.

***Social Groups and Circles: See the October TOWER for details***

**The Group** (60s – 70s) Concert, October 9 at 3:30

**Hilltoppers** (retired) Debonne Winery Tour, October 14, 12n.

**Iris Circle** (all women of the church) Garden Valley Neighborhood House visit, October 18, 10 am.

**Pacesetters** (50s-60s) Unexpected Guest Dinner, October 8, 7 pm

*Youth News*

***Every Sunday***

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

**Today** Sine Nomine Choir will rehearse in the Chapel after worship.

- 4-5 pm: Fellowship – would you survive a Zombie invasion? Come and see!
- 5-5:30 pm: Dinner – please bring \$5
- 5:30 – 7 pm: Beyond Labels: Understanding LGBTQIA  
Be an ally! This workshop, led by a guest speaker, will help us engage with issues and concerns facing the LGBTQIA community.

*We are an OPEN and AFFIRMING congregation*

### *Staff Emails*

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### *Calendar: September 25 – October 2, 2016*

**Sunday, September 25**

**Wednesday, September 28**

<p>9:30 Adult and Youth Education  Descant Choir followed by  Descant Choir Activity  Childcare for children thru Kdg</p> <p>10:30 Continental Breakfast  Chancel Choir</p> <p>11:00 WORSHIP  Children’s Worship Class (preK-K)</p> <p>11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land (gr. 1-5)</p> <p>12:15 Coffee and Fellowship  Sine Nomine Choir</p> <p>12:30 Whole Life Stewardship program</p> <p>7:00 <i>El Camino de Santiago</i> program</p>	<p>7:30 am Bible and Bagels  12:30 pm Wed. Women’s AA  7:00 pm Session meeting</p> <p><b>Thursday, September 29</b>  5:00 pm Fitness Fusion  6:20 pm Voices in Bronze rehearsal  7:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal</p> <p><b>Friday, September 30</b>  9:30 am Al Anon</p> <p><b>Saturday, October 1</b></p>
<p><b>Monday, September 26</b>  5:00 pm PWR meeting – Avon Lake  6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)  Discernment Task Force mtg  7:00 pm Al Anon  7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)</p> <p><b>Tuesday, September 27</b>  12:00 pm Abundance Pantry Lunch  1:00 pm Abundance Pantry distribution  5:00 pm Fitness Fusion</p>	<p><b>Sunday, October 2</b>  8:30 Nominating Committee  9:30 Adult and Youth Education  Descant Choir followed by  Descant Choir Activity  Childcare for children thru Kdg</p> <p>10:30 Continental Breakfast  Chancel Choir</p> <p>11:00 WORSHIP: Communion; AWE  Children’s Worship Class (preK-K)</p> <p>12:15 Coffee and Fellowship  12:30 Whole Life Stewardship program  4:00 Apollo’s Fire rehearsal</p>

## Multi-Event Sign-ups

**Use this to sign up for any event you are interested in  
and haven't yet signed up for.  
Place it in the offering or leave it in the basket  
in the Volunteer Office.**



*Unexpected Guest Dinner*

Join us for dinner on October 8... As an Unexpected Guest  
Sign up to join a group of FHC friends for dinner at someone's home.  
You'll find out whose home the day of the dinner.  
You'll meet your dining companions when you arrive.

Reservation for: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be notified of my dinner destination by:

\_\_\_  Email on Saturday afternoon

\_\_\_  Text message on Saturday afternoon

\_\_\_  Stopping by church on my way to dinner

Food /Pet Allergies? : \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

The hosts will serve dinner.

Guests are welcome to bring beverages of their choice.



*Faith Leader Small Plate: Mandalas*

Mondays 6-8pm; one Wednesday

Oct 10, 19 (WEDS), 24, 31, Nov 7, 14

Participants will be guided through a variety of materials and approaches to construct mandalas, allowing time and space for creative play and serious fun.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email (or phone) \_\_\_\_\_

