

Forest Hill Church

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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Service of Worship
January 29, 2017 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

from ***The Help***

“You is smart. You is kind. You is important.” You are a beloved child of God.

Welcome

Prelude

American trad.

“Down to the River to Pray”

Sine Nomine Choir

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Christine Henry

Leader: What does the Lord require of you?

People: To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

Leader: With what shall we come before the Lord?

People: With speech that is gentle, and words that build up; with actions that bring peace, and works that lift up the lowly.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord our God in spirit and in truth.

People: All are welcome here!

*** Processional Hymn No. 401**

“Here in This Place”

**please stand if able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we often feel beaten down by the world. Numbed by our sorrows and grief, we seek blessings for ourselves rather than for those you call us to serve. Wounded by careless words, we lash out in our suffering and hurt the very ones we love. Weary of seeming weak and foolish, we forsake humility and gentleness. Bless us, Holy One, that we might be a blessing to others. Fill us with a hunger and a thirst for righteousness, that we may be pure in heart, merciful and kind, and walk humbly in your ways. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

John Merbecke

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Assurance of Pardon

*** Gloria**

Taizé

**First time: All sing
Second time: Sing in a round starting with men;
women begin two measures later;
youth and children two measures after that.**

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Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Anthem

Dominique Fauchard

Chant: "Comme un Soufflé Fragile" (*Like a Tender Breath Stirring*)

Sung in French: Like a tender breath stirring, your word breathing in us;
Like a potter's clay vessel, your love making and shaping.

Interspersed with the chants are poems by Cleveland poet Dan Rourke

Readers: Kurt Haas, Ryan Hidek, Grant Heineman

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Family Meditation

Dr. Lentz

* Hymn No. 649

"Amazing Grace"

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

From the Living Word

Matthew 5: 1-12 *read responsively*

Common English Bible (CEB)

Leader: Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up a mountain. He sat down and his disciples came to him. He taught them, saying:

People: Happy are people who are hopeless, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Leader: Happy are people who grieve, because they will be made glad.

People: Happy are people who are humble, because they will inherit the earth.

Leader: Happy are the people who are hungry and thirst for righteousness, because they will be fed until they are full.

People: Happy are people who show mercy, because they will receive mercy.

Leader: Happy are those who have pure hearts, because they will see God.

People: Happy are people who make peace, because they will be called God's children.

Leader: Happy are people whose lives are harassed because they are righteous, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

People: Happy are you when people insult you and harass you and speak all kinds of bad and false things about you, all because of me.

Leader: Be full of joy and be glad, because you have a great reward in heaven.

People: In the same way, people harassed the prophets who came before you.

1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and

sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

After the scriptures:

Leader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God’s people

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

“Matter of the Heart”

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

Brian Tate

“Gate, Gate”

Sung mostly in English, but the Sanskrit portion is translated as:

Gone from suffering to the liberation of suffering;

Gone from forgetfulness to mindfulness,

Gone from duality to non-duality.

*** 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.**

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Going Forth to Live as God's People

*** Closing Hymn No. 753** "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

*** Sending Forth**

*** Benediction**

Leader: Seek justice and discover God's blessing.

People: We go forth to walk humbly before our God.

Leader: Practice kindness and touch Christ's presence within.

People: We go forth to follow the way of peace.

Leader: Share mercy and abide in the Holy Spirit.

People: We go forth in the footsteps of compassion.

*** Choral Benediction**

*** Passing of the Peace**

Postlude

Henry Purcell

"Rondeau"



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, 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 Al Gilbert in honor of Al and Iris' 66th anniversary; and by Randy and Sara Shaner in memory of their parents, Eric and Ruth Pickersgill and Edwin and Evelyn Shaner, and Sara's sister Janet Pickersgill Mueller.

Prayers are requested this week for: Max Harmon, Jane Ishler, Patricia Jenkins, Richard Peterjohn, Robin Richards, Robert Ruggeri, George Sentell, Joy Stang, Dorothy Turick, Pat and Ray Weissbrod.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Marge Drollinger, Emma Jane Gibbs, Iris and Al Gilbert, Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Jack Quinn, Margie 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.

Care Group: Many thanks to the Mt. Sinai Care Group for their work in January. The Calvary Care Group is responsible for assisting the clergy in meeting members' needs during February. 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 the Calvary CARE Group (Barb Hansen, Deacon leader) are:

Kevin & Brittani Ball
Marie Bourgeois
Nancy Burcham
Bruce & Beverly Cameron
Paul Cary & Sue Yelanjian
Jordan Dail
Kay Dunlap
Alex Heston & Elizabeth Endicott-Heston
William Finn & Rachel Martinez-Finn

Tim & Carol Gifford
Ajah Hales
Robyn Hales
Judy Hammer
Barbara Hansen
Christine Henry
Jenny Himmelman

Anne & David Hunter
Paolo Iannarelli & Maria Rajki
Paul Jennings
Ronald & Florence Klein
William & Sandy Ladebue
Fred & Joann Lafferty
Patricia Ludwig
Emelia McGuire
Jeremy Ryman & Diane Moyer
Sampson Tedunjaiye &
Victoria Sampson
Margaret Stauffer
C. Lee & Cathi Thomas
Beryl Williams
Caleb Wright
Bob & Ginny Young

Coming Up

TODAY

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held in Fellowship Hall immediately after worship. Lunch will be served.

THIS WEEK

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are: **Isaiah 58: 1-9; Psalm 112: 1-9; 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12; Matthew 5: 13-20.**

Bible and Bagels discusses next Sunday's text(s) on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 to 8:30. All are welcome!

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall: The Kerygma study of John's Gospel continues through February 26.

LOOKING AHEAD

Black History Month programs begin February 5 with a panel presentation from 12:30 till 2. Rev. Katherine Bouchard and Robyn Hales will speak about race relations in the church, featuring history and changes in the past 100 years.

See the full schedule on [p. 12](#)

Black History Month Requests

Seeking information: We are looking for anything relating to significant issues of Black History – personal or family experiences, anecdotes and/or pictures. Selected materials will be displayed during February. Leave material (with your name and any relevant information) in the church office, or email it to Dorothy Herd (dorothyherd@yahoo.com) or Ann Williams (asw1217@gmail.com).

Please do not submit originals; please make and submit copies of any pictures, letters, or other printed materials. We will return anything not used with our sincere thanks.

Sign up to contribute to the Soul Food Pot Luck: Go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4aa8aa23a7f49-soul> (the link is in the weekly email) or see Ann Williams in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour.

The Group (60s – 70s): Super Bowl party Feb 5, 6 pm, Hunters’ – details have been emailed and are in the February **TOWER**.

“Standing in the Need of Care:” Several member of the congregation are supporting the pastors and congregation when there is a need or desire for intercessory prayer. They will receive notices of prayer needs via email; and will hold those in need up in prayer. If you would like to join the team, please contact Pastor Lois Annich.

Theology on Tap: Join us for a special **Theology on Tap: All Questions Welcome!** Members of Fairmount, Forest Hill and Church of the Covenant will gather at The BottleHouse (2050 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights 44118) on Thursday, February 9, 5-7 pm. Bring a snack to share (beverages may be purchased) and any questions that may be bothering you about the church, the Bible, God, creation, the Holy Spirit...All (people and questions) are welcome.

Iris Circle: Iris Circle will meet on February 21 at 12 pm for a potluck lunch and book discussion of **The Gift of Years**. Rev. Lois Annich will lead the discussion; Nancy Grube will host the meeting. See p. 13 of the February **TOWER**.

Youth News

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

Friday: Confirmation class and mentors will meet in Bodwell Hall at 6 pm

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Calendar: January 29 – February 5, 2017

Sunday, January 29

9:30 Adult and Youth Education
Descant Choir followed by
Descant Choir Activity
Childcare for children thru Kdg
10:30 Continental Breakfast
Chancel Choir
Cherub Choir
11:00 WORSHIP
Children's Worship Class (preK-K)
12:15 Lunch and Annual Meeting of the
Congregation

Monday, January 30

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

Tuesday, January 31

1:00 pm Abundance Pantry
5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class
7:00 pm Black History Month
Coordinators

Wednesday, February 1

7:30 am Bible and Bagels
12:30 pm Wed. Women's AA

Thursday, February 2

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

Friday, February 3

10:00 am Al Anon
6:00 pm Confirmation class

Saturday, February 4

8:00 am Men's Group
8:30 am Session Retreat (at River's Edge)
9:00 am CEIRS class

Sunday, February 5

9:30 Adult and Youth Education
Descant Choir followed by
Descant Choir Activity
Childcare for children thru Kdg
10:30 Continental Breakfast
Chancel Choir
Cherub Choir
11:00 WORSHIP: Ordination and Installation
of Officers
Children's Worship Class (preK-K)
Pathways to the Promise Land (gr.1-5)
12:15 Sine Nomine Choir
12:30 Black History Month program:
The History of Race Relations in the
Presbyterian Church
6:00 The Group: Super Bowl Party

SPEAKING OF RACE:

BLACK LIVES

MATTER

HERE

FEBRUARY

BOOK ONE

JOHN LEWIS
ANDREW AYDIN NATE POWELL



BLACK HISTORY
MONTH AT
FOREST HILL
CHURCH 2017

FEBRUARY 2017

Sun, February 5:

12:15 pm

Presentation on
"Race Relations in the
Church"

Sun, February 12:

Support a Black-Owned
Resturant

Sat, February 18: 6:30pm

Gospel Concert w/ Mother
Willie-Mae Wright and The
Wright Family Singers.

Sun, February 19: 12:15pm

Discussion of John Lewis'
Book *March*
& Soul Food Pot Luck

Fri, February 24: 7:00pm

Family Movie Night –
Zootopia

Sat February 25: 2:00

Workshop w/ Rev. Robina
Winbush & Taste of New
Orleans.

7:00pm Jazz Concert w/
Elegie & more

Sun, February 26: 11:00am

Worship w/ sermon by:
Rev. Winbush