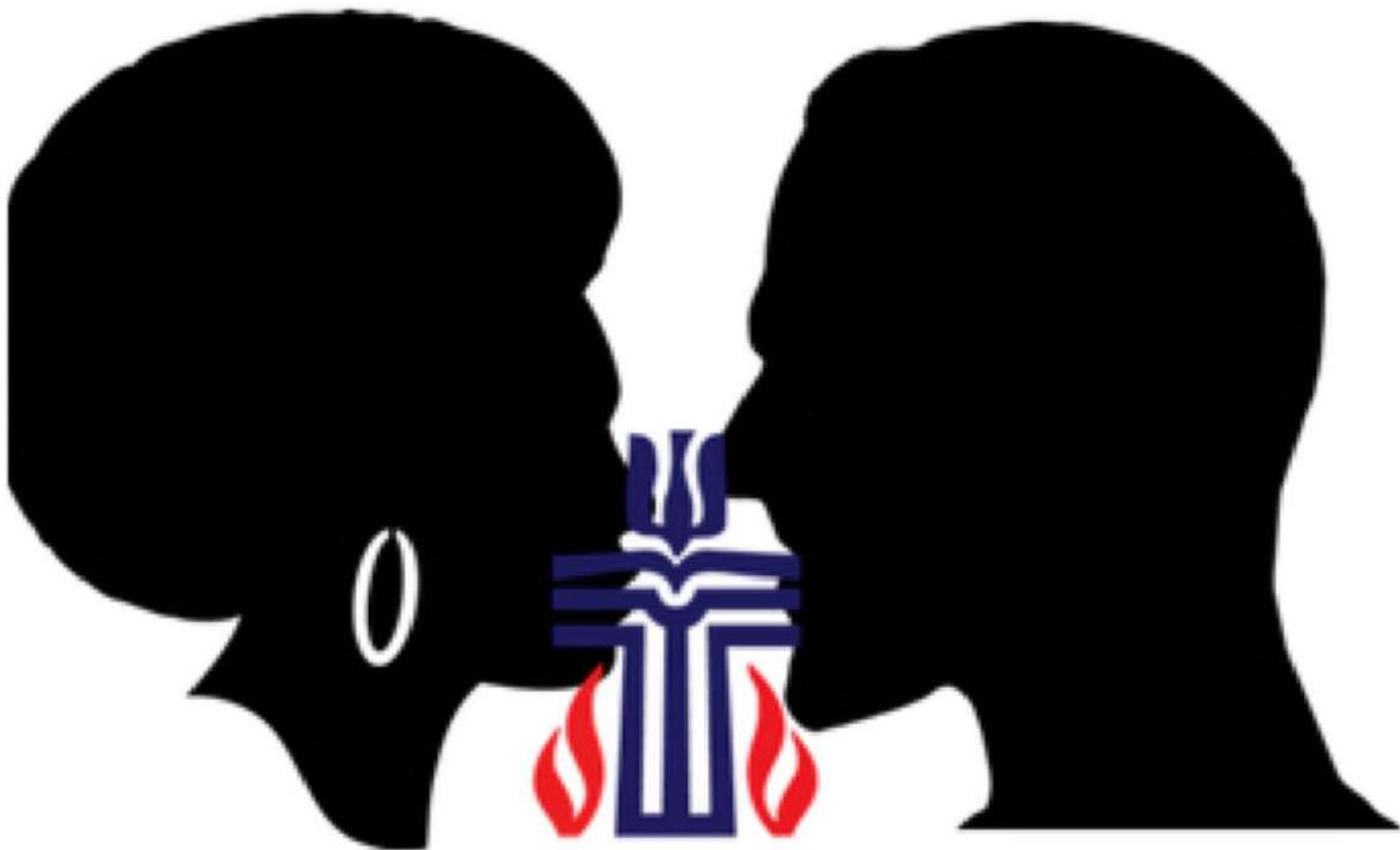


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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive and welcoming

Service of Worship
February 12, 2017 at 11:00 am
Celebration of Holy Communion

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) by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup).
We also provide a gluten-free alternative. After receiving the elements you may come to the railing to receive a blessing from the pastors.

Prayer of Preparation

I treasure your word in my heart so I may not sin against you. Psalm 119:11

Welcome

Prelude

African American spiritual

"Somebody's Knocking at Your Door"

Descant Choir

Soloists: Vaughn Ullom, Capri Gerteis, Cassie Webster

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship Elder Elspeth Peterjohn

One: Welcome, friend and stranger –

All: Welcome, honored guest.

One: We gather as a community to worship God,

All: To be reminded of God's goodness,

One: To be reminded of the call to be a part of that goodness.

All: Let us worship God.

*** Processional Hymn No. 409, st. 1-3**

"God Is Here!"

*please stand if able

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we want to be good and do good, but we often, more than anything, want to look good. Forgive us when our motives, desires, and actions don't keep pace with the values we proclaim. We are sorry for our inconsistencies and pretenses. In your mercy help us walk the walk of love, and not just talk the talk. Set us free from bondage to selfish inclinations and resentments. Heal our blind spots. Call us back to an intimate relationship with you in which we can find the abundant life you long for us to share. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)

South Africa

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Assurance of Pardon

*** Gloria**

Taizé

First time: All sing
Second time: Sing in a round starting with low voices; high voices 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!

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Confirmation Class Recognition

Scripture Lesson

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 (Contemporary English Version)

15 Today I am giving you a choice. You can choose life and success or death and disaster. 16-18 I am commanding you to be loyal to the Lord, to live the way he has told you, and to obey his laws and teachings. You are about to cross the Jordan River and take the land that he is giving you. If you obey him, you will live and become successful and powerful. On the other hand, you might choose to disobey the Lord and reject him. So I'm warning you that if you bow down and worship other gods, you won't have long to live.

19 Right now I call the sky and the earth to be witnesses that I am offering you this choice. Will you choose for the Lord to make you prosperous and give you a long life? Or will he put you under a curse and kill you? Choose life! 20 Be completely faithful to the Lord your God, love him, and do whatever he tells you. The Lord is the only one who can give life, and he will let you live a long time in the land that he promised to your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Lois Annich

"Choose Life!"

Ritual of Friendship

Offering

Offertory

Charles H. Gabriel

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”
Lily B, soloist

* 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

Eucharist

Invitation

Rachel McDonald

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 our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Leon Roberts

Prayers of the People

Rev. Lentz

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

Billema Kwillia (Liberia)

“Come Let Us Eat”

Prayer after Communion

Rev. Annich

Thank you for sharing your life and love with us. Now strengthen us to be your lively and loving people. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit to bring good news to the poor and lift blind eyes to sight, to loose the chains that bind and claim your blessing for all people. In Jesus’ name we pray. AMEN.

Going Forth to Live as God’s People

*** Closing Hymn No. 450**

“Be Thou My Vision”

*** Commission and Blessing**

*** Choral Benediction**

*** Passing of the Peace**

Postlude

G. F. Handel

“Concerto in F”



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.

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.

Notes & Announcements

Chancel Flowers: The flowers today are given by the Cameron family in loving memory of Mary Margaret Cameron.

Please keep this year's confirmation class and their mentors in your prayers:

Colin Burleigh – mentor, Charity McDonald

Anna Dillenbeck – mentor, Leslie Clement

Maggie Peterjohn – mentor, Ahren Stock

Allie Peterjohn – mentor, Leigh Henderson

Ethan Swain– mentor, LaDon Headen

Meredith (Chip) Vandall – mentor, David Burleigh

David Vahey – mentor, Jed Koops

Prayers are requested this week for the following: Max Harmon, Cindy Newton, Robin Richards, Robert Ruggeri, George Sentell, Joy Stang, and Dorothy Turick.

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 and Pat Weissbrod.

In Memoriam We Remember

Ray A. Weissbrod

Who died February 2, 2017

I am the resurrection and I am the life, says the Lord

***A memorial service for Ray will be held Saturday, February 18
at 1:00 pm***

Care Group: 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.

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.

Coming Up

TODAY

Black History Month: Today, eat in a Black-owned restaurant. Lists of area businesses are were emailed earlier this week; a short list is on p. 15. If you can't go today, go anytime! Expand your dining horizons and support the Black business community.

See p. 14 for upcoming Black History Month programs. Books for the Feb. 19 book discussion may be purchased today in Fellowship Hall.

Sign up to contribute to the Soul Food Pot Luck (February 19): 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.

Picture Directories: Directories are ready to be picked up – Look for Barb Hansen in Fellowship Hall. If your picture is in it, there is a directory waiting for you. Additional directories are available for \$10 for anyone else who would like one (or would like an extra copy).

THIS WEEK

Put Your Faith into Action! Make your voice heard! Join us on **Monday, February 13th at 6:00 pm** in the Choir Room for a session on how to take action as an expression of faith. Amanda Hoyt from **Faith in Public Life**, an organization that works to advance faith in the public square as a powerful force for justice, compassion and the common good, will be leading us in this session.

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are: **Leviticus 19: 1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119: 33-40; 1 Corinthians 3: 10-11, 16-23; Matthew 5: 38-48**

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 The Kerygma study of John's Gospel continues through February 26. During Lent Dr. Lentz will lead a series on the Sacraments: "Equipping the Saints for Ministry."

LOOKING AHEAD

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**.

“Standing in the Need of Prayer:” Several members 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.

Volunteer Opportunity: Support the work of Heights Community Congress. HCC is looking for people who enjoy doing online research – they are beginning to research communities who recognize “educational redlining” as a problem or concern. Their hope is to identify partners and join forces to bring a national spotlight on the issue. Interested? Please contact Martha Goble (Martha.Goble@att.net).

Youth News

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

Friday: Confirmation Class, 6 - 7:30 pm in the Ruah Rm

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Concert today

The Heights Barbershoppers and the A Cappella Choir will perform at 3:00 this afternoon at Fairmount Presbyterian Church, 2757 Fairmount. The concert is free; a free-will offering will be taken to help support the groups' upcoming trip to New York City.

Calendar: February 12 - 19, 2017

<p>Sunday, February 12 9:30 Adult and Youth Education Descant Choir followed by Descant Choir Activity Childcare for children thru Kdg 10:30 Continental Breakfast Chancel Choir 11:00 WORSHIP Children’s Worship Class (preK-K) Children in Pathways will attend worship with their families 12:30 Trustees’ Retreat Young Families: Lunch at Sam Sylk’s Enjoy lunch or dinner at a Black-owned restaurant</p>	<p>Thursday, February 16 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class 6:20 pm Voices in Bronze 7:00 pm Softball managers’ meeting 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>Friday, February 17 7:00 am TOWER deadline 10:00 am Al Anon 6:00 pm Confirmation class</p> <p>Saturday, February 18 8:00 am Men’s Group 9:00 am CEIRS class 1:00 pm Memorial Service for Ray Weissbrod 6:30 pm Gospel Concert: The Wright Family Singers</p>
<p>Monday, February 13 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) “Faith in Action” training 7:00 pm Al Anon 7:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #403 Borton Group (AA)</p>	<p>Sunday, February 19 9:30 Adult and Youth Education Descant Choir followed by Descant Choir Activity Childcare for children thru Kdg 10:30 Continental Breakfast Chancel Choir 11:00 WORSHIP Children’s Worship Class (preK-K) 11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land (gr.1-5) 12:30 Black History Month program: Soul Food Potluck and book discussion</p>
<p>Tuesday, February 14 1:00 pm Abundance Pantry 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class 3:50 pm Carpool to County Council mtg 7:00 pm Black History Month Coordinators</p> <p>Wednesday, February 15 7:30 am Bible and Bagels 12:30 pm Wed. Women’s AA 1:00 pm Hilltop Garden Club 7:00 pm TransFamily East</p>	

Greater Cleveland Congregations News: “We Are NOT All In” Campaign GCC seeks a commitment by the County and City to include equal funding for neighborhood needs along with the announced taxpayer-funded renovations to the Q. Background information on the campaign is available in Fellowship Hall today.

There are two opportunities to show YOUR support:

#1 Tuesday, February 14, 5:00 pm downtown: We are looking for a diverse group to attend the meeting of the Cuyahoga County Council at which legislation for the Q renovations will be introduced. It is fast tracked with final vote scheduled for March 28th. We need to turn in numbers, so sign up in Fellowship Hall this morning or rsvp to Diana Woodbridge

(Diana@ninthrung.com) and she will count you in. Join the 16 FHC folk who have already committed to attend!

#2 Thursday, March 9 at 7:00 pm (be seated by 6:30)

at Elizabeth Baptist Church, 6114 Francis Ave:

Come for a GCC “Public Hearing” on the issue. You will learn about GCC’s position and rationale. Come show support for neglected neighborhoods of our City and County. Again, sign up in Fellowship Hall or rsvp to Diana@ninthrung.com. Our goal is 50 FHC supporters. If you want to car pool, let Diana know and arrangements will be made.

Black History Month 2017

Feb. 12	Support a Black-owned business! Go to lunch or go shopping.
Feb. 18	Gospel Concert: The Wright Family Singers 6:30 pm, Sanctuary
Feb. 19	Soul Food potluck lunch and discussion of <i>March</i> , by John Lewis (available for purchase in Fellowship Hall) 12:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
Feb. 24	Family movie: Zootopia , a computer-animated comedy-adventure film from Disney Animation 7 pm, Fellowship Hall
Feb. 25	12:00 pm: Workshop with Rev. Robina Winbush 1:30 pm: Potlatch: A Festival of Giving Vendors, programs, food 7:00 pm: Jazz Concert, Fellowship Hall
Feb. 26	Rev. Robina Winbush will preach Worship, 11:00

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Eat at a Black-Owned Restaurant Weekend: February 10-12, 2017

Restaurant Name	Web site, Facebook page, or Yelp page	Address	Phone Number	Open Sunday
Angie's Soul Food	http://www.angiessoulcafe.com/	3400 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114	216-426-8890	Yes
Boiling Seafood Crawfish	http://www.boilingseafoodcrawfishoh.com/	2201 Lee Road Cleveland Hts., OH 44118	216-459-7777	Yes
Chicago's Home of Chicken & Waffles	chicagoshomeofchickenandwaffles.com	1144 Prospect Ave E, Cleveland, OH 44115	(216) 600-8600	Yes
Fix Bistro	http://thefixbistro.com/	2195 Lee Road Cleveland Hts, OH 44118	216-383-8130	No
Mama Joyce's	https://www.yelp.com/biz/mama-joyces-cleveland	2238 Lee Rd., Cleveland Hts., OH 44118	216-371-3100	Yes
Rib Cage	www.ribcagesmokehouse.com/	2214 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights, OH 44118	216-321-7427	Yes
Sam Sylks Chicken and Fish	http://www.samsylkchickenandfish.com/	4122 Mayfield Road, South Euclid, OH 44121	216-465-9833	Yes
Stonetown Kitchen and Bar	http://www.stonetownusa.com/home.aspx	627 Prospect Avenue E., Cleveland, OH 44115	216-862-5572	Yes
Valo Restaurant & Bar	http://www.larchmere.com/dine/	12718 Larchmere Blvd. Cleveland, OH 44120	216-848-1115	Yes
Zoma Ethiopian Restaurant	http://www.zomacleveland.com/	2240 Lee Road Cleveland Hts., OH 44118	216-465-3239	Yes