

# Forest Hill Church

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*Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive and welcoming*

*Service of Worship*  
*November 4, 2018 at 11:00 am*  
*Celebration of Holy Communion and All Saints' Day*

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.

*Centering Words / Prayer of Preparation*

"To pretend as if the sudden absence of our best friend's voice or laugh at the table doesn't affect us is to perform a disservice to ourselves. Faith allows us to honor the reality and finality of death. It teaches us that grief can be a gift, just as tears rolling down the cheek can be a love offering for that friend who has died."

*Peter W. Marty*

**Welcome**

**Choral Introit**

John Henry Hopkins

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

Descant Choir

*Greeting Our God with Joy*

**Call to Worship**

Sydney Gerteis

*Adapted from Psalm 23*

Leader: My God watches over me this day and this night.

**People: This Good Shepherd lays me down in green pastures;  
beside peaceful waters; and brings strength back to my soul.**

Leader: Even when walk in the shadow of death, I have no fear;

**People: Because You are always with me, my guide and my guardian.**

Leader: With you I feast and am nourished, even in the worst of conditions;

**People:** You anoint me with Your blessing; and I will never thirst for Your presence.

Leader: No matter where I run or hide or fall,

**People:** Your Goodness, Love, and Mercy shall hunt me,

Leader: and I shall find peace in the house of my shepherd forever.

**All:** Amen.

\* **Processional Hymn No. 775**

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

*\*please stand if able*

*Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**Prayer of Confession**

Pastor Lentz

Loving God,

**We have denied the alien, the orphan, and the widow of justice; we forget how you redeem your people; and we ignore the call for us to do the same. We do not leave our extra harvest for the immigrant. We completely strip our olive trees; and glean every last grape for ourselves; we neglect the unloved and the grieving. By your loving mercy, help us to be there for your family: to welcome siblings, nurture children, and comfort parents.**

*Adapted from Deuteronomy 24*

**Time of Silent Confession**

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

Chip Andrus

*Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

**Assurance of Pardon**

*All sing first time. Second time: low voices, begin; high voices enter two measures later; children and youth enter 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*

#### **Children's Invitation**

*Children are welcome to come up front for a quiet activity during the sermon*

#### **Scripture Lessons**

##### **John 11: 32-36 (NRSV)**

<sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

##### **Ruth 1: 1-18 (NRSV)**

<sup>1</sup> In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. <sup>2</sup> The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and

Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. <sup>3</sup> But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup> These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup> both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

<sup>6</sup> Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. <sup>7</sup> So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup> But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back each of you to your mother’s house. *May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me.* <sup>9</sup> The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.” Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. <sup>10</sup> They said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” <sup>11</sup> But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? <sup>12</sup> Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, <sup>13</sup> would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me.” <sup>14</sup> Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

<sup>15</sup> So she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” <sup>16</sup> But Ruth said, “Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! *Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God.* <sup>17</sup> Where you die, I will die—there will I be buried. May

the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!”

<sup>18</sup> When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

*After the readings*

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Rev. David Wigger

“La Familia de Dios: The Kin-dom of God”

**Ritual of Friendship**

*Children may return to their families*

**Offering**

**Offertory**

William Bradbury, arr. Tom Trenney

“My Hope is Built”

**\* 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**

**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**

John Bell

### **Prayers of the People**

*The names of these people who died during the past year will be lifted up during the prayers of the people. You are invited to write additional names on slips of paper and drop them in the baskets as you come to receive communion; they will be lifted up in prayer at the end of the service.*

George William Sentell, Jr.  
Emma Jane Sanson Gibbs  
Joann Young Black  
Rosaneil Reynolds Schenk  
Patricia Sims Weissbrod  
Diona Mae Johnson Shaw

John Borthwick  
Joan Elizabeth Kandare  
Mary Constance Sekerak-Hicks  
Sheila Dickson MacMorran  
Charles Stewart Smith  
Thomas A. Keefe II  
Lawrence Joel Dorod

### **Lord's Prayer**

*Please offer this global prayer in English, then Spanish, line by line:*

**Our father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

***Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre.***

**Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

***Venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, como en el cielo, así también en la tierra.***

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

***El pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy.***

**And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

*Y perdónanos nuestras deudas como también perdónamos a nuestros deudores.*

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

*Y no no dejas caer en tentación, mas líbranos del mal.*

**For thine is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory, forever.**

*Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria, por todos los siglos.*

**Amén.**

## **Communion of the People**

**Music during Communion**

John Bell

*“Lamb of God”*

## **Prayer after Communion**

**Gracious God, thank you for sharing your life with us. Send us forth as a light to the nations. Send us forth as a people with a blessing. Send us forth as disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## *Going Forth to Live as God's People*

**\* Closing Hymn No. 765**

*“Song of Hope / Canto de esperanza”*

*Sing through three times: English, Spanish, English*

**\* Commission and Blessing**

\* Choral Benediction

“Sanctuary”

3 Lord pre-pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, pure and  
6 ho - ly, tried and true, With thanks -giv-ing, I'll be a  
liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for you.

The image shows a musical score for a choral benediction. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "3 Lord pre-pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, pure and 6 ho - ly, tried and true, With thanks -giv-ing, I'll be a liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for you." The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and phrasing slurs.

\* Passing of the Peace

*Postlude*

J. S. Bach

“In Thee is Gladness”



***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.

Please join us in wearing a name tag so that we might greet you. Our ushers have 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:** Today's flowers are given by Vikki Nowak in honor of Todd Webster's 51<sup>st</sup> birthday; by William Proudfit in memory of Thelma; by Jean Reinhold in honor of the CPNC team, the friendship we shared and our faithfulness to follow the spirit; and by Chris and Dave Bell in loving memory of their parents.

**Prayers are requested this week for:** Baldwin Sawyer, Nan Dorer, Dan Fuller, Max Harmon, Mary Hosier, Wafa Kuri, Jane Larsen-Wigger, Eleanor Magee, Wanda Nelson, Elizabeth Shaw, Jimmy Strong, Jackie Behrens Tolbert, Wesley Washington, Gerald Woodard, and Ollie.

**In Memoriam We Remember**

**Thomas A. Keefe II**

**Who died October 26, 2018**

**and**

**Larry Dorod**

**Who died October 27, 2018**

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

**Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:** Marge Drollinger, Iris and Al Gilbert, Florence and Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Judy Sieck, Margie Stauffer, Elaine Tapié, Lorian Thomas, and Beryl and Henrietta Williams.

**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.**

**Care Group:** The Jericho Care Group is responsible for assisting the clergy in meeting members' needs during November. 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. Many thanks to members of the Nazareth CARE Group for their work in October.

**Today Is Hunger Sunday** Any cash or checks in envelopes marked Hunger will be used 100% for support of Forest Hill Church's Abundance Pantry, which provides food to over 150 people each week.

**This Month's Ushers** Thank you to Deborah Erwin and Robyn Hales, head ushers, and today's usher team.

## *Coming Up*

### **TODAY**

***The memorial service*** for Tom Keefe will be held at 2 pm, followed by a potluck meal.

***The Group and Hilltoppers*** will go to see Hts. High's production of ***Mary Poppins*** at 4 pm.

### **THIS WEEK**

***Mondays in November, 7-8 pm:*** The Black History Team will lead a 4-week discussion of ***Stand Your Ground***, by Kelly Brown Douglas. The weekly email has information and a sign-up link. For more information, contact Peter Williams (216-789-9247) or Cheryl Anderson (216-407-9103).

***Bible Study:*** The lessons for this week are: **Ruth 3: 1-5; 4: 13-17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9: 24-28; Mark 12:38-44.**

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

***Vigils at the ICE offices:***

***Stand With Us! Interfaith Prayer Vigil, Thursdays at 4 pm***

*Contact Sharon Shumaker to carpool:  
(216) 659-4114 or sms2924@gmail.com*

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

***Adult Education, 9:30*** Kerygma classes and “Living the Questions” continue thru November.

***November 11, 1 pm:*** The Pacesetters will host a dinner at Zoma Ethiopian Restaurant (Black-owned restaurant at 2240 Lee) at 1:00 pm. All are welcome to join us. Please let us know TODAY so the restaurant may arrange for seating. Contact Sandy or Bill Ladebue (blloggix@gmail.com or 440-630-9011). PS Zoma’s food is great!

***November 11, 7 pm:*** You are invited to attend the ancient monastic service of **Compline** next **Sunday** in the candlelit sanctuary. The Chancel Choir will sing from the congregational pews and the congregation may sit in the choir pews, transepts or pews in the front of the church. This peaceful, 30-minute service (led by cantors John Lentz and Jack Lentz) will calm your heart and spirit. The choir from Plymouth Church, Shaker Heights, will join us.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

***November 13:*** Iris Circle will meet at 11 am in Bodwell Hall to prepare for the Holiday Angels project.

**November 20: Join the Immigration Book Club: 7 pm at FHC**

***Violent Borders: Refugees and the Right to Move*, by Reece Jones**

Books are available for \$16 from Sharon Shumaker

See p. 7 of the TOWER for details

***Abundance Pantry News:*** Abundance Pantry will have a Christmas gift shop (open in December) that allows parents to choose gifts for the children in their lives. There will be a box on the stage between now and December 16 to collect your donations of unwrapped toys, games, puzzles, children's books, stuffed animals, wrapping paper and decorations. Thank you for your generosity!

### *Youth News*

***Sundays:*** Classes for all youth (gr. 6-12) meet at 10:10 am in the Ruah Room.

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

### *Staff Emails*

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**Stewardship Update** As of Wednesday, October 31, 135 pledges had been received which brought us to 70% of the aspirational campaign goal. If you have not made a commitment for 2019, please turn in the Confirmation of Pledge/Gift card that you received in your campaign packet or use one of the extra cards from the pew racks. Every pledge is important to enable FHC to continue changing lives through our ministries and programs. Thank you.

The Ministry of Stewardship

**ADVENT FAIR TRADE AND COTTAGE INDUSTRY SALE**

**December 2, 2018 9-1:30**

**gift prices begin at \$4**

**Free and Open to the public**

**Fair trade vendors including**

- **One World Shop and Interreligious Task Force (IRTF) with gifts from around the world including jewelry, winter weather accessories, and home goods**
- **Local cottage industry including Golden Goddess organic skin care, hand knitted items, jewelry and dolls**

**Support the community and the artisans  
by purchasing beautiful gifts from your neighborhood  
and around the world.**

# Calendar: November 4 - 11, 2018



## **Daylight Saving time ends**

### **Sunday, November 4**

- 8:30 Nominating Committee mtg
- 9:15 Childcare begins
- 9:30 Adult Education  
Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)  
High school youth to Daylight Donuts
- 10:10 Pathways (gr. 1-5)  
Youth Education (gr. 6-8)
- 10:30 Chancel Choir  
Continental Breakfast
- 11:00 Children's Worship class (4-kdg)  
Worship
- 2:00 Memorial Service for Thomas Keefe  
Potluck meal following
- 4:00 The Group and Hilltoppers:  
**Mary Poppins**
- 5:00 Youth: House Church at Koops'  
Reconnecting with Creation class

### **Monday, November 5**

- 6:00 pm AA: Progress not Perfection
- 7:00 pm Al Anon: Now There's Hope
- 7:00 pm "Stand Your Ground" book study
- 7:30 pm AA: Borton Group  
Boy Scout Troop #403

### **Tuesday, November 6: Election Day**

- 11:00 am Abundance Pantry registration
- 12:00 pm Abundance Lunch
- 1:00 pm Abundance Pantry food  
Distribution
- 2:30 pm Apollo's Fire rehearsal
- 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class
- 7:00 pm Apollo's Fire rehearsal  
Black History team mtg  
Friends of HOLA – St Dominic's

### **Wednesday, November 7**

- 7:00 am Bible and Bagels
- 12:30 p AA: Wednesday Women's Grp
- 7:00 pm Jung Education Grp Workshop  
Long Range Planning mtg
- 8:00 pm Wright Family in sanctuary

### **Thursday, November 8**

- 4:00 pm ICE vigil
- 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class  
Voices in Bronze
- 7:00 pm FH Swim Club mtg

### **Friday, November 9**

- 10:00 am Al Anon

### **Saturday, November 10**

- 8:00 am Lord's Prayer retreat
- 2:00 pm PEO Author Event

### **Sunday, November 11**

- 9:15 Childcare begins
- 9:30 Adult Education  
Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)  
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- 10:10 Pathways (gr. 1-5)  
Youth Education (gr. 6-8)
- 10:30 Chancel Choir  
Continental Breakfast
- 11:00 Children's Worship class (4-kdg)  
Worship
- 1:00 Pacesetters to Zoma Ethiopian  
Restaurant
- 2:00 Cleveland Messiah Chorus
- 7:00 Service of Compline

*Cover image: Day of the Dead display, June 2018 by Leonor Garcia and Mark Chupp.*

*The Culture Camp children were learning about Latin American holidays, and Leonor shared the traditions of her Mexican family as they honored and remembered family members who had died. Offerings included food and drink for their journeys into the underworld, and flowers and trinkets to remind them of home.*

Photo by Lynda Bernays