

Forest Hill Church

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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Service of Worship
October 28, 2018 at 11:00 am
Stewardship Celebration Sunday
Reformation Sunday
Sacrament of Baptism

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.
Please join us in wearing a name tag so that we might greet you.
Our ushers have large print editions of the bulletin and
directions to our nursery for babies and young children.

Centering Words

The Holy Spirit is present with us in this time and this space. As you prepare for worship, take this moment to open your minds, hearts and hands to receive the blessing of God.

Welcome

Prelude

J. S. Bach

“Prelude in D Minor”

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Sally Ann Morris

“Walk in Peace”

soloists: John Clark, Seth Ungemach, Carl Jenks

*** Processional Hymn No. 463**

"How Firm a Foundation"

**please stand if able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Eileen Viscaino

Merciful God we often turn away from you. We ignore what you say to us. We do not see the wondrous acts in this world. We listen to the grumbling voices around us rather than to your voice. We walk on crooked paths rather than in your ways. We forget how much you love us. We fail to heed your call to love one another. Forgive us, God. Turn our lives toward the light of your love, that we might continually praise and magnify your holy name.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Siblings, rest in the assurance that the Lord hears our prayers, holds us close, and delivers us from our sins and our fears.

People: **In Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

*** Gloria**

Taizé

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!

Anthem

Natalie Sleeth

“God of Great and God of Small”
Descant Choir; Sarah Dillenbeck, drummer

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Sacrament of Baptism for Rebecca Dawn Miller

*Children are invited to come to the front for the baptism,
and stay for a quiet activity*

Congregational Response

Rebecca Dawn, we welcome you into the household of the living God. You are part of the body of Christ. Wherever you go, whatever you become, you are a beloved child of God. Amen.

Minute for Stewardship

Leslie Clement

*** Hymn No. 688**

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

(stanzas 1, 3, 5)

Scripture Lessons

Leslie Clement, reader

Matthew 7: 21-29, *The Message*

Knowing the correct password - saying 'Master, Master,' for instance - isn't going to get you anywhere with me. What is required is serious obedience - *doing* what my Father wills. I can see it now - at the Final Judgement thousands strutting up to me and saying, 'Master, we preached the Message, we bashed the demons, our God-sponsored projects had everyone talking.' And do you know what I am going to say? 'You missed the boat. All you did was use me to make yourselves important. You don't impress me one bit. You're out of here.'

"These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. they are

foundational words, words to build a life on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who built his house on solid rock. Rain poured down, the river flooded, a tornado hit - but nothing moved that house. It was fixed to the rock.

"But if you just use my words in Bible studies and don't work them into your life, you are like a stupid carpenter who built his house on the sandy beach. When a storm rolled in and the waves came up it collapsed like a house of cards."

When Jesus concluded his address, the crowd burst into applause. They had never heard teaching like this. It was apparent that he was living everything he was saying - quite a contrast to their religion teachers! This was the best teaching they had ever heard.

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Lentz

"Core Muscles, Bedrock Faith"

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

Children may return to their families

Offering

Offertory

Karl Jenkins

“Kyrie Eleison”

Emily Abel, mezzo-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.**

* Prayer of Dedication

Going Forth to Live as God's People

* Closing Hymn No. 697

“Take My Life”

St. 2 & 4, higher voices

St. 3 & 5, lower voices

*Please bring your pledge or affirmation cards to the communion table
during the singing of this hymn*

* 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.

* Passing of the Peace

Postlude

J. S. Bach

“Toccatà in D Minor”



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 Rosanna and Chuck Sprague in grateful appreciation of their beloved parents; by Steve Marunowski and Peg Weissbrod in loving memory of Kay and Stanley Marunowski; and to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the Bible and Bagels study group, by Joyce Pope.

Prayers are requested this week for: Nan Dorer, Larry Dorod, Dan Fuller, Kurt Haas, Max Harmon, Mary Hosier, Tom Keefe, Jane Larsen-Wigger, Eleanor Magee, Wanda Nelson, Elizabeth Shaw, Jimmy Strong, Jackie Behrens Tolbert, Wesley Washington, Gerald Woodard, and Ollie.

Please pray for Lia and Leslie Clement and their families; their brother Michael Clement died last week.

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 Nazareth Care Group is responsible for assisting the clergy in meeting members' needs during October. Please call the church office to report an illness, hospitalization, family emergency, birth or death. The Jericho CARE Group will serve in November.

Thank you to Deb Erwin and Robyn Hales, head ushers, and today's usher team.

Congratulations to Emily Wollaeger and Forrest Ball, who were married at FHC on October 20. Revs. John Lentz and Clover Beal officiated.

Coming Up

TODAY

Today we celebrate the baptism of Rebecca Dawn Miller, daughter of Sam and Lauren Miller and sister of Evelyn. Charity Stock is the attending Elder.

Today is Recommitment Sunday in the 2019 Stewardship Campaign. At the appointed time during the service, you will be invited to bring forward your pledge/gift card in recommitment to the vision of Forest Hill Church. If you already turned in your card, please use one of the affirmation cards found in the pew racks. Thank you for your ongoing support of the mission and transformative work of Forest Hill Church.

The Celebratory Lunch has been postponed. Due to the unexpected hospitalization of Tom Keefe, our beloved Morag is unavailable to prepare a meal for us today. Watch for a future rescheduling.

The Sine Nomine Choir will rehearse after worship.

Many thanks to the Orcha-band members: Lisa Koops and Julie Stern, flutes; Linnea Koops and Garrett Vandall, violin; Ann Hunter, viola; Jed Koops, bassoon, Ahren Stock, trumpet; Gary Lusic, guitar; Carolyn Smith, percussion



THIS WEEK

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are **Isaiah 25: 6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21: 1-6a; John 11: 32-44** (for All Saints' Day) and **Ruth 1: 1-18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9: 11-14; and Mark 12: 28-34** (for November 4).

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*

Pastor Lentz will lead the vigil this Thursday, November 1

November 3, 3 pm: FHC Matinee Movie: Pixar's **Coco**. Ages 0-104 are welcome.

Aspiring musician Miguel, confronted with his family's ancestral ban on music, enters the Land of the Dead to find his great-great-grandfather, a legendary singer. (from imdb)

NEXT SUNDAY *Daylight Saving time ENDS*

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

Labre Project Warm, gently-used clothing and accessories – coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, blankets for men, women and children – are appreciated for the Labre Project in East Cleveland. Please leave donations in the bin in Fellowship Hall.

November 4: The Group and Hilltoppers will go to see Hts. High's production of *Mary Poppins*. Watch for details in the TOWER and via email.

LOOKING AHEAD

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).

Join the Immigration Book Club: November 20, 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 continues to serve 150 or more people each week with remarkable efficiency. Many thanks to Paul Jennings and all the weekly pantry loaders, drivers, unloaders, registration-information-takers, food-passer-outers, and general helpers for the hours they spend here each week. As they have done in the past, Abundance Pantry will have a Christmas gift shop 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!

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 by November 4 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: Service of Compline

November 13: Iris Circle will meet at 11 am in Bodwell Hall.

Youth News

- **Every Sunday:** Classes for all youth (gr. 6-12) meet at 10:10 am in the Ruah Room. Come at 9:30 for donuts, music and conversation. Next Sunday, November 4, high school youth will meet at Daylight Donuts
- **Today** The Sine Nomine Choir will rehearse after worship

Staff Emails

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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.**



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See, I Am Doing a New Thing

2019 Stewardship Campaign

***As of this writing (Thursday morning) we have received
pledge cards form 79 pledging units
(individuals or households).***

***Thanks to everyone who has pledged
or is turning in a pledge/gift card today.
Your support makes Forest Hill Church happen!
We couldn't do it without you!***

***No pledge is too small
No pledge is too large
No pledge is too early
No pledge is too late!***



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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3
3:00-5:00PM

FREE AND OPEN TO ALL

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