

Forest Hill Church

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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Service of Worship
February 10, 2019 at 11:00 am

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.

Prayer of Preparation

“Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,
'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you...’”
— Jeremiah 1:4

Welcome

Prelude

spiritual, arr. Sondra Tucker

“Wade in the Water” - Voices in Bronze
Garrett Vandall, drummer

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Jessica Owusu

Leader: With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before
God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offering, with calves a
year old?

**People: Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten
thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my
transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?**

Leader: He has told you, O mortal, what is good;

**All: And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to
love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?**

Leader: Let us worship God!

***Processional Hymn** -Please see p. 13 for song lyrics

“Every Praise”

**please stand if able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Where ignorance, self-love and greed have fractured life in the community,

People: Give your light, O God of love.

Leader: Where injustice and oppression have broken the spirit of peoples,

People: Give your light, O God who frees.

Leader: Where hunger and poverty, illness and death have made life an unbearable burden,

People: Give your light, O God of grace.

Leader: Where suspicion and hatred, conflict and war have challenged your goodness,

People: Give your light, O God of peace.

Leader: Eternal God, open the eyes of nations and peoples so that they may walk in the light of love; remove the ignorance and stubbornness of nations and peoples so that they may drink from the fountains of your goodness.

People: Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie Eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Alice Parker

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

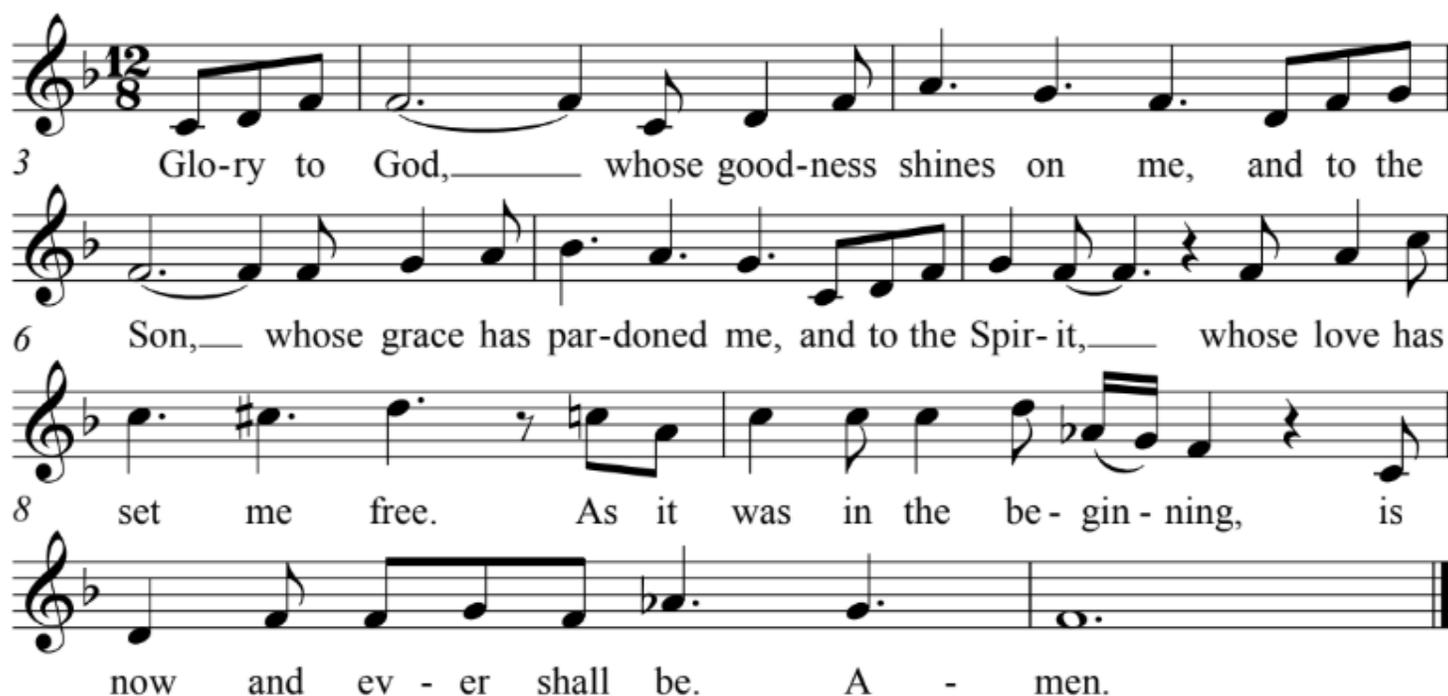
Assurance of Pardon

Leader: It is God who disturbs our complacency, pricks our false certainties, and turns our complaints to constructive action. Even now, God is at work in our lives, turning us from self-destruction, prompting our desire for deeper knowledge, and leading us to more satisfying involvements.

People: In Christ, we have been reconciled to this God who loves us and is ever ready to help us endure, grow in character, and live by hope. Make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

* Gloria

Paul Vasil



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.

Anthem

spiritual

“Lord, Make Us More Holy”
Voices in Bronze and choirs

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Sacrament of Baptism

Today we have the honor of baptizing Mary Elizabeth Allen, daughter of Megan and Jamie Allen. Morag Keefe, attending Elder, is Mary Elizabeth's grandmother.

Baptismal Prayer

Ever-living God, in your mercy, you promised to be not only our God, but also the God of our children. We thank you for receiving Mary Elizabeth by baptism. Keep her always in your love. Guide her as she grows in faith. Protect her in all the dangers and temptations of life. Bring her to confess Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and be Christ's faithful disciple to her life's end; In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

* Hymn No. 840

“It Is Well with My Soul”

Scripture Lessons

Jessica Owusu

Jeremiah 1:4-10 (Jeremiah's Call and Commission)

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the Lord said to me,

‘Do not say, “I am only a boy”; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.’ Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, ‘Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.’

Luke 4:21-30

Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’ All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, ‘Is not this Joseph’s son?’ He said to them, ‘Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Doctor, cure yourself!” And you will say, “Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.” ’ And he said, ‘Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s home town. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.’ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way

After the readings

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Veronica R. Goines

“God’s Word Causing a Disturbance”

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

Stevie Wonder

“Village Ghetto Land”

Caleb Wright, bass

* 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. 799

“I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry”

* 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

spiritual, arr. Joe Utterback

“Standin' in the Need of Prayer”



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 Donations:

- The Cameron family in loving memory of Mary Margaret Cameron.

On March 31st we are in need of members to donate flowers for this day due to having 1 additional Sunday for this month. Please contact the office if you are willing to make a donation.

Please congratulate David Wigger and Amy Wadsworth on the birth of Jacob Thomas Wadsworth-Wigger on February 2, 2019. All are doing well and big sister Elly is delighted!

Prayers are requested this week for the following: Laura Bell, Mark Davidson, Dan Fuller, David Hunter, Darla Character-Johnson, Dick and Elspeth Peterjohn, Jim Seeders, Elizabeth Shaw, Jimmy Strong, Wesley Washington, and Ollie.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Marge Drollinger, Iris and Al Gilbert, Carol Himmelsteib (mom of Kathryn Himmelsteib), Florence and Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Judy Sieck, Margie Stauffer, Elaine Tapié, Lorian Thomas, and Beryl and Henrietta Williams.

Pantry Prayer Request: During the monthly lunch guest at Abundance Pantry are offered the opportunity to write prayer request. If you would like to be a pray-er please pick up a request as you leave the sanctuary.

In Memoriam We Remember

Marie Bourgeois

Who died February 3, 2019

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

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 Deborah Erwin and Robyn Hales, head ushers, and today's usher team.

Coming Up

TODAY

Soul Food Pot Luck, 5:30 pm: Food as Art - Recipes from Black Chefs

"An Evening of Wonder" at 7:00 pm, featuring Caleb Wright and the music of Stevie Wonder.

An Update from the Worship Ministry: We are no longer using the online application for Lay Readers to sign-up. We are making direct contact with you to schedule Sunday readers. If you are interested in continuing to be a Lay Reader or if you are interested for the first time, we welcome you. **Please contact Linda Martin (martin3386@ameritech.net or 216-280-4049) to let her know of your interest, or with any questions.**

THIS WEEK

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are: **Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26.**

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

TOWER Deadline is 02/14! Please email your TOWER submission as soon as possible.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education classes will continue studying from the book of Revelation through March 24. Classes start at 9:30 am and are located in South Hall and Bodwell Hall. Pastor Lentz will also lead a class in the Faith Leaders room. All are welcome!

LOOKING AHEAD

Please see below for details on the Black History events.

Saturday, March 2 at 7:00 pm, please join us for “An Evening of Music” with soprano Chanae Curtis and guests Caleb A. Wright and the Forest Hill Church Chancel Choir.

Youth News

Every Sunday: Classes for all youth (gr. 6-12) meet at 9:30 am in the Ruah Room.

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| Save the dates and watch for more information! Black History Month, February 2019 <i>“They’ll see how beautiful I am”</i> (Langston Hughes) A celebration of African American Art | |
| Sunday, February 17 | 12:30 PM-An overview of African American Art Sandra Noble, Lecturer in Art History at CWRU and quilt artist |
| Sunday, February 24 | 12:30 PM to 5:00 PM-Art Show of local contemporary Black artists organized by Gina Washington, local artist, photographer, and educator. |

Staff Emails

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Calendar: February 10th-February 17th

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| <p>Sunday, February 10: 9:15 am Childcare begins 9:30 am Adult Education Descant Choir (gr. 1-5) Youth Education (gr. 6-12) Children, Family and Youth Meeting 10:10 am Pathways (gr. 1-5) 10:30 am Chancel Choir Continental Breakfast 11:00 am Worship and Children's Worship 12:00 pm Coffee and Conversation Sine Nomine Choir Black Caucus Meeting 5:30 pm Soul Food Pot Luck 7:00 pm Concert: "An Evening of Wonder"</p> <p>Monday, February 11: 6:00 pm AA: Progress not Perfection 7:00 pm Al Anon: Now There's Hope 7:30 pm AA: Borton Group Boy Scout Troop #403</p> <p>Tuesday, February 12: 12:00 pm Abundance Pantry Registration 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise</p> <p>Wednesday, February 13: 7:30 am Bible and Bagels 12:30 pm Staff Meeting AA: Wednesday Women's Group 7:00 pm Ministry Meetings</p> | <p>Thursday, February 14: 8:00 am TOWER Deadline 1:30 pm English Country Dance 4:00 pm ICE vigil 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise 5:30 pm Ladies in Training (Drill Team Practice) 6:20 pm Voices in Bronze 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Swim Club Meeting</p> <p>Friday, February 15: 10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand</p> <p>Saturday, February 16: 9:00 am CEIRS class</p> <p>Sunday, February 17: 9:15 am Childcare begins 9:30 am Adult Education Descant Choir (gr. 1-5) Youth Education (gr. 6-12) Confirmation Session 2 10:10 am Pathways (gr. 1-5) 10:30 am Chancel Choir Continental Breakfast 11:00 am Worship and Children's Worship 12:00 pm Coffee and Conversation Blood Pressure Check 12:30 pm Black History Program: Overview of African American Art</p> |
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Reconnecting with God's Creation in the 21st-century

If you are interested in being part of a community at Forest Hill Church that finds healing and hope through God's gift of creation, you are encouraged to register for the course "Reconnecting to God's Creation in the 21st Century".

Classes will be held 4 – 6 p.m. every Sunday from March 17 – May 19 except for Easter Sunday and Mother's Day. If interested, please register before March 1 by completing the form below or contacting the co-facilitators, Kemp Jaycox and Stephen Sedam.

Through readings, mixed media presentations, small group discussions, adopting a place for nature observation, and field trips you will grow in your spiritual relationship with the natural world, more clearly understand the deep connections between man and nature, and discover how you can act on your responsibility as a Christian for stewardship of the natural world.

Classes will focus on the themes of preservation and protection, wonder and magic, stewardship and restoration (ecological and personal). By the conclusion of the course, participants will develop a plan by which they will intentionally draw closer to, learn from, and be empowered to better serve God's creation.

For more information, contact Kemp or Stephen:

Kemp: kempjaycox@yahoo.com or 216-785-5375

Stephen: goldens101@aol.com or 614-783-4467

You may register on line (see the weekly email) or by completing the form below (place in offering or return to the office).

Reconnecting with God's Creation Registration

Name _____

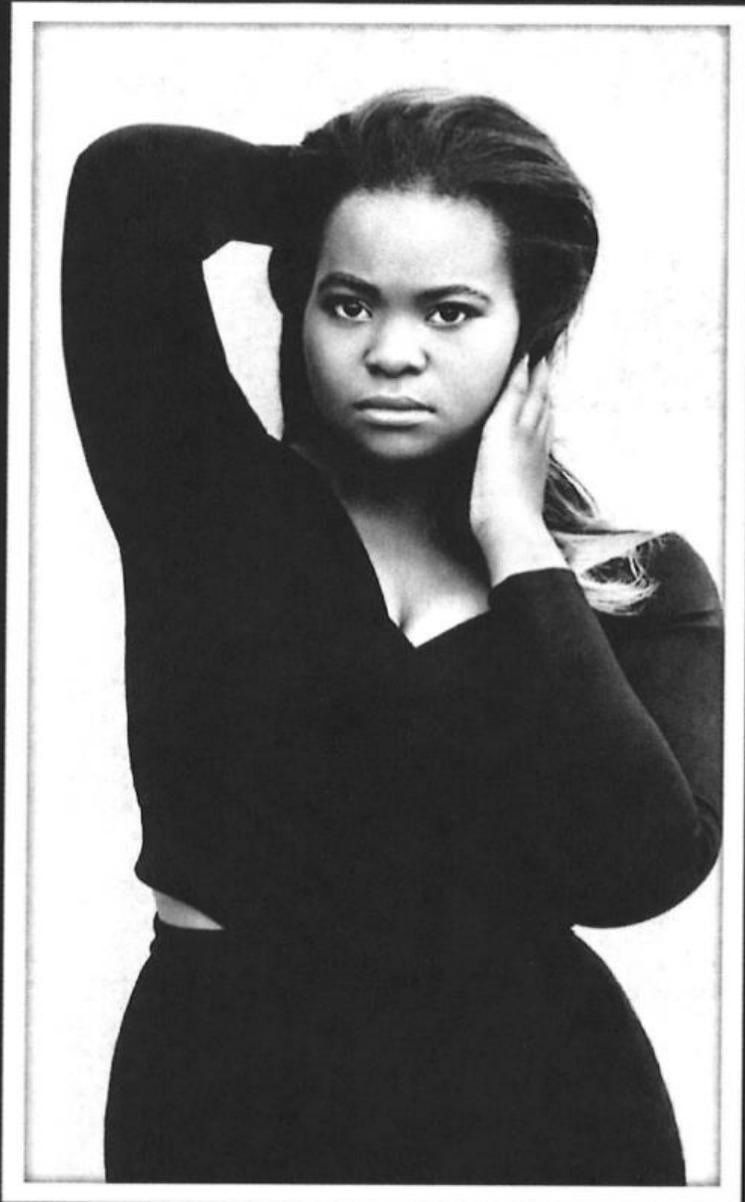
Email (please print clearly) _____

Phone _____

I have read the preceding description and understand the timeframe and general expectations of the class.

Signature

An Evening of Music



With
Chanée Curtis,
Soprano

Featuring:
Caleb A. Wright,
Bass-Baritone

&
The Forest Hill Church
Chancel Choir

Saturday March 2nd
7:00 PM

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EVERY PRAISE

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Every word of worship with one accord
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Sing hallelujah to our God
Glory hallelujah is due our God
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Yes He is, yes He is*

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Yes He is, yes He is, yes He is, yes He is*

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All of my worship, every praise,
Every praise, every praise
When you see me dancing, every praise
Every praise, every praise
When you see me shoutin', every praise
Every praise, every praise, every praise, every praise
Every praise, every praise, to our god
Is to our God*

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Every praise, every praise
When you see me shoutin', every praise
Every praise, every praise, I got to praise you, every praise
Every praise, every praise, I got to thank him, every praise
Every praise, every praise, He's been so good, every praise
Every praise, every praise, He's been so kind, every praise
Every praise, every praise, every praise, every praise*

Hezekiah Walker

You are invited to a Fundraiser for Ansly Damus Family & Legal Fees

Mr. Damus, a Haitian ethics professor, was detained and imprisoned by the U.S. Government for 766 days after lawfully applying for asylum. He was recently released on parole due in part to support demonstrated by residents of greater Cleveland, but continues to be separated from his family whom he left behind in Haiti. Now we need to take the next step.

Your generosity can make a huge difference for one of the many families currently suffering from our government's harsh treatment of asylum seekers. Please donate as you are able.



Please register and pay for this event online at
<https://tinyurl.com/damus-fundraiser>

Be an Advocate for Ansly
Friend \$ 50/person
Ally \$100/person
Champion \$250/person
SuperStar \$500/person

Date: Saturday, February 23, 2018
Time: 7 – 9:30 p.m.
Hosted by: Sue Dean Dyke and Steve Dyke
2510 Arlington Road
Cleveland Heights

Beverages and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Live auction featuring blown glass, painting and art quilts.
Bring your checkbook!

Registration and donations are NOT tax deductible. Additional donations can be sent to Forest Hill Church, 3031 Monticello Blvd, Cleveland Heights, OH 44118. Please make sure the memo field of the check note 'Ansley Damus Fundraiser'

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