

Forest Hill Church

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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Service of Worship
December 30, 2018 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.

Centering Words

Hark the herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn king!

Welcome

Prelude

arr. Jonathan Gilley

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
Grant Heineman, piano; Edie Duncan, violin;
Charise Grimes, bass; Anne Wilson, drums

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Leader: People of God, holy and beloved, put on compassion and kindness
this day.

People: Praise God in the highest heaven. Praise God in the deepest sea.

Leader: Children of the Most High, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves in
humility and gentleness.

**People: Praise God with the winged messengers. Praise God with the
heavenly hosts.**

Leader: Disciples of Christ, holy and beloved, find unity through the bonds
of love.

People: Let all creation sing God’s praise. Let all creation worship the Lord.

*** Processional Hymn No. 132**

“Good Christians Friends, Rejoice!”

**please stand if able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

**In the midst of our failings and struggles, Merciful One, help us be
gentle with ourselves and with one another. Mold us into a people of
compassion and kindness, a people of patience, mercy and grace.
Bathe us in the waters of your Spirit, that perfect harmony may wash
over us, and we might swim in the waters of your love and forgiveness.
Amen.**

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Bill Carter

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Assurance of Pardon

* Gloria

Stephen Rush

Congregation, please join the choir the second time through

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
3 peace to the peo-ple on Earth *repeat*
5 Heav'n and Earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho-
7 san-na in the high-est!

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Children's Moment

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

* Hymn No. 110

"Love Has Come"

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 148 (*read responsively*)

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

Colossians 3: 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

After the readings

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Community Reflection

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

arr. Charlie Carr

"Here We Come a-Wassailing"

* 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. 127

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Jesus, the Light of the World)"

* 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 musical notation is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a measure rest of 3 measures, followed by the lyrics 'Lord pre-pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, — pure and'. The second staff begins with a measure rest of 6 measures, followed by the lyrics 'ho - ly, tried and true, — With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a'. The third staff continues with the lyrics 'liv - ing — sanc - tu - ar - y for — you.' and ends with a double bar line.

* Passing of the Peace

Postlude



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.fhcbpresb.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 Sue McCauley in memory of her parents, her sister and her fiancé; and by Paula Bodwell Harvey and her husband Tom Harvey in loving memory of Paula's parents George and Ginny Bodwell, and her sister Julie Bodwell Welsh, and Tom's parents Mary and Robert Harvey.

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 Mt. Sinai Care Group is responsible for assisting the clergy in meeting members' needs during January. 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 all who helped out in December!

Members of the Mt. Sinai CARE Group are:

Jeanette Nemcek, Deacon leader	Brooke Marcy & family
Joanne Bielek	David Murray
Guy Cameron & family	Dave & Jane Olson & family
Betty Clark	Carline Paul-Blanc
Barb Cloud	Graham & Roz Peters
Eric & Amy Dillenbeck & family	Matt & Katie Russo & family
Jane Frederick & family	Gary Sampson
Sue Gifford	Sara & Randy Shaner
Al & Iris Gilbert	Anona Stack
Mike & Margie Glaros	Kathy Hanna-Stauffer & Derry Stauffer
Julie Gran	Beverly & Harold Thomas
Nancy Grube	Lorian, Ralph & Fran Thomas
Chuck & Jane Ishler	Eileen Vizcaino
Janet Kickel	Ann & Peter Williams
Julie & Gary Lusic	Warren Young
Nancy Lyon-Stadler & family	

Prayers are requested this week for: Mark Davidson, Nan Dorer, Dan Fuller, Max Harmon, David Hunter, Kemp Jaycox, Dick Peterjohn, Jane Larsen-Wigger, Elizabeth Shaw, Jimmy Strong, Wesley Washington, and Ollie.

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

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

Coming Up

TODAY

Today's music: Thanks to Grant Heineman (piano and drums), Edie Duncan (violin) and Charise Grimes (bass). Thanks also to the vocal ensemble: Emily Abel and Shelly Jesberger, sopranos; Laura Minder, alto; Seth Ungemach and John Clark, tenors; Carl Jenks, bass.

The 2019 Homeless Stand Down: All volunteers, please come to a brief orientation at 12:00 in the library.

**Come to the Christmas Feast potluck after worship!
Register this Sunday for the Adult Ed study of Revelation.**

THIS WEEK

The office will be closed Monday and Tuesday this week.

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are: **Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3: 1-12; Matthew 2: 1-12**

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: Kerygma study of The Revelation to John

Classes start next Sunday for the study of Revelation. Two groups will meet on Sundays; there will be one group that meets on Monday evenings. See Pat Seeders for registration.

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The church office will be closed on Dec. 31 – Jan. 1.
 If a pastoral emergency occurs during these times,
 please contact Pastor Lentz (216-371-8470)

Calendar: December 30, 2018 – January 6, 2019

<p>Sunday, December 30: 1 Christmas 10:30 Childcare begins Continental Breakfast 11:00 Worship 12:00 Christmas Potluck Homeless Stand Down orientation</p> <p>Monday, December 31 Office closed 6:00 pm AA: Progress not Perfection 7:00 pm Al Anon: Now There's Hope 7:30 pm AA: Borton Group</p> <p>Tuesday, January 1: New Year's Day Office closed</p> <p>Wednesday, January 2 7:30 am Bible and Bagels 12:30 pm AA: Wednesday Women's Group 1:00 pm Abundance Pantry opens</p>	<p>Thursday, January 3 4:00 pm ICE vigil 6:20 pm Voices in Bronze 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>Friday, January 4 10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand</p> <p>Saturday, January 5 8:00 am Men's Group</p> <p>Sunday, January 6: Epiphany 9:15 Childcare begins 9:30 Adult Education Descant Choir (gr. 1-5) Youth Donut time 10:10 Pathways (gr. 1-5) Youth Education (gr. 6-8) 10:30 Chancel Choir Continental Breakfast 11:00 Worship: Communion 12:00 Coffee and Conversation Sine Nomine Choir</p>
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