

Forest Hill Church

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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Service of Worship
May 12, 2019 at 11:00 am
Happy Mother's Day to all!

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

As you prepare for worship this morning, pause for a few moments and allow yourself to grow still. Take several slow, deep breaths. Become aware of the great love God has for you.

Welcome

Prelude

"Amavolovolo"
Sine Nomine Choir

trad. Zulu song

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Anna Dillenbeck

The Holy One, Mother God, knows each sheep, calling to us by name.

We hear the voice of Jesus, calling us to follow him.

The Holy One embraces us, sees our need, feeding us with wisdom and truth.

We know the voice of Jesus, leading us to goodness and peace.

The Holy One protects and guides us, showing us the way to eternal life.

Let us worship Jesus, our Shepherd, who calls us here.

*** Processional Hymn No. 260**

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

**please stand as able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

God of compassion and grace, you call us to follow you and to listen to the sound of your voice. But we want to go our own way, listening only to the sound of our desires. You give us food that will fill our souls, and water that will satisfy our thirst for you. Still we wander away, looking for greener grass in other places. Forgive us when we run away from you.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Craig Phillips

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

mer - cy. Lord, _____ have _____ mer - cy.

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Assurance of Pardon

We accept the good news! God's forgiveness is an endless fountain of love, washing us in the waters of eternal life. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen

***Gloria**

Taize

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!

All sing first time; 2nd time lower voices begin; upper voices begin 1 measure later

Anthem

trad.

“Down to the River to Pray”

Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word

Sacrament of Baptism

Today we have the honor of baptizing **Jacob Thomas Wadsworth-Wigger**, son of David Wigger and Amy Wadsworth.

Baptismal Prayer

Jacob Thomas Wadsworth-Wigger, you are a beloved and now baptized Child of God. Live as a child of the light and let your light shine before others. AMEN!

*** Hymn No. 802**

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

St. 2 High Voices
St. 3 Low Voices

From the Living Word

Anna Dillenbeck

John 10:22-30; Revelation 7:9-17

After the readings

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz Jr.

“Let Your Life Speak”

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

Menachem Creditor

“Olam Chesed Yibaneh” (Psalm 89:3)

Sine Nomine Choir

***Alleluia**

Jeannette Sorrell

5 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Al -
- le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical score for an Alleluia. It consists of two staves of music in G major and 6/8 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is written in a simple, rhythmic style. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Al -". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "- le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia." The music ends with a double bar line.

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Going Forth to Live as God's People

*** Closing Hymn No. 729**

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

*** 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 and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written in a simple, rhythmic style. The lyrics are: "3 Lord pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "6 ho - ly, tried and true, With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a". The third staff concludes the melody with the lyrics: "liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you." The music ends with a double bar line.

*** Passing of the Peace**

Postlude

Paul Manz

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”



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

- Margie and Mike Glaros in loving memory of our dear mothers, Eleanor Luff and Leona Glaros, and our dear friend Ann Jones.

Two types of Prayer Requests:

- **If you would like to request prayers** for a personal concern, please use one of the slips of paper in the pew rack. Ushers will collect the requests during the middle hymn and pastors will include them in the congregational prayer.
- **Guests who attend the monthly Abundance Pantry Luncheon** are offered prayer request forms which they turn in if they would like a member of the congregation to pray for them. The following Sunday a member of the church will stand at each exit from the sanctuary after worship to distribute those requests to people who would like to connect with the guests in prayer.

Prayers are requested this week for the following: Barb Cloud, Mark Davidson, Nan Dorer, Dan Fuller, Grace Glaros, Robyn Hales, David Hunter, Darla Character-Johnson, Wanda Nelson, Ron Register, Elizabeth Shaw, Jimmy Strong, Wesley Washington, Chris Wollaeger 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.

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 Jordan Care Group will assist our pastors in meeting members' needs during May. 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 leader (Bader Boland).

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

Thank You to all office volunteers (Nancy, Ellen, Cathy, Jane, Chuck and Anne). You are appreciated!

Flower donations are needed! Are you interested in donating a flower arrangement in honor or in memory of someone? The arrangements are \$45 each and you may donate the flowers (the deacons will find a recipient) or you may take them home. **Please email office@fhcpresb.org if you would like to take this opportunity to help beautify the sanctuary.**

Abundance Pantry News: On May 7, the pantry provided an average of 50 pounds of groceries for 180 families. Monetary donations to the pantry ministry may be made to Forest Hill Church; in the memo line, please write Abundance Pantry or Abundance Lunch. Abundance Pantry is open every Tuesday from 12-3 pm. Volunteers are needed. The next pantry lunch is June 4. **Email Paul Jennings (jennings_paul@att.net)** for more info.

Communion Volunteers Needed! Anyone who is an active member of FHC may serve communion. **If you are willing to add your name to the list of servers please email worship@fhcpresb.org.**

The deadline for the bulletin or weekly email is Tuesday of each week at 5 pm. **The next TOWER deadline** is 05/16/19 at 8:00 am (for the June TOWER). You may submit your written request to office@fhcpresb.org.

Coming Up

TODAY

Are you interested in joining Forest Hill Church? Please reach out to the Church Growth Team (churchgrowth@fhcpresb.org) for more information!

Adult Ed and the Spiritual Formation Ministry 9:30 am in South Hall:

May 19 - "Becoming a More Light Church" - Rev. David Wigger and FHC Youth

May 26 - "How to Read the Bible" – A conversation with the Co-Pastors

Look for the Ministry of Justice and Mission in fellowship hall after service. We will have information on our community grants and you may add your voice to Bread for the World's Offering of Letters. Take this opportunity, in this nationwide effort, to urge Congress to commit to funding global nutrition programs.

Do you know a student that is graduating this year? If so, please fill out the below information and place the information in the collection plate (or give information to the office).

Name: _____

School: _____

THIS WEEK

Bible and Bagels (Bible Study) discusses next Sunday's texts on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 to 8:30. The lessons for this week are **Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-16, John 13:31-35.**

NEXT SUNDAY

Young Adult Brunch! Please join us for a young adult potluck brunch after church on May 19 in Bodwell Hall. Bring your favorite brunch food to share with the group. Children and babies are welcome. **Please RSVP to Charity Stock (CharityRMcDonald@gmail.com).** Hope to see you there!

LOOKING AHEAD

All FHC members and friends! You are invited to the Ron Register Scholarship Awards on Sunday, May 26, 2019. The program begins at 12:30 pm in the sanctuary. Reception will follow. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! If you are willing to help, please email Doris Allen (gramdoll1@att.net) or Diana Woodbridge (Diana@ninhrung.com).**

Come join us.....Our Boy Scout troop would like to invite you to join us at our annual Strawberry Festival on May 31 in the courtyard here at the church at 6 pm. Cost is \$4 and all proceeds help our scouts go to summer camp. We will have strawberries and ice cream and other good desserts along with coffee and lemonade, all while listening to an 80's rock band Ripple which will be performing. It will be a great way to bring in the summer and enjoy good music and good treats and great company. There will be scouts the next few weeks selling tickets after church for your convenience or you may buy them at the door. **Please contact Edie for more information (216-990-8426).**

Calling all PACESETTERS and friends! Saturday, June 1st is Transplant House of Cleveland Spring Clean Up Day and Picnic Lunch. The Pacesetters are partnering with Transplant House of Cleveland (THOC) again this year for a Spring Cleanup Project and Potluck Lunch with THOC guests on Saturday, June 1 from 9:00-12:00. Our crew of Pacesetters will gather at 9 am to spruce up the grounds of THOC (raking, mulching and planting annuals) and to complete a variety of indoor tasks in the guests' living quarters. Bring your own work gloves and garden tools and a potluck dish (salads, veggie trays, fruit, or desserts) to share. Burgers and hot dogs and drinks will be provided. **Please RSVP to Sue Lafferty (salaff@sbcglobal.net or 440-669-4885).**

Say YES to the GCC Housing Team WALK! We are still in need of volunteers for Saturday, June 8 from 1:00 to 4:00. The purpose of the walk is to identify the most blighted properties in the Noble neighborhood, bring them to the attention of the City and get them on the road to recovery. Our GCC Housing Team has made considerable progress in our work toward neighborhood sustainability. This is our next step. Training will be provided at 1:00 on the day of the walk. Please consider joining us. For details and to say YES, contact Kay Dunlap, 216 308 0327, susan.dunlap@sbcglobal.net or Diana Woodridge, 216 291 3745, diana@ninthrung.com.

Your help is needed for a Nicaraguan asylum seeker: Many of you know about Ansly Damus, an asylum seeker from Haiti who was finally granted release with community support and the housing sponsorship from a local couple. Another urgent need has been presented for a Nicaraguan man who has been held at NEOCC (North East Ohio Correctional Center) for six months. His asylum case is progressing but he was denied bond due to lack of community ties. The social worker who is preparing his psychological evaluation for his attorney wrote "His story is very tragic. His prolonged detention is unjust". As people continue to seek asylum this is a concrete way we can respond and make a difference. **Contact Sharon Shumaker (216-659-4114 or sms2924@gmail.com) for more information.**

Youth News

Sun, May 19: Youth Lead More Light Teach-In, 9:30am

Wed, May 22: Session Votes on More Light Proposal, 7:00pm

Sat, May 25: Confirmation Closing (all youth invited to dinner and games portion)

Sun, May 26: CE Celebratory Potluck Breakfast, 9:30am

Sun, June 2: Confirmation Service and Reception

(Sign-up for youth news at: bit.ly/FHCyouth)

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Calendar: May 5-12

Sunday, May 12: Baptism

9:15 am Childcare begins
9:30 am Adult Education
Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)
Youth Education
(gr. 6-12)
10:10 am Pathways (gr. 1-5)
10:30 am Chancel Choir
Continental Breakfast
11:00 am Worship and Children's
Worship Class
12:00 pm Coffee and Conversation

Monday, May 13:

6:00 pm AA: Progress not Perfection
7:00 pm Al Anon: Now There's Hope
Book Club Meeting
7:30 pm AA: Borton Group
Boy Scout Troop #403

Tuesday May 14:

12:00 pm Abundance Pantry
Registration
5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise
Bulletin and Email Deadline

Wednesday, May 15:

7:30 am Bible and Bagels
12:30 pm Wednesday Women's
Group
Staff Meeting
7:00 pm TransFamily Meeting
Program Staff Meeting

Thursday, May 16:

8:00 am TOWER Deadline
1:30 pm English Country Dance
4:00 pm ICE vigil (Public Square)
5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise
5:30 pm Ladies in Training (Drill
Team Practice)
Training the trainer
7:00 pm Lectio Divina

Friday, May 17:

10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand
Excell Head Start
Meeting

Saturday, May 18:

Sunday, May 19:

9:15 am Childcare begins
9:30 am Adult Education
Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)
Youth Education
(gr. 6-12)
10:10 am Pathways (gr. 1-5)
10:30 am Chancel Choir
Continental Breakfast
11:00 am Worship and Children's
Worship Class
12:00 pm Coffee and Conversation
Young Adult Brunch



Family, Youth, Children
ministries

Celebratory Potluck Breakfast

LAST SUNDAY OF THE PROGRAM YEAR:
Sunday, May 26 | 9:30am

For children, youth, parents, families,
teachers, volunteers, staff, and friends of
FYC Ministries.

Please bring a dish to share
to Bodwell Hall.
No RSVP needed.