

Forest Hill Church

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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Service of Worship
May 19, 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 (Rev. 21, Ps 148)

“This is a new day, full of promise and new life. Praise God for this glorious gift.”

Welcome

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship (Acts 11, Ps. 148, John 13)

Dorothy Herd

Gathered as one, welcoming all,

We worship as a community of love.

Gathered in love, giving thanks for life,

We come to sing God’s praises.

*** Processional Hymn No. 641**

“When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

St. 3 High Voices St. 4 Low Voices

**please stand as able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession (Acts 11, John 13)

Risen Christ, rise in our hearts and in our lives.

Bring new life into our midst when death threatens our hope.

Expand our love within our communities when love is in short supply.

Grant mercy in our world when sin and shadows threaten the peace.

Resurrect us with your grace, and raise us up as new creations in your love.

With joyful gratitude, we pray. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Betty Pulkingham

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Words of Assurance (Rev. 21, John 13)

Christ quenches our thirst for mercy, and feeds our hunger for grace.

In the love of the risen Christ, we are resurrected with forgiveness and compassion;

Be at peace, and trust God's forgiveness.

We are new creatures in a love that never ends.

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

*Gloria

Taize

5
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

American Shaker melody;
Lyrics by Julian Cole

“Lord of the Dance”

Descant Choir; soloists: Margaret Dyck, Ryan Hidek, Sadie Castillo Keefe

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Children's Moment/Family Meditation

Rev. David Wigger

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

* Hymn No. 450

“Be Thou My Vision”

From the Living Word

Dorothy Herd

Revelation 21:1-6 (page 1,007); John 13:31-35 (page 877) (NRSV)

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

“I Can Only Imagine”

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

Anne Wilson; poem by Dan Rourke

“Love is the Only Response”

Laura Minder, soloist

***Alleluia**

Jeannette Sorrell

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

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

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Going Forth to Live as God's People

*** Closing Hymn No. 772**

"Live Into Hope"

*** 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 score is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score ends with a double bar line.

*** Passing of the Peace**

Postlude

Pietro Yon

"L'Organo Primitivo"



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

- Lisa Koops and family in honor of their grandparents.

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: 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, Ann Williams 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 14, 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 06/13/19 at 8:00 am (for the July TOWER). You may submit your written request to office@fhcpresb.org.

The office is closed Monday, May 27. All groups will meet as scheduled.

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

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: _____

Young Adult Brunch! Please join us for a young adult potluck brunch after church in Bodwell Hall.

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 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22-22.5; John 5:1-9.**

Women of FHC and Iris Circle! We will enjoy a Pot Luck lunch and Bible study Session with Pastor Goines in Bodwell hall on Tuesday, May 21 at 12. This is always a thoughtful learning experience as well as great fellowship. All women are welcome!

NEXT SUNDAY

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@ninthrung.com).

LOOKING AHEAD

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

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

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

Sun, June 2: Confirmation Service and Reception

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

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Calendar: May 19-26

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

Monday, May 20:

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 21:

12:00 pm Abundance Pantry
Registration
Iris Circle Bible Study
5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise
Bulletin and Email Deadline
6:00 pm Adult Ed. Meeting
7:00 pm Black History Meeting

Wednesday, May 22:

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

Thursday, May 23:

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)
7:00 pm Lectio Divina

Friday, May 24:

10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand
3:00 pm Excell Graduation

Saturday, May 25:

4:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal

Sunday, May 26:

9:15 am Childcare begins
9:30 am Adult Education
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CE Potluck Breakfast
11:00 am Worship and Children's
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12:00 pm Coffee and Conversation
12:30 pm Ron Register Reception
1:00 pm Wedding Ceremony

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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.