

Forest Hill Church
Service of Worship (Fellowship Hall)
September 1, 2019 at 10:00 am

This morning we celebrate the Eucharist (the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion). We celebrate the Eucharist by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup). We also provide a gluten-free alternative, so that all may freely partake.

Centering Words

Well taught is the doctrine: Lead a holy life for the extinction of suffering.
--source unknown

Welcome

Prelude

Shaker melody

"Tis a Gift to Be Simple"

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship (Hebrews 13)

Jennifer Blakeney

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers.

The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you. Imitate their faith.

Through Christ, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God.

Let us worship God!

*** Opening Hymn No. 401**

"Gather Us In"

**please stand as able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, cleanse our hearts of any ill that we hold against neighbors, when they do not think as we do. If they behave differently, we assign labels. We choose as our guests those we deem worthy of places of honor within our households. Yet through Christ you opened heaven to all without regard to their status in society. Forgive our inability, our unwillingness to do the same. Save us from all pride and prejudice in our dealings with your children.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)

Puerto Rico

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Words of Assurance

God's love encourages growth and fosters healthy relationships.

Yes. Love that is of God is stubborn, forgiving, and unconditional-not just when the object of that love is the other but also when the object is the self.

This is how we begin to learn of God's love.

Beloved, let us love one another as God has loved us.

***Response**

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.

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Scripture Passages

Jennifer Blakeney

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz Jr.

"On Common Ground: The Beloved Community Coming into View"

Ritual of Friendship/ Offering

Offertory

W. A. Mozart, arr. Walter Ehret

"Praise the Lord, Our God, Forever"

***Response**

South Africa

Ha - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais-es, all our
 3 hearts with glad-ness are filled. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
 6 prais-es, all our hearts with glad-ness are filled. Now he
 9 sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong of
 13 faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy-ful Good News. *repeat first part*

Eucharist

Invitation/Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Sanctus

arr. Richard Proulx

“American folk melody”

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.

Communion of the People

Music during Communion

Carlton Young

“In the Singing”

Prayer after Communion

Going Forth to Live as God’s People

*** Closing Hymn No. 298**

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

Stanza 1
Stanza 2
Stanza 3

*** Commission and Blessing**

*** Choral Benediction No. 701**

“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

Improvisation



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:

- Rachel Martinez-Finn in memory of loved ones.
- Cliff and Jane Kowall to the glory of God.

Prayers are requested this week for the following: Mark Davidson, Robyn Hales, Steve Hoiser, David Hunter, Allan Khoury, Elizabeth Shaw, Beverly and Harold Thomas, and Wesley Washington.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Nan Dorer, 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 Nazareth Care Group* will assist our pastors in meeting members' needs during **September**. 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 (Chris Bell)**.

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

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

The deadline for the bulletin or weekly email is Tuesday of each week at 5 pm. **The next TOWER deadline** is 09/12/19 at 8:00 am. You may submit your written request to office@fhcpresb.org.

Coming Up

TODAY

Please start saving your egg cartons again! Place all donated egg cartons in the pantry shopping cart.

Today we welcome the Orcha-band--our home-grown group of instrumentalists: Flute: Lisa Koops; Recorder: Anne Wilson; Violin: Margaret Brouwer and Linnea Koops; Viola: Anne Hunter and Julia Koops; Bassoon: Jed Koops; Baritone: Seth Ungemach; Guitars: Ralph Dise and Kurt Haas; Percussion: Carolyn Smith.

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: **Jer. 18:1-11, Psalm 139: 1-6 and 13-18, Luke 14:25-33 and Philem. 1-21.**

Hts. Friends of Immigrants will meet Tuesday, **September 3** at 7pm in South Hall. Join others for updates on immigration issues and ways to become more involved and take action. For more information contact Sharon Shumaker sms2924@gmail.com.

The choirs are resuming rehearsals this week and complete information is available in the Tower. Anne Wilson would love to chat with anyone who has questions after the service.

NEXT WEEK

Adult Education will begin the fall Kerygma class September 8, at 9:30 am in South Hall. Pastor Goines will kick off the study with the book of Job (individual classes begin September 15)!

LOOKING AHEAD

Fall Family Bash! @ Horseshoe Lake-Saturday, September 14 - 4pm. Families, children, and youth: Join us for an evening of food and family fellowship at the Horseshoe Lake Pavilion in Shaker Heights. Food will be provided. **Please RSVP to David Wigger: ce@fhcpresb.org by Monday, September 9, including any dietary restrictions.**

Adult Education with Pastor Lentz-starting September 15 at 9:30 in Chapel: "Saving Jesus," a video series listening to scholars talk about the relevance of Jesus for the 21st century. If you liked "Living the Questions," you will like this!

Pacesetter September Event: Join us for a Metropark hike and picnic in the morning/noon on **Saturday September, 21.** Contact Mark Wedell (mark.wedell@averydennison.com or 440-497-8945) or Carol Wedell (carolwedell@gmail.com or 216-470-0152) if you plan or think you want to attend. We will select a variety of hiking paths (in difficulty/length) based on the interests of those who sign up.

Are you interested in becoming part of our Forest Hill Church Community? If so, our next Exploring Membership Classes will be offered: **Sunday, September 22nd & Sunday September 29th.** Both classes will be in Bodwell Hall from 12:30 to 2:00 pm. A lite lunch will be provided. Childcare can be available, if needed. Those who decide to join will do so in October. **If/when you know you want to attend, email Diana@ninthrung.com.**

Pacesetter October Event: Mark your calendar for a movie night on **Saturday October, 26.**

IMMIGRATION: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

How did we get here? Why the crisis now?
Who is in charge? What can Congress do about these issues?
Why separate families?
What can we do? And so on. . .

Wednesday, September 04, 2019, 7:00 pm
Noble Road Presbyterian Church: Fellowship Hall
2780 Noble Road
Cleveland Heights, OH 44121
216.382.0660

Presentations by:
Interreligious Task Force on Central America
Representative from Sherrod Brown's office
US Together (Refugee Resettlement Agency)
Representative from Forest Hill Presbyterian Church

Calendar: September 1-8

Sunday, September 1: Last summer service

9:00 am Childcare begins
Adult Education
9:30 pm Continental Breakfast
10:00 am Worship service in Fellowship Hall
11:00 pm Coffee and Conversation

Monday, September 2: Office Closed

6:00 pm AA: Progress not Perfection
7:00 pm Al Anon: Now There's Hope
OA Big Book Meeting
7:30 pm AA: Borton Group

Tuesday September 3:

12:00 pm Abundance Pantry
Registration and Lunch
5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise
Bulletin and Email Deadline
7:00 pm Hts. Friends of Immigrants

Wednesday, September 4:

7:30 am Bible and Bagels
12:00 pm Staff Meeting
12:30 pm Wednesday Women's Group
7:00 pm Bible Study: Speak Life
Immigration: Questions and Answers

Thursday, September 5: Anniversary of Leonor arriving

1:30 pm English Country Dance
5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise

Friday, September 6:

10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand
1:00 pm Memorial service and Reception for Pam Pim

Saturday, September 7:

8:00 am Men's Group
11:00 am Baby Shower

Sunday, September 8: Fall Kick-Off

9:15 am Childcare begins
9:30 am Adult Education
Youth Education
Descant Choir
10:10 am Pathways
10:30 pm Continental Breakfast
Chancel Choir
11:00 am Worship and Children's Worship
12:00 pm Coffee and Conversation
12:00 pm Fall Kick-Off with the dunk tank

Staff Emails

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Dear Church Family,

Greetings from Washington D.C! Thank you for the beautiful blessing I received the Sunday before I left! Until July 2020, I will be living in intentional community with 5 other Young Adult Volunteers (YAVs), and working as a "Street Outreach Specialist" with the non-profit Everyone Home DC (focuses on the homeless population). This YAV year is a program of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

I am not the first person from Forest Hill to be a YAV. As you may or may not know, Sophie Beal, David Wigger and Amy Wadsworth were all YAVs.

One of my responsibilities is to raise \$4,000 to help offset the cost of the year long program. Your support will help cover housing, medical insurance and a small monthly stipend. If you wish to make a contribution go to:

1. <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/yav/yav-new/jack-lentz/>
2. Once you are there, click on the blue button that says "SUPPORT JACK"
3. You will then be taken to a green page with a yellow button that says "GIVE". Click on it.
4. On the next page, you will be asked how much you would like to give. When you have decided, click "NEXT".
5. Follow the instructions on the next page and in the section where you are asked to give your billing instructions, under the COMMENTS section at the bottom of the page, type my name (Jack Lentz) and "E 051477". This number is very important to make sure your donation goes straight to me.

To give by phone, call 800-872-3283 and say that you would like to donate money for Jack Lentz and give them the number "E 051477."

If you would rather send a check, please write my name "Jack Lentz" and "E 051477" on the memo line and mail the check to:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

Thank you very much. Keep praying for me. See you at Christmas!

-Jack

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