

Forest Hill Church
Service of Worship
November 3, 2019 at 11:00 am

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.
Please sign in and join us in wearing a name tag so that we might greet you.

Centering Words/ Prayer of Preparation (Hab. 2)

Stand at your watchpost and watch for a vision. If it seems to tarry, wait for it.
It will surely come. It will not delay.

Welcome

Choral Introit

Ray Makeever

"Come, Let Us Worship God"
Sine Nomine Choir

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship (Hab. 1, 2):

Chris Bell

Stand at your watchpost and wait for the Lord.

We wait for a vision of truth and hope.

Stand at your watchpost and pray to the Lord.

We pray for justice and righteousness.

Stand at your watchpost and trust in the Lord.

We trust the one who hears our cries and vindicates the pure of heart.

Stand at your watchpost and worship the Lord.

*** Processional Hymn No. 307**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

**please stand as able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession (Hab. 1, 2):

God of new beginnings, come to us in our need, for we are weary and afraid; hear our pleas for mercy, for we are tired and beat down; respond to our longing for friendship, for we are despondent and losing hope. Giver of visions and bestower of every blessing, we yearn to know the hope to which we are called. Heal us with your mercy and compassion that our faith may be rekindled and your salvation may visit our homes this day.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie Eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

John Merbecke

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

The Assurance of Pardon (in unison-Luke 19)

Christ came to save the least and the lost, the hopeful and the expectant, and all who long for fullness of life. Today, salvation has come to this house of worship, for in Christ, we are God's beloved children, forgiven and made whole, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

All sing first time. Second time: low voices, begin; high voices enter two measures later; children and youth enter two measures after that.

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Children's Moment

Rev. David Wigger

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

Scripture Passages

Habakkuk 1:1-4-2:1-4 (page762)

Chris Bell

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

"How Long, O Lord? Righting the Vision"

Ritual of Friendship/ Offering

Offertory

Charles Gabriel, arr. Rollo Dilworth

*"I Sing Because I'm Happy"
(Contemporary gospel song)*

***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**

Eucharist

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

arr. Richard Proulx

“American folk melody”

Prayers of the People /The 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

arr. Melva Costen

“Let Us Break Bread Together”
(African American spiritual)

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Going Forth to Live as God’s People

*** Closing Hymn No. 450**

“Be Thou My Vision”

St.2-High Voices
St.3-Men Voices

*** 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

Henry Purcell

“Rondeau”

Liturgy shaped by B.J. Beu and Mary Scifres, The Abington Worship Manual 2019, pp. 232-233; Book of Common Worship, p.137



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:

Chris and Dave Bell in memory of Chris' mother, Betty Ann Conklin.

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.

Prayers are requested this week for the following: Cheryl Anderson, Barb Cloud, David Dorer, David Hunter, Joanna Klingenstein, David Sicking, Elizabeth Shaw, Beverly and Harold Thomas, Grace Uhle.

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 Mt. Sinai Care Group* will assist our pastors in meeting members' needs during **November**. 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, Tish Van Beers-Klein**.

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

Thank you all office volunteers: Kathy Hanna- Stauffer, Ellen McChesney, Cathy Ghiandoni, Pat Jenkins, Lynda Bernays and Anne Smith. You are appreciated!

Thank you sound board team: David Bell, Bader Boland, Alex Heston, and Steve Marunowski.

The deadline for the bulletin or weekly email is Tuesday of each week at 5 pm. The next TOWER deadline is **11/14/19 at 8:00 am**. You may submit your written request to office@fhcpresb.org.

To stay up to date on family programming, please subscribe to the Christian Education Newsletter: bit.ly/ceNewsletter.

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

The first half of the 2020 Stewardship Campaign has come to an end. As of Recommitment Sunday, there were 122 pledges received totaling \$456,137.00. This takes us to 56% of our goal. Thank you to all who have demonstrated their support of Forest Hill Church during the 2020 Stewardship Campaign. We still have work to do to reach our goal. If you have not submitted your pledge, please prayerfully consider lending your financial support to Forest Hill Church which enables us to do the necessary work of building the Beloved Community. **The Forest Hill Church "Swag" winners are:** *Dene Young- First Pledge Card received (not from church leadership), Patricia Jenkins Bowman- submitted a pledge card with a Gold Leaf by Recommitment Sunday, Melissa Baumgartner- submitted pledge card with Gold Leaf by Recommitment Sunday, Susan Way- submitted a pledge card obtained when she visited the Stewardship table at the Mission Fair.* **Congratulations and thank you for your commitment to Forest Hill Church! - The Ministry of Stewardship.**

Coming Up

TODAY

This afternoon at 4 pm is the last chance to see the Heights High musical, "**Damn Yankees.**" Many FHC young people have lead roles in the show: Sydney Ball, Will Davis, Charlotte Pizel, Chip Vandall and Rowan Trammell.

InterReligious Task Force On Sunday, November 3, 2019, IRTF will commemorate the 39th anniversary of the sacrifice of these Cleveland missionaries at its annual Human Rights Banquet, being held at Beaumont School in Cleveland Heights, 4-8 pm. **Please contact Jeff Smith (jeffsmith2756@gmail.com, 216-932-2932) for more information.**

Group/Hilltoppers-We will be attending the Cleveland Heights musical "Damn Yankees" on **Sunday, November 3 at 4:00 pm**. There are five students from FHC Choir in starring roles!! **For tickets, please call 216-320-3105 or go to ClevelandHeightsChoirs.com**. Each person is responsible for purchasing their own ticket, \$12, \$10, or \$8. We will have dinner at Boss Dog on Lee Road after the show.

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: **Joel 2:23-32, Psalm 65, Luke 18:9-14 and 2 Tim. 4:6-8, 16-18.**

"Fiber and Fellowship" -Our first meeting was a wonderful success with 4 knitters and 3 quilters attending. We had a stitchin' good time! Next meeting is **November 9 at 9 am**. Please contact **Carol (216-598-9730) or Chris (chris3040@aol.com)** for more details.

NEXT WEEK

Adult Education at 9:30 am located in Bodwell and South Hall through November: "Job and the Life of Faith." If you would like more information or if you would like to purchase a copy of the book, please contact **Pat Seeders (plseeders@gmail.com)**.

Adult Education with Pastor Lentz 9:30 am in the Chapel: "Saving Jesus," a video series listening to scholars talk about the relevance of Jesus for the 21st century.

Please join us for a special *Compline* service, November 10, at 7 pm. It's particularly peaceful to be in our candle-lit sanctuary at night. At this service, we will honor the memory of poet Dan Rourke.

Exploring the racial equity buddy concept! Please join us on **November 10** at 12:30 pm in Bodwell Hall. Dr. Mark Joseph will lead the workshop that will focus on exploring and encouraging racial equity throughout the church. Want to help? We need table facilitators who will help lead a brief reflective conversation at the start of our session. If you are interested in assisting, join us **November 3** after church for a brief training (we'll share conversation prompts and handouts!). **You may pre-register at <http://bit.ly/RacialEquityBuddiesRegistrationForm>.** We look forward to working with you!

LOOKING AHEAD

Kids' Movie Night/Grown-ups' Evening Out-Saturday, November 16 from 4:00-7:30 pm: Drop off your kids at Forest Hill Church and enjoy an evening out. We will have pizza, watch a movie, and play some games. Nursery care will also be available. The event is free, but we will have a free-will donation as a fundraiser for the youth group.

Families must sign-up by Thursday, November 14: bit.ly/kidsmovienight.

Small Plates

Bread Making: The Spiritual Practice of Gratitude, Presence, and Care

Join us to explore breads from different cultures and even try our hand at making bread for our own Forest Hill communion service. **To register email Chris Henry at cehenry@ameritech.net, or Deanne Lentz at Lentz.Deanne@gmail.com.**

11/9	10:00 -- noon	Hot Water Cornbread, with guest chef Robin Hales
11/16	10:00 – noon	Irish Soda Bread with guest chef Bill Finn
11/23	10:00 – noon	Thanksgiving Bread, TBD

Yoga for Women of Color

For a variety of reasons, the spiritual practice of Yoga has not been fully accessible to people of color in American society. This class offers a place for women of color to learn and explore this spiritual practice. While the class - lead by Dawn Rivers of Daybreak Yoga – this is specifically designed for new practitioners and all skill levels are welcome. Five Sessions are offered on **November 16, 23, 30, and December 14, 21 at 1:30 pm in Bodwell Hall**. Cost is \$12 per session. Spread the word! This small plate is intended for women of color, whether they attend Forest Hill Church or not. **For more information, contact Marcie Denton at marciedenton70@gmail.com.**

“White Fragility” Book Discussion Group:

Come explore the book "White Fragility: Why it's so hard for white people to talk about racism" by Robin DiAngelo. This small group will read together and uncover the issues that make racism such a challenging topic for white people to deeply engage. Through study and conversation, become more aware of the barriers that prevent each of us from becoming active allies in the work of racial justice and reconciliation. **Beginning on October 20, we will meet weekly on Sunday afternoons from 5 – 6 in the Faith Leader Room (next to the Chapel). The class will conclude on November 24.** COST: \$15 will cover the cost of the text and supporting materials. **Email Todd Webster with any questions toddwebster1967@gmail.com.**

*****Forest Hill is a community, and we are here to help each other out. If the cost for any of these Small Plates could be a barrier to your participation, please contact one of the organizers. *****

Pantry Request for Gift Items and Reusable Bags

The Abundance Food Pantry here at our church would like some help in setting up a holiday gift shop again this year. This will enable our pantry guests to give gifts to the youngsters in their lives. Please help us gather things like toys, games, puzzles, stuffed animals, children’s books, crayons, wrapping paper, and Christmas decorations. These can be your own used items, goodwill items, or dollar store items. The idea is to let our pantry guests do the wrapping. From now until Christmas, please put your items in the box marked “Pantry Gift Items” on the stage in fellowship hall. We would also need reusable bags, since the single-use bags will be prohibited starting on January 1st. If you prefer to give a donation, please write a check to Forest Hill Church and put “Food Pantry” in the memo line. **Contact Paul at jennings_paul@att.net or 440-570-6736, if you are interested in volunteering for the pantry.**

Adult Education's Advent Program

Advent: It's not just a WREATH; what are you waiting for?

December 1: What are we waiting for? The History and Significance of Advent.

December 8: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel": Depression, Generalized Anxiety, and Seasonal Affective Disorder-Exploring the spiritual and psychological implications of Advent.

December 15: Advent in the Bible-A panel discussion of the lectionary texts.

December 22: Music of Advent, both old and new.

December 29: Christmas Celebration! A breakfast for the entire church family at 9:30 am. Main entrée will be provided. Bring a sweet treat to share with your church family.

Please contact Pat Seeders (216-832-7915 or @plseeders@gmail.com) for more information.

A Latino mother of four has critical needs since the children's father, the family bread winner, was recently deported. Your donation to this event will help to inspire hope and contribute to the well-being of immigrants and their families as they seek legal status in the U.S. A fundraising event hosted by Americans Making Immigrants Safe (AMIS). Send a check to:

AMIS, P.O. Box 18558, Cleveland Heights, OH 44118 or

Register online at AmisOhio.org

RSVP by Monday, November 11, 2019

"God before Guns"-Come hear The Rev. Sharon Risher and enjoy lunch prepared by Morag Keefe at 11 am on **Saturday, November 16** in Fellowship Hall. Sponsored by God Before Guns and FHC Ministry for Justice and Mission. On June 17, 2015, a White Supremacist opened fire during bible study at Mother Emanuel Church in Charleston, SC. killing 9 people. Rev. Risher's mother, two cousins, and a lifelong friend were among the dead. We invite you to join us for a luncheon where we will hear the compelling story that led her to activism. It is a message of hope and challenge. Tickets are \$25 and a copy of her book is included. **Please register for the luncheon on the website (<https://www.godbeforeguns.org/>).**

PACESETTERS KARAOKE PARTY ---The Dugards' and Heinemans' will host a karaoke party at the home of Roger and Consuelo Heineman, 2446 Kenilworth Rd., on **Saturday, November 16, at 7 pm – 11 pm**. Come and enjoy a fun-filled evening of fellowship and music. We'll sing our favorite pop and rock songs of the 60s, 70s and 80s as John Dugard spins all the hits on his karaoke machine. If you missed our first one you don't want to miss again. We'll have some new tunes too. If you have a favorite song let us know before November 4 and we'll try to purchase it. We'll have lots of snacks but feel free to bring something and your favorite! We encourage new members to join in the fun too. John Lentz might even sing "Proud Mary" again and Dugard does a great Michael Jackson. **Please RSVP in person, text or email by 11-15-19.**

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John Dugard 216-371-7747 romans.chap8@gmail.com

Calendar: November 3-10

Sunday, November 3: Daylight Saving

12:00 pm Coffee and Conversation
Racial Equity Buddy Training
2:00 pm Messiah Chorus Rehearsal
4:00 pm Group/Hilltoppers outing
IRTF Banquet
5:00 pm Small Plates Discussion
House Church
7:00 pm Promises on Sunday

Monday, November 4:

4:00 pm PNP Anniversary Dinner
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 November 5:

12:00 pm Abundance Pantry
Registration
5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise
Bulletin and Email Deadline
6:30 pm Black History Meeting

Wednesday, November 6:

7:30 am Bible and Bagels
12:00 pm Staff Meeting
12:30 pm Wednesday Women's Group
7:00 pm Speak Life Bible Study
Jung Education Workshop

Thursday, November 7:

1:30 pm English Country Dance
5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise
6:20 pm Voices in Bronze
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, November 8:

10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand

Saturday, November 9:

9:00 am Fiber and Fellowship
10:00 am Bread Making (Small Plates)

Sunday, November 10:

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
Black Caucus Meeting
Sine Nomine Choir Rehearsal
2:00 pm Messiah Chorus Rehearsal
4:00 pm Group/Hilltoppers outing
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