



*Discovering God's call, celebrating the Spirit's presence,
Witnessing to Christ's transformative power!*

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Service of Worship

January 18, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.

If you are visiting, please print your name on a name tag and wear it so that we might greet you. Large print editions of the Bible, the Hymnal, and today's bulletin as well as hearing devices are available from the ushers on request.

■■■ *Prayer of Preparation*

O God, you created all people in your image. We thank you for the astonishing variety of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of friendship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Welcome

The Prelude

"My Lord, What a Morning"

S. Glick

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

The Choral Introit

The Call to Worship

Laurie Muller-Girard

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: O praise the Lord with me.

People: Let us exalt God's name together.

*** The Processional Hymn No. 563**

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

The Litany of Confession Rev. Clover Beal

Leader: Almighty God: you alone are good and holy. Purify our lives and make us brave disciples. We do not ask you to keep us safe, but to keep us loyal, so we may serve Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Leader: From lack of reverence for truth and beauty; from a calculating or sentimental mind;

People: O God, deliver us.

Leader: From cowardice that dares not face the truth; laziness content with half-truths or arrogance that thinks we know it all;

People: O God deliver us.

Leader: From being dull, pompous or rude; from putting down our neighbors;

People: O God deliver us.

Leader: From cynicism about others; from intolerance or cruel indifference;

People: O God deliver us.

Leader: From being satisfied with things as they are, in the church or in the world; from failing to share your indignation about injustice;

People: O God deliver us.

Leader: From token concern for the poor, for lonely or loveless people; from confusing faith with good feeling, or love with wanting to be loved;

People: O God deliver us.

Leader: For everything in us that may hide your light;

People: O God deliver us.

Leader: O God, of light and life, forgive us.

A Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison *(Lord, have mercy)* A. Webster

■ ■ ■ *Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

The Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria, Gloria No. 576**

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!
*2nd time, men begin; women begin 2 measures later;
Children and youth begin 2 measures after that.*

The Anthem spiritual

“Great Day”
Sine Nomine Choir

■ ■ ■ *Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word*

The Scripture Lesson 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (p. 215)

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

*** Hymn No. 440**

“In Christ There Is No East or West”
Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

The Sermon Dr. John Lentz

“Are We Listening?”

The Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer *please use debts, debtors*

The Ritual of Friendship *all are asked to sign the tablets as a record of attendance*

The Offertory P. Halley

“Sound Over All Waters”
Beth Zych, soprano

This song was dedicated to Coretta Scott King, widow of Martin Luther King, Jr.

*** The 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.

■ ■ ■ *Going Forth to Live as God’s People*

*** The Closing Hymn No. 298**

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

*** The Commission and Blessing**

*** The Choral Benediction**

*** The Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *The Postlude*

J. Utterback

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”



The crucifer today is Sophie Beal.

■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers this morning are given by Grace Uhle in memory of Tom Uhle, and by Joe and Betsy Andrews in loving memory of Joe’s mother and father, Mary and Clifford Andrews, and Mary’s mother and father, Agnes and Leonard Cooper.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Wendy Anderson	Frances Frey	Jill Roberts
Dick Bloomquist	Rose Gehring	Austin Schwaderer
Allen Bloomquist	Charles Gilbert	George Sentell
Ralph and Molly Dise	Jason Himmelsteib	Debbie Ungemach
Fran and Pat Drake	Jane Little	Dennis Wedding
Daniel Eloff	Rebecca Martin	Doug, Marcie and Lucy Harvey
	Jeff Phillips	

We invite you to write prayer requests on a slip of paper from the envelope rack and pass it to an usher during the singing of the middle hymn, to be included in the prayers later in the service.

This Month’s Ushers

Kevin Stauffer, Lead Usher; Joe Andrews, Nick Baumgartner, Bill Currie, Kay Currie, Charles Ishler, Jane Ishler, Kate Monaghan, Daryl Musick, Victoria Sampson. Sam Manu, Head Usher

Nursery care for babies and young children is available on the second floor of the Monticello Wing.

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

TODAY

Welcome Visitors!

Please stop by the Visitor Information table in the Courtyard Foyer following worship. We’re looking forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Visitor welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex.

THIS WEEK

Bible and Bagels

Bible and Bagels meets Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Jin Room. All are welcome! This Wednesday’s lesson: **Psalms 62: 5-12.**

Yoga

The yoga class meets Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. All are welcome to join as a drop-in or a regular. The cost is \$10 per session.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education: 9:30 in South Hall

Reformed and Always Reforming: An Exploration of Calvin, Luther and Zwingli

LOOKING AHEAD

Homeless Stand Down 2009

The Ministry of Justice & Mission is again collecting your gifts of personal care kits as part of InterAct Cleveland’s assistance to homeless men and women this winter. Components needed, hygiene products vital to maintaining good overall health, are listed on the Kiosk in Fellowship Hall. Please bring completed kits to church no later than Sunday, January 25th.

Popcorn Closeout Sale

Cub Scout Pack 36 and Boy Scout Troop 403 of Forest Hill Church wish to thank everyone for their generous support during our popcorn fundraisers. Your purchases help provide program support and materials for activities that help to build character in our future leaders. As usual we have a few boxes and cans of unsold popcorn and we would like to offer it at a significant discount to Forest Hill congregants on a first-come, first-served basis! We invite you to check out our "scout specials" in Fellowship Hall after worship, or call the Schellenbergs at 216-321-6720.

Iconic American Photographs

Our 7th *Art and Music Night* will be held on Friday, January 30 at 7:30 p.m. The topic for the evening will be **Iconic American Photographs** (think of Jacqueline Kennedy and her young son mourning at the funeral of the president, heartbreaking photos of migrant workers in the 30s, Marilyn Monroe in Times Square). We'll take a look at American history through photographs and discuss what makes a photograph one which later generations will cherish. Come enjoy beautiful slides, live music and insightful commentary. Please invite your music- and art-loving friends to this evening.

Social Groups and Circles

The Group (*singles and couples 50 – 70 ish*)

The Group will meet to watch the Super Bowl on February 1, 2009 at the home of Anne and David Hunter (853 Hardwood, Gates Mills). Please contact Cathy Ghiandoni (cgghiandoni@aol.com or 216-691-1905) for reservations and food assignment.

Iris Circle (*all women of the church*)

Iris Circle will not meet in January. The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2009.

Care Group

The Corinth Care Group is responsible for 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.

★ Members of this month's Care group are:

Ed Briskey, Deacon leader	Tom & Diane McFiggen
Joan Bacon	Kate Monaghan
Molly Bergman	Margery & James Nokes
John & Patricia Borthwick	Linn & Melody Obery & family
Jeffrey & Kathy Cameron	David & Susanne Peterjohn & family
Barbara Cloud and family	Bill Proudfit
Nancy Crawford	Susan & Randy Reese & family
Joy Ferguson	Ron Schmidt
Emma Jane Gibbs	Sandy Schultz
Kurt Haas & Dee Dee Pim	Dan & Joanne Shaner & family
Sylvia Herd	Vincent Taylor & family
Robert & Lisa Higgs & family	Bobbi van Dijk
Brian & Tish Klein & family	Kevin & Jill White & family
John & Deanne Lentz & family	Dene Young

■■■ *FHC Youth*

Today: MOB: Sr High, 5 p.m.

This Week: The Gift of Sexuality Retreat – January 23 - 24.

■■■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62: 5-12; 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31; Mark 1: 14-20. As part of your daily devotions, read the lessons. What image or word catches your attention? How do they settle or challenge you? Keep notes of your observations in a journal. Set aside part of each day for prayer and study. The lectionary readings for each Sunday are included in the "Sundays in January" page of the **TOWER**.

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Take a look at the new website

Same address: www.fhcpresb.org

New updated content

■ ■ ■ *Calendar: January 18 - 25, 2009*

Sunday, January 18

9:30 Child care begins
 Adult and Youth Education
 Confirmation class
 Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)
 10:15 Descant Choir activity
 10:30 Chancel Choir
 Continental Breakfast
 11:00 Little Explorers (3 and 4 year olds)
 Children in Worship (older 4s, k)
 WORSHIP
 Pathways to the Promise Land gr. 1-5
 12:15 Lunch
 12:45 Annual Meeting of the Congregation
 5:00 Faith Leader class
 MOB: Sr. High

Monday, January 19

Martin Luther King Day – office closed

7:00 p.m. Sycamore Group
 7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA)
 Boy Scout Trp #403
 Cub Scout Pack #36 (dens)

Tuesday, January 20

7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #36 (dens)
 Mid High Bible Study

Wednesday, January 21

7:30 a.m. Bible & Bagels
 10:00 a.m. TOWER collators
 12:30 p.m. Bullshevicks
 5:30 p.m. Yoga

Thursday, January 22

6:20 p.m. Voices in Bronze
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, January 23

7:00 p.m. Session Retreat (River's Edge)
 Gift of Sexuality Retreat (parents)

Saturday, January 24

9:00 a.m. CEIRS: The Gospel of John
 Gift of Sexuality Retreat (youth)

Sunday, January 25

Ordination and Installation of Officers

9:30 Child care begins
 Adult and Youth Education
 Confirmation class
 Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)
 10:15 Descant Choir activity
 10:30 Chancel Choir
 Continental Breakfast
 11:00 Little Explorers (3 and 4 year olds)
 Children in Worship (older 4s, k)
 WORSHIP: Ordination and
 Installation of Officers
 Pathways to the Promise Land gr. 1-5
 12:15 Coffee hour
 Teacher/Volunteer lunch
 Sine Nomine Choir
 5:00 Faith Leader class
 MOB: Sr. High

Presbyterian Disaster Relief: Out of Chaos, Hope

The current crisis in Gaza requires massive amounts of humanitarian aid. In many areas there is no safe shelter, medical care, food, water or electricity. The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is making aid available. Here is what you can do:

- **GIVE** - write a check to the PC(USA) and make sure to designate your gift with DR000081. Place your check in the offering plate or Becky's mail box and we will forward it.
- **PRAY** for peace and reconciliation
- **STAY INFORMED** – Lynda will be sending periodic updates via email from the denomination.

On August 28, 1963, Martin Luther King spoke at the conclusion of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

The assembled masses had marched down the Washington Mall from the Washington Monument to the Lincoln Memorial, heard songs from Bob Dylan and Joan Baez, and heard speeches by actor Charlton Heston, NAACP president Roy Wilkins, and future U.S. Representative from Georgia John Lewis.

King's appearance was the last of the event; the closing speech was carried live on major television networks. On the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, King evoked the name of Lincoln in his "I Have a Dream" speech, which is credited with mobilizing supporters of desegregation and prompted the 1964 Civil Rights Act. The next year, King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

The following is the exact text of the concluding paragraphs of the spoken speech, transcribed from recordings.

To see the full speech, go to: <http://www.usconstitution.net/dream.html>

I say to you today, my friends, so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal."

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day, down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of interposition and nullification; one day right there in Alabama, little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith that I go back to the South with. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with a new meaning, "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring."

And if America is to be a great nation this must become true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania!

Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado!

Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California!

But not only that; let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia!

Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee!

Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

And when this happens, when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! free at last! thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"