



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

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Service of Worship

November 1, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

All Saints' Day

Celebration of Communion

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*

Lord, make us children of quietness and heirs of peace; kindle in us the fire of your love and strengthen our weakness by your power as we become close to you and to each other. Amen.

from the Syrian Church

Welcome

The Prelude

"Gavotte"
Hal Roosa, cello

J. B. Lully

■ ■ ■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

The Choral Introit

The Call to Worship

Beth Zych

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of God's praise be heard.

**People: Bless the Lord, O My Soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.**

Leader: For God has done great things; God's blessings outnumber the stars.

People: For we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

Leader: With hearts and voices lifted, let us worship God.

*** The Processional Hymn No. 526**

"For All the Saints"

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

The Prayer of Confession Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.
Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

A Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison *(Lord, have mercy)* M. Obery

■ ■ ■ *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.*

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

Minute for Mission Jon House
"New Consecration Sunday"

The Scripture Lesson Ruth 1: 1-18 (p. 210)
After the reading
Leader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon Rev. Clover Reuter Beal
"The Power of Blessing"

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

The Offering of Our Gifts

The Offertory K. Jenkins

"Agnus Dei"
*Translation: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us and grant us peace.*

*** 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.

■ ■ ■ *The Eucharist*

The Invitation

The 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 Merbecke

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer *(please use debts, debtors)*

The Reading of the Necrology and the Celebration of the Saints
Clarence W. McChesney
Rovena Willis
Hugh J Leslie, Jr.
Dorothy Elizabeth Menn
Laurence Schwartz
Lamont Hansen
Roy S. West

The Communion of the People

Music during Communion
"Psalm 114" *(choir)* J. Bell
"In the Singing" *(congregation)* C. Young

Song here

Prayer after Communion

All praise is yours, O God. You bring us to this table as sisters and brothers. Lead us now, through each of our moments, to that glorious day when all your children will gather as family. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ who is our peace made flesh. AMEN.

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

*** The Closing Hymn No. 522**

“Lord, When I Came Into This Life”

*** The Commission and Blessing**

*** The Choral Benediction**

*** The Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *The Postlude*

A. Artunian

“Concerto for Trumpet”

Lena Console, trumpet



The crucifer today is John Cary.

■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

Today’s flowers are given by David and Chris Bell in loving memory of Chris’ mother, Betty Ann Conklin; and by Vikki Nowak in honor of Todd Webster’s 42nd birthday.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Bob Conklin	Jane Little	Debbie Ungemach
Fran and Pat Drake	Rebecca Martin	Dennis Wedding
Marian Frederick	Connie May	Marcie Weissner
Elizabeth Hach	Aiesha Minor	Myrtle Weissbrod (Ray Weissbrod’s mother)
Dorothy Hales	Marilyn Oviatt	Lois Young
Jason Himmelsteib	Jack Quinn	Doug, Marcie and Lucy Harvey
Mary Jean Kent		

Welcome to the newest member of the Forest Hill family -- Annabelle Mae Knoch, daughter of Matt and Jacquelyn Knoch, who was born October 20, 2009.

This Month’s Ushers

Roger Heineman, Lead Usher; Robyn Hales, Paula Harvey, Tom Harvey, Jason Hidek, Diane McFiggen, Tom McFiggen, Dick Peterjohn (assistant lead), Chuck Smith. Roger Heineman, 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.

Pathways

Pathways children should be in their workshops as worship begins. They will join their families for communion.

Today's Music

Many thanks to 5th grader Hal Roosa, who played his cello for the prelude today, and to Lena Console, a senior, who played the postlude. We're proud of our fine young musicians!

Today Is Hunger Sunday

Any cash or checks in envelopes marked "Hunger" will be used 100% for support of local hunger programs. Each month we divide the money between the Heights Emergency Food Center and Garden Valley Neighborhood Center.

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 week's lesson is **Hebrews 9: 24-28**.

Biblical Literacy

Monday, November 2

7:30 – 9:30 p.m. at FHC

CWRU professor of religion and Forest Hill member Timothy Beal will lead a series of conversations based on his new book, ***Biblical Literacy: The Essential Bible Stories Everyone Needs to Know***, which offers a fun no-experience-necessary reading experience with the Bible's "greatest hits," those stories that have had the most influence on art, literature and politics in western culture, past and present. Tim's work has benefitted from classes he's taught at Forest Hill. He hopes the book will be ideal for study groups, as well as religious and non-religious readers of all kinds. So join us, and be among the first to test it out! *Free and open to the public*

Women's Book Group

All women are invited to join us in Bodwell Hall on Thursday mornings, 9:45 – 11:15, from November 29 – December 10. We will read and discuss Rabbi Harold Kushner's national bestseller ***Living a Life That Matters***. The group will be led by Rev. Clover Beal; please contact her at 216-321-2660 or pastorbeal@fhcpresb.org to register. Depending on need, child care is a possibility.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education: 9:30 in South Hall

- Nov. 8 Was Jesus Always a Pacifist? Mennonite FHC members
- Nov. 15 Taking Care of the Stranger:
Mr. Tom Mrosko, Director of Office of Migration and Refugee Services,
Catholic Charities
- Nov. 22 Living Faith at the Local Level: E CITY
- Nov. 29 Holy Days and Feasts in the Bible: Dr. Tim Beal
- Dec. 6 Holy Days in Islam and Judaism:
Imam Ramez Islambouli and Rabbi Melinda Mersack
- Dec. 13 The Origins of Christmas: Dr. Joe Kelly
- Dec. 20 My Favorite Things: The Music of Christmas Mr. Barry Hartz

LOOKING AHEAD

From the Church Growth Committee

Interested in learning more about Forest Hill Church and the membership process? Want to get to know John, Clover and other members better? We're getting together for dinner and conversation on November 14th and would love for you to join us, but we need your contact information. Please write "DINNER" on the Friendship Register along with your contact information. We'll send you an invitation with all of the details. We hope you'll join us for a fun evening!

AWE, November 15

Save the date! On November 15 at 7:30 p.m. we'll have the second Alternative Worship Experience service – **AWE**. This time, we'll worship in African style with guest artists ***Dance Afrika Dance***, a Cleveland dance, music and storytelling troupe specializing in African arts. The Chancel and Sine Nomine choirs will lead us in spirited and worshipful music from many nations in Africa. Please invite your friends to join you this evening.

Ordination Announcement: Kimberly Wagner

It is with excitement that we announce the coming joy in our family: Kimberly’s Ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament and Installation as Associate Pastor of Green Acres Presbyterian Church in Portsmouth, VA. You have been her church family and have nurtured her through this ordination process, and we thank you for being such a special part of her journey. Please know that you are invited to join us for the celebration on Sunday, November 22 in Virginia. Contact us by Nov. 9th (404-727-7272 or debbie.wagner@emory.edu) for all the details.

Warmly,
Debbie & Jim Wagner

Care Group

The Jericho Care Group is responsible for 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 leaders. Many thanks to the members of the Jerusalem CARE Group for their work in October!

✦ Members of this month’s Care group are:

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| Jennifer Blakeney, Deacon and Leader | Candice Hoke and George Taylor and family |
| Jennifer Blakeney, Marius Juodisius and family | Carol Hopkins-Lutz |
| the Brock family | the Jamieson family |
| the Burleigh family | the Lindquist family |
| Jim and Carol Conway | the Manu family |
| Joseph and Janet Dauer | Carol Phillips |
| Marj Drollinger | the Sampson family |
| Elizabeth Farnfield | Jean Seeley |
| Beverly Gairing | Chuck and Lora Smith and family |
| Al Gilbert | Ann Tutton |
| Tom and Paula Harvey | the Wollaeger family |

FHC Youth

Today: Come celebrate Lindsey and Robert at a potluck supper beginning at 4 p.m. We’ll eat together and play a few of Lindsey’s favorite games. All mid and senior high families are invited.

The Lessons

Next Sunday: Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9: 24-28; Mark 12: 38-44. 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 November” page of the **TOWER**.

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■■■ *Calendar: November 1 - 8, 2009*

Sunday, November 1: All Saints' Day
Daylight Saving Time ends

9:30 Child care begins
Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)
Adult and Youth education
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: Communion
11:15 Pathways (gr. 1-5)
12:15 Coffee hour
Sine Nomine Choir
Teacher Training
4:00 MOB: Potluck for Lindsey & Robert
5:00 FaithLeader class
Thoughtful Christianity class

Monday, November 2

6:30 p.m. BOE set-up
7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA)
Boy Scout Troop #403
Biblical Literacy class

Tuesday, November 3
Election Day

6:30 a.m. Polls open
7:00 p.m. Mid High Bible study
7:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #36

Wednesday, November 4

7:30 a.m. Bible and Bagels
6:00 p.m. Yoga class
7:00 p.m. Sr High Bible study (Phoenix)

Thursday, November 5

9:45 a.m. Women's Book Group

Friday, November 6

9:30 a.m. Al Anon mtg

Saturday, November 7

8:00 a.m. Men's Group

Sunday, November 8

8:15 Nominating Committee mtg
9:30 Child care begins
Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)
Adult and Youth education
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
11:15 Pathways (gr. 1-5)
12:15 Coffee hour
Justice & Mission program:
Interfaith Hospitality Network
2:00 "I Cellisti" concert
5:00 FaithLeader class
Thoughtful Christianity class

Ruth 1: 1-18

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.