

Forest Hill Church PRESBYTERIAN



Discovering God's call, celebrating the Spirit's presence,

Witnessing to Christ's transformative power!

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Service of Worship

July 31, 2011 10:00 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*

Loving God, open our ears to hear your word, and draw us closer to you, that the whole world may be one with you as you are one with us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome

Prelude

A Sunday Morning Song

Y. Tiersen

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Michelle Jean-Mary

Leader: The world belongs to God.

All: The Earth and all its people.

Leader: How good it is, how wonderful,

All: To live together in unity.

Leader: Love and faith come together,

All: Justice and peace join hands.

Leader: If Christ's disciples keep silent

All: these stones would shout aloud.

Leader: Open our lips, O God,

All: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

***Opening Song**

"Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord"

(Cameroon)

Praise, praise, praise the Lord. Praise God's holy name, Alleluia (x2)

Praise God's holy name, Alleluia (X4)

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Clover Beal

A Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison *(Lord, have mercy)*

South Africa

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

Prayer of Reconciliation

Leader: O God of life, of all life and of each life,
We lay our lives before you.
We give our lives to you,
From whom nothing in us is hidden.

Women: You are before us, God, you are behind;

Men: You are around us, God, you are within.

Leader: O God of life,
You know the secret thoughts of every heart.

Women: We bring the faith that is in us, and the doubt;

Men: We bring the joy that is in us, and the sorrow.

Leader: O God of life, you are in the light, and in the darkness.

Women: We bring the knowledge that is in us, and the ignorance;

Men: We bring the hope that is in us, and the despair.

Leader: O God of life, O generous Spirit,

**ALL: Renew us with your life,
Today, tomorrow, and always. Amen.**

*Song of Praise

"Shine on Me" (refrain)
Shine on me, shine on me; Jesus, shine on me.
Through the darkness of my heart, Jesus, shine on me.

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

Scripture Lesson

Mark 8:27-33

Leader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

* Psalm 133

P. Sosa (Argentina)

Behold, how pleasant, how good it is!
Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Tim Fearer

"Jesus and Islam"

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

please use debts, debtors

Ritual of Friendship

all are asked to sign the tablets as a record of attendance

Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory:

Chitra's Tune

C. Karki (Nepal)

* Response

Hymn No. 432

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
Working for a world that's new; faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

* Closing Song

Go Make a Difference

Go make a difference. We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.
Go make a difference. We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.

* Commission and Blessing

* Choral Benediction

Yarabba Ssalami (Palestine)

*Translation: O God of Peace, send down your peace on our world.
O God of Peace, fill our hearts with your peace.*

* Passing of the Peace

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

Improvisation on today's hymns



We welcome **Rev. Dr. Tim Fearer** to FHC today. We met Dr. Fearer in Istanbul when our church group was on pilgrimage there. Since 2004 Tim has served the PC(USA) as a “Theological Educator and Leadership Developer” in Western Turkey. Now located in Istanbul, Tim works with a broad range of students in various capacities with a special focus on mentoring Turkish pastors and other church leaders. Tim served for eleven years as pastor and head of staff for the Westminster Presbyterian Church in California, and for seven years as Director of Adult Education at Trinity United Presbyterian in Santa Ana, CA. Tim holds degrees from Westmont College, Princeton Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. in Old Testament from Claremont Graduate School.

All are invited to stay for a conversation with Dr. Fearer and Rev. Beal immediately after the service in Fellowship Hall.

This Sunday is our last **Summer Choir Sunday**. Many thanks to everyone who has offered their voices in song during June and July!

■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by Kate Monaghan in loving memory of her parents, Rose McKenna Monaghan and Patrick J. Monaghan; and by Karen and Clyde Loughridge in honor of their 15th wedding anniversary.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Bill Burcham, George Dean, Carl Eloff, Joy Ferguson, Dorothy Hales, Peggy Sasso, Sharon Shumaker, Debbie Ungemach

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Bob Bielek, Pat and Fran Drake, Rose Eaton, Betty Farnfield, Marilyn Gifford, Elizabeth Kosnik, Merdine T. Morris, Joyce Peters, Millie Skeivis, Anne Taylor

This Month's Ushers

Kevin Stauffer, Lead Usher; Joe Andrews, Nick Baumgartner, Charles Ishler, Jane Ishler, Kate Monaghan, Daryl Musick, Victoria Sampson. 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. Visitor welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex.

THIS WEEK

Bible and Bagels

Bible and Bagels meets Wednesdays from 7:15 to 8:15 am in the Jin Room. All are welcome!

NEXT SUNDAY

Summer Pathways

Summer Pathways for children who enter grades 1 – 6 in the fall, meets next Sunday, August 7. Children should meet in the Art Room on the lower CE level at 10 am.

LOOKING AHEAD

Social Groups and Circles

Pacesetters (singles and couples, 40s – 60s)

Come and join **Jeanette and Bob Nemcek** as the **Lake Erie Crushers** take on the **Windy City Thunderbolts** at **All Pro Freight Stadium in Avon on Friday Aug 19, 2011 at 7:05.** It is **Fireworks Friday!** We have 30 tickets on reserve but we have to let the Crushers know our numbers by Monday, August 8. The tickets are \$9 each. If we have 20 or more, the price goes down to \$8. Call or e-mail Bob Nemcek by **Monday, August 8 at 216-702-8849 (Bob's cell, leave message) or rxbob@prodigy.net** Bob will confirm **with an e-mail or a phone call.** The Lake Erie Crushers are part of the Frontier League, an independent baseball league. They play at: All Pro Freight Stadium, 2009 Baseball Boulevard in Avon, Ohio

Care Group

The Calvary Care Group is responsible for meeting members’ needs during July. 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:

- Daryl Musick, Deacon leader
Kevin and Brittani Ball and family
Marie Bourgeois
Nancy Burcham
Bruce and Beverly Cameron
Paul Cary and Sue Yelanjian and family
Gretchen and Jeff Deluca and family
Kay Dunlap
Jen and Andrew Fu and family
Marilyn Gifford
Robyn Hales and Jordan Dail
Judy Hammer
Chris Henry
David and Anne Hunter
Diana and Martin Johannessen and family
Florence and Ronald Klein
- Fred and Joanne Lafferty
Carol Leslie
Patricia Ludwig
Emelia McGuire
Merdine T. Morris
Richard and Elspeth Peterjohn
Arlene and Jack Quinn
Jeremy Ryman and Diane Moyer
Donald Shaner
Dwight and Margie Stauffer
Lee and Cathi Thomas
Johanna Wilcott
Beryl Williams
Lauren, Dylan and Nancy Wyss
Bob and Ginny Young

Youth News

This Week: Sr. High Lock-in, August 5-6, 8 pm – 10 am
Looking Ahead: Wildwater Kingdom trip, August 14

The Lessons

Next Sunday: Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28; 1 Kings 19: 8-18; Romans 10: 5-15; Matthew 14: 22-33. 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. Links to the readings for each Sunday appear on the church’s Facebook page, the **Upcoming Sundays** page of our website (<http://www.fhcpresb.org/worship-music/upcoming-sundays/>), and on the “Sundays in July/August” page of the **TOWER**.

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Calendar: July 31 – August 7, 2011

Sunday, July 31 9:30 Continental Breakfast Adult Education Summer Choir 9:45 Child care begins 10:00 WORSHIP in Fellowship Hall 11:15 Coffee hour	Thursday, August 4 7:00 pm Youth Hour @ Phoenix Coffee
Monday, August 1 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) 7:00 pm Al Anon 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)	Friday, August 5 9:30 am Al Anon 8:00 pm Youth Lock-in
Wednesday, August 3 7:15 am Bible and Bagels	Sunday, August 7 9:30 Continental Breakfast (No Adult Ed or Summer Choir) 9:45 Child care begins 10:00 WORSHIP in Fellowship Hall 11:15 Coffee hour