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

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Service of Worship

Sacrament of Infant Baptism

July 17, 2011 at 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*

Christ of the pilgrim path, you recognize our many gifts even when we do not see them ourselves. May your enabling Spirit free our creativity in worship and in everyday living. Amen.

Welcome

Prelude

"Reverie"

H. Howells

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Elizabeth Shaw

Leader: God has searched us and known us.

God knows when we sit down and when we rise up.

People: God discerns our thoughts from far away and is acquainted with all our ways.

Leader: Such knowledge is too vast and wonderful.

God knows us deeply and loves us endlessly.

People: Let us praise and worship the Lord!

* Opening Hymn No. 482

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Confession

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)* Philippines

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

Assurance of Pardon

* 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*

Sacrament of Baptism for Mason André Knoch and Julia Grace Koops

Congregational Welcome

Julia and Mason, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

Song for Baptism Jed Koops

“Sealed with Love”
Lisa Koops, soprano

Scripture Lesson Genesis 28: 10-19a

After the reading

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

* Hymn

“You are My Hiding Place”
prayer requests may be passed to the ushers

Sermon Rev. Clover Reuter Beal
“Between a Rock and a Holy Place”

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 American trad.
“Down to the River to Pray”

* 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.

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

* Closing Hymn “Over My Head”

* Commission and Blessing

* Choral Benediction

* Passing of the Peace

■ ■ ■ *Postlude* J. S. Bach
“Come Holy Spirit”



■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by Julie Ann and Robert Yoe in honor of Julie Ann’s grandfather, Max Korb; and by Mary Ball in loving memory of her parents.

Today we celebrate the baptisms of Mason André Knoch and Julia Grace Koops.

Mason is the son of Jacquelyn and Matt Knoch and the brother of Annabelle. The attending Elder is Rosanna Sprague. Julia is the daughter of Lisa and Jed Koops and the sister of Linnea. Laurie Logan is the attending Elder, and Darren and Ruthie Campbell are her godparents.

Congratulation to Leslie Richards and Robert Strachan, who were married at FHC on July 9. Dr. Lentz officiated. Leslie is an FHC member and the niece of Carol Leslie.

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.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

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

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. Lists of ongoing prayer concerns are in each month’s **TOWER**.

■ ■ ■ *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.

Pentecost Offering

\$707 was collected for the Pentecost offering. \$283 will be sent to Boulevard School in the fall and \$424 has been sent to the Presbytery of the Western Reserve.

Softball

6:00 this evening: FHC 1 vs Church of the Redeemer @ FH7; FHC 2 vs Hillcrest UMC @ FH4. Players, save August 13 for the annual end-of-season picnic at the Hideks’.

THIS WEEK

Landscapers Wanted

Want to help spruce up the grounds of Forest Hill Church? Come to the church tomorrow, July 18, at 9 am, armed with your favorite pruning, clipping and shaping tools. For more information, please contact Kay Dunlap (216-308-0327).

Bible and Bagels

Bible and Bagels meets Wednesdays from 7:15 to 8:15 am in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The lesson this week is **Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52**.

NEXT SUNDAY

Summer Pathways

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

Summer Choir

The Summer Choir continues for 3 more weeks. Come give it a try! Rehearsal is at 9:30 am on Sunday morning.

LOOKING AHEAD

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

Social Groups and Circles

The Group, Pacesetters and Anyone Else!

Come and bring a blanket, a lawn chair, your favorite beverage and a dish to share and join Jeanette and Bob Nemcek on the lawn at BLOSSOM on Sunday, July 24, 2011 for **A NIGHT IN VIENNA**. The **Cleveland Orchestra**, with Hans Graf conducting and Jeffrey Kahane on piano, will perform **RAVEL** (*La Valse*), **MOZART** (*Piano Concerto No. 25*); and **STRAUSS** (*Polkas, Waltzes and more*). The performance begins at 7 pm but arrive at 6 pm for our pre-concert picnic. Jeanette and Bob have a limited number of \$14 lawn tickets available. Call us or e-mail us so we know to expect you (216-381-6731 or rxbob@prodigy.net). All are welcome!

Youth News

Today: Mission trip participants and sponsors will gather for an ice cream social this evening at 7 pm. Pictures, stories and ice cream sundaes!

Next Sunday: Drive-in Movie Night, July 24.

Looking Ahead: Sr. High Lock-in, August 5-6, 8 pm – 10 am

The Lessons

Next Sunday: Genesis 29: 15-28; Psalm 105: 1-11, 45b; Romans 8: 26-39; Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52. 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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**Forest Hill Church will host up to 4 families, with up to 14 people,
every evening from July 24 – 30.**

**Please support this important mission
by volunteering one or two evenings**

**Contact Julie Lustic (jlustic@gmail.com or 216-371-2084)
or Anne Smith (annejeffsmith@yahoo.com or 216-932-2932)**

***for more information about Family Promise,
go to www.FamilyPromiseCle.org***

■■■ *Calendar: July 17-24, 2011*

The Portraits of Homelessness Exhibit is in Fellowship Hall during July

Sunday, July 17 8:00 Nominating Committee 9:00 Summer Bible Study 9:30 Continental Breakfast Summer Choir 9:45 Child care begins 10:00 WORSHIP: Baptism of Mason Knoch and Julia Koops 11:15 Coffee hour Stewardship Focus Group 6:00 Softball: FHC 1 vs ChRed @ FH7 FHC 2 vs HUMC @ FH4 7:00 Ice Cream Social for Mission Trip participants and sponsors	Wednesday, July 20 7:15 am Bible and Bagels 12:30 pm Bullshevicks Thursday, July 21 7:00 pm Discernment Task Force Youth Hour @ Phoenix Coffee Friday, July 22 9:30 am Al Anon Sunday, July 24 9:30 Continental Breakfast Summer Choir 9:45 Child care begins 10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 Coffee hour 5:30 Family Promise hosting begins 7:30 Youth: Drive-In Movie Night
Monday, July 18 9:00 am Garden Work Day begins 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) 7:00 pm Al Anon Sycamore Group 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)	

**Please note: Lynda will be away the weeks of July 18 and July 25
The office will be staffed by a group of loyal volunteers
and will be open 9-1, Mon – Thurs both weeks
Email news will return on August 3**

Genesis 28:10-19a

28:10 Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran.

28:11 He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place.

28:12 And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

28:13 And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring;

28:14 and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring.

28:15 Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

28:16 Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place--and I did not know it!"

28:17 And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

28:18 So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it.

28:19a He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.