

# 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*

*August 14, 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*

Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth.

Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe.

### **Welcome**

### **Prelude**

"Prelude in D Minor"

J. S. Bach

### **Choral Introit**

### ■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

### **\* Opening Hymn No. 370**

"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

### ■■■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Shootings in Copley, tragic deaths, Imperial Avenue, wars, famine: where are you, God? We confess that the reality of suffering and evil rocks our faith and makes us wonder if you are real, and if you care. The clouds of doubt block the rays of hope and love and peace. What are we to do, to whom do we turn? We turn to you, O Lord, for we have nowhere else to go. Hear our prayer and let our cry come unto you.**

### **A Time of Silent Confession**

**Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)**

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■ ■ ■ *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.

Anthem

“The Quality of Mercy”  
*text: W. Shakespeare*

A. Wilson

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

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 22: 1-11  
Romans 8: 31-39

*After the reading(s)*

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

\* Hymn No. 182

“Psalm 31:9-16”  
*Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn*

Sermon

Dr. John C. Lentz  
“A Dangerous Vacation: At the Airport”

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 M. Lightfoot  
“Dona Nobis Pacem”

\* 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 No. 354

“Guide My Feet”

\* Commission and Blessing

\* Choral Benediction

\* Passing of the Peace

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

J. S. Bach

“Fugue in C Minor”



■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by Jon and Heather House in honor of their 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary and in celebration of Hayden James House, born on their anniversary, August 9, 2011.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Doris Brandt, George Dean, Bill Ferguson, Joy Ferguson, Dorothy Hales, Sharon Shumaker, Millie Skeivis, Debbie Ungemach

**Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:**

Bob Bielek, Pat and Fran Drake, Rose Eaton, Betty Farnfield, Emma Jane Gibbs, Marilyn Gifford, Elizabeth Kosnik, Merdine T. Morris, Joyce Peters, 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**.

### **This Month's Ushers**

Roger Heineman, Lead and Head Usher; Robyn Hales, Paula Harvey, Tom Harvey, Jason Hidek, Diane McFiggen, Tom McFiggen, Dick Peterjohn, Chuck Smith.

**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.

##### ***Today's Music***

Many thanks to today's music leaders: Shelly Jesberger, Beth Zych, Ahren Stock, and Jaired Birks. Jaired is heading to college (Ohio Northern University) later this week, so we wish him well even as we will miss hearing him sing.

##### ***Church Leaders Sought***

Do you know members of the church who are faithful, gifted? Who have a heart to serve others, a head to figure out problems, a passion for justice, a love of education, a vision for worship, a knack for seeing the gifts of others, who care for the building? Well, maybe members you know would make a good elder or deacon. Please contact a member of the Nominating Committee with your ideas. We would love to hear them!

FHC Nominating Committee: Joanne Shaner, chair; Chris Davis, Robyn Hales, Elizabeth Shaw, Pat Seeders, Derry Stauffer, Joy Stang, Kevin Steiner

##### ***Softball Champions!***

Congratulations to the Forest Hill 'B' Softball Team as they won the Heights Church League Softball Championship. This is the 5th consecutive year Forest Hill has claimed the Championship. After losing the first game to Church of the Saviour 11-9 in extra innings, the team won the deciding game 11-4. Thanks to all who participated in this year's most successful season!

### **THIS WEEK**

#### ***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 16: 13-20**.

#### **NEXT SUNDAY**

##### ***Summer Pathways***

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

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

##### ***Hospitality Opportunity at Home Repair Resource Center***

Do you enjoy greeting others and sharing hospitality as an expression of your faith? Home Repair Resource Center in Cleveland Hts needs volunteer greeters to lend an hour or two per week to welcome guests to their center. Many guests carry shame and fear as they take the courageous first step to seek foreclosure counseling or other support at HRRRC. Can you give some time to be a brief presence of grace and welcome in their lives? Contact Laura Steiner at [lauramsteiner@yahoo.com](mailto:lauramsteiner@yahoo.com) or 216-870-0119 if you are interested, and she will connect you with the agency director.

##### ***Building Justice - Add Your Bricks!***

Volunteered for Family Promise last week? Spent time at the Portraits of Homelessness photo exhibit? Went on the youth mission trip? Remember to fill out a paper "brick" to document your contribution, and post it at the Justice & Mission kiosk as we "build justice" together throughout the year. Bricks are available in the pews and at the kiosk. Fill one out soon!

##### ***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! For more information, call or e-mail Bob Nemcek 216-702-8849 (Bob's cell, leave message) or [rxbob@prodigy.net](mailto:rxbob@prodigy.net). 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 Deacons are responsible for meeting members’ needs during August. Please call the church office to report an illness, hospitalization, family emergency, birth or death. Information will then be passed on to the leader.

- ✦ Members of the FHC Deacons are:
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| Debbie Adrine     | Daryl Musick |
| Mary Ball         | Cindy Newton |
| Jennifer Blakeney | Joy Stang    |
| Cathie Kernich    | Ahren Stock  |
| Janet Kickel      | Julie Waring |
| Robin Mervine     | Nancy Wyss   |
- Volunteers this Sunday: Continental Breakfast, Cathie Kernich; Coffee Hour, Janet Kickel and Ahren Stock; Greeters, Daryl Musick and Julie Waring; Flowers, Ahren Stock.

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

**Thursday, August 18:** Sweetie Fry Ice Cream & Fun on Coventry, 7-8:30 pm.  
**Next Sunday:** Sr High Lunch in Koinonia Rm, 11:30 – 1:00  
**Looking Ahead:** Watch your email for late summer – early fall news, or contact Kristen Otte ([Kristeno@fhcpresb.org](mailto:Kristeno@fhcpresb.org)). Look especially for the canoe trip and the mid high retreat information.

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

**Next Sunday: Exodus 1:8 – 2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12: 1-8; Matthew 16: 13-20.**  
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. 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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**SAVE THE DATES**

SEPTEMBER 11, 2011: REGULAR SCHEDULE RESUMES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2011: FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 15-16, 2011: EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP CLASS

■■■ *Calendar: August 14 - 21, 2011*

<b>Sunday, August 14</b> 9:30 Continental Breakfast 9:45 Child care begins 10:00 WORSHIP 11:15 Coffee hour	<b>Friday, August 19</b> 9:30 am Al Anon 7:00 pm Pacesetters: Lake Erie Crushers game in Avon
<b>Monday, August 15</b> 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) 7:00 pm Al Anon 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA) Youth Core team meeting	<b>Saturday, August 20</b> 9:00 am Discernment Task Force mtg
<b>Wednesday, August 17</b> 7:15 am Bible and Bagels 10:00 pm TOWER collators	<b>Sunday, August 21</b> 8:00 Nominating Committee mtg 9:30 Continental Breakfast 9:45 Child care begins 10:00 WORSHIP Summer Pathways 11:15 Coffee hour Sr High Lunch (here)
<b>Thursday, August 18</b> 5:00 pm Discernment Task Force mtg 7:00 pm Youth: Sweetie Fry Ice Cream and fun on Coventry	

The Ministry of Justice and Mission will be collecting schools supplies for Boulevard Elementary School through Sunday September 4, 2011. Please place items in the noted boxes on the stage in Fellowship Hall.

Any and all supplies are welcome. The highlighted items are frequently missing due to the expense.

Thank you for your help and support.

- **Colored pencils**
- **Markers (thin and thick)**
- **Scissors**
- **Highlighters**
- **Flashcards (Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division)**
- **Notebooks**
- **Notebook paper**
- **Dry erase markers**
- #2 pencils/pencil sharpener/ballpoint pens
- Pink erasers
- Glue sticks/Elmer's Glue
- Boxes of Tissues
- Crayola Crayons
- Clorox Wipes/Hand Sanitizer
- Ziploc Baggies/Plastic Supply Box
- 2 pocket folders with and without prongs
- Spiral notebooks
- Ruler
- Mead composition books
- Notecards