

## Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian



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### *Service of Worship*

*November 11, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.*

*Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.*

If you are visiting, please join us in wearing a name tag so that we might greet you. Our ushers are ready to help! They have large print editions of the Bible, Hymnal, and today's bulletin; hearing devices; activity bags with quiet activities for older children staying in worship; and directions to our safe, loving nursery in our Monticello Wing for babies and young children.

### ■■■ *Prayer of Preparation*

The ads are done, the votes are cast, the election is over. Thank you God! Remind us, in this hour, that our identity is not Republican or Democrat but beloved child of God. Remind us that we are the body of Christ called to serve others. Prepare our hearts for worship.

### Welcome

### Prelude

"Prelude in D Major"

J. S. Bach

### Choral Introit

### ■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

### Call to Worship

Elder Anona Stack

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: Praise the Lord.

**People: The Lord's name be praised.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

**\* Processional Hymn No. 420**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

■■■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Clover Beal

We confess that this election season has taken its toll on our spirits. Negative ads, hurtful words, lies and distortions have affected us. Partisanship has overcome partnership. Help us to mend broken relationships and not allow the bitterness of loss or the glee of victory to deter us from being the body of Christ, gifted and blessed. In Jesus Christ we pray this.

**Time of Silent Confession**

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

Franz Schubert (from *Mass in G*)

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\* Gloria, Gloria No. 576**

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

*2<sup>nd</sup> time, men begin; women begin 2 measures later;*

*Children and youth begin 2 measures after that.*

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

**Scripture Lesson**

Romans 13: 1-10

*After the reading*

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\* Hymn No. 244**

"Let Us with a Gladsome Mind"

*Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn*

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz

"The Subversive Authority of Love"

**Prayers of the People**

**Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Ritual of Friendship**

all are asked to sign as a record of attendance

**Offertory**

Ola Gjeilo

"Spheres (part 3)"

**\* 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*

**\* Closing Hymn No. 554**

"Let All Things Now Living"

**\* Commission and Blessing**

**\* Choral Benediction**

**\* Passing of the Peace**

■■■ *Postlude*

J. S. Bach

"We All Believe in One True God"



### ***Welcome Visitors!***

We look forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Welcome bags are available throughout the building. Take one home with you!

### ■■■ *Congregational Notes*

#### **Chancel Flowers**

Today's flowers are given by Richard and Elspeth Peterjohn in loving memory of Richard's parents, Carl and Ruth Peterjohn, and Elspeth's parents, Ina and John Barclay; and by the Koops family in loving memory of their grandparents.

#### **Prayer Concerns this Week**

##### **Prayers are requested for the following:**

Doris Allen, Ruth and Arthur Brickel, Bill Currie, Betty Farnfield, Dorothy Hales, Marian Frederick, Iris Gilbert, Ron and Florence Klein, Graham Peters, Arlene and Jack Quinn, Rowan Smith, Elaine Tapié, Debbie Ungemach, Pat Weissbrod.

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

Dick Bloomquist, Pat and Fran Drake, Marge Drollinger, Elizabeth Kosnik, Emelia McGuire, 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.

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

**Attendance last week (including Christian Education children): 294**

### ■■■ *Announcements*

#### **TODAY**

##### **Cornucopia Celebration Lunch**

Join us in celebrating the abundance of this stewardship season – come to a celebration lunch immediately following worship.

#### **THIS WEEK**

##### ***Courageous Conversation on Race Continues***

##### ***Monday Night, 7 pm***

All are invited for a follow-up to the Race Conversation Workshop that was held at Dunham Tavern last month. At the workshop we listed short term action steps and projected long terms plans that will keep FHC moving towards becoming a beloved community of racial diversity and inclusion. Tomorrow we will look at the actions steps, and engage in setting priority short-term and long-term actions we want to take as a congregation. The priorities will be shared with the Session.

##### ***Bible and Bagels***

Bible and Bagels meets Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 am in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The lesson this week is **Romans 14: 1-9, 17-19**.

### ***Parents' Night Out***

This Saturday, November 17, from 5:30 – 8:30 the youth group (under adult supervision) will babysit FHC children (ages 3 – 11) so you, their parents, can enjoy an evening out. We recommend a donation of \$25 for 3 hours of babysitting. Money raised will go towards the 2013 mission trip to Nicaragua.

### ***Friends of the Groom Drama Workshop***

Saturday, 3 – 5:30. See the AWE announcement, below.

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

#### ***Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall***

Kerygma groups will meet at 9:30 am.

### ***AWE, November 18***

Our third AWE service will be held next Sunday, November 18 and will feature ***Friends of the Groom***, a Christian drama group from Cincinnati. They will make a profound impact on the worship experience, using the dramatic arts in innovative and often humorous ways. A workshop will be held on Saturday, November 17, from 3:00 to 5:30 pm (refreshments served mid-way). All ages are welcome, and interested persons may participate with F.O.G. during Sunday worship. The Sine Nomine Choir will also have a session with them after worship on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Not only are these consummate actors extraordinary in their own skills, but they know how to teach it to others. Please consider attending the workshop on the 17<sup>th</sup>, and for sure come to worship on the 18<sup>th</sup>! More information about ***Friends of the Groom*** can be found at <http://fog.homestead.com/index.html>

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

#### ***Care Group***

The Jerusalem 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.

✦ Members of this month's Care Group are:

Nancy Wyss, Deacon leader

Erin & Bill Armstrong

Doris Brandt

Ruth & Arthur Brickel

Lucy Conde

Monita Franklin

Chris & Daniel Fuller

Carol & Tim Gifford

Brett & Annette Himes & family

Cindy Fink & Kemp Jaycox & family

Jack & Shelly Jesberger & family

Matt & Jacquelyn Knoch

Jim Manista

Jane Melbourne

Pat & Hal Musick

Richard Obermanns

Karen Parker

Carol Scott

Steve Sedam

Peggy Skelly

Damos & Dele Solaru & family

Derry Stauffer & Kathy Hanna-Stauffer

Marjorie Thomas

Anne Wilson

Robert & Julie Ann Yoe

Today's CARE Group volunteers: Lucy Conde, continental breakfast; Carol Phillips and Nancy Wyss, greeters; Derry Stauffer, greeting cards; Pat Musick, flower delivery.

Over \$200 was raised last week during the  
"Scottish Penny Song"!

Thank you for supporting the FHC Food  
Pantry with your donations.

### ***Social Groups and Circles***

#### ***The Group (60s – 70s)***

Please join The Group on Sunday, November 18 at 4:00 pm for “A Concert of Music and Healing” at Severance Hall. The Group will also gather after the concert for dinner at Brennan’s Colony, 2299 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights. Tickets are required for this concert and can be obtained through the Severance Hall ticket office, 216-231-1111. To make a dinner reservation, or for any additional information, contact Anne Hunter ([anneshunter8@gmail.com](mailto:anneshunter8@gmail.com)). For details about the concert, please see the October TOWER.

#### ***Iris Circle (all women of the church): THURSDAY, November 15***

Iris Circle will meet at FHC on THURSDAY (note change of day), November 15 at 11:30 am to make ornaments for the Boulevard Angel Tree and to pack care packages for students. Lunch is available for \$5 – contact Cathy Ghiandoni (216-408-2514) and specify roast beef or turkey sandwich.

### ■■■ *Youth News*

**Today:** Mid and Sr High classes meet from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Confirmation meeting (youth and parents), 9:30 am

Sine Nomine Choir, 12:15 pm

One Year Anniversary of **Converge!** 7 pm at First Baptist Church (3630 Fairmount Blvd). Please bring canned goods.

**Saturday:** Parents’ Night Out: 5:30 – 8:30

**Next Sunday:** Sine Nomine Choir meet with *Friends of the Groom*, 12:15  
Mission Trip Meeting, youth and parents, 5 pm

### ■■■ *The Lessons*

#### ***Today’s Scripture: Romans 13: 1-10***

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; for it is God’s servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God’s servants, busy with this very thing.

Pay to all what is due them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due. Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

**Next Sunday: Romans 14: 1-9, 17-19** As part of your daily devotions, read the lesson. 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.

## ■■■ FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions

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Family Promise Host Week:  
November 25 – December 2

Sign up in Fellowship Hall today



Building Communities, Strengthening Lives

## ■■■ Calendar: November 11 - 18, 2012

### Sunday, Nov. 11

9:00 Child care begins  
Exploring Membership class  
9:30 Adult Education  
Youth Education  
Descant Choir  
Confirmation meeting:  
Youth & parents  
10:15 Descant Choir activity  
10:30 Continental Breakfast  
Chancel Choir  
11:00 WORSHIP  
Little Explorers  
Children in Worship  
Pathways to the Promise Land  
12:15 Stewardship Celebration Lunch  
Sine Nomine Choir  
5:00 Faith Leader  
7:00 Youth: **Converge!** at First Baptist Church (3630 Fairmount Blvd)

### Monday, November 12

6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)  
Al Anon  
7:00 pm Racial Conversation meeting  
7:30 pm Borton Group (AA): Dinner  
Boy Scout Trp #403

### Tuesday, November 13

7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 36  
Forest Hill Homeowners meeting  
Youth Core Tea

### Wednesday, November 14

7:30 am Bible and Bagels  
1:00 pm Hilltop Garden Club  
7:00 pm Ministry meetings

### Thursday, November 15

11:30 am Iris Circle  
6:15 pm Voices in Bronze  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

### Friday, November 16

7:00 am **TOWER** deadline  
9:30 am Al Anon meeting

### Saturday November 17

8:00 am Men's Group  
3:00 pm **Friends of the Groom** wkshp  
5:30 pm Parents' Night Out

### Sunday, Nov. 18

9:00 Child care begins  
9:30 Adult Education  
Youth Education  
Descant Choir  
10:00 Cherub Choir  
10:15 Descant Choir activity  
10:30 Continental Breakfast  
Chancel Choir  
11:00 WORSHIP: AWE  
Little Explorers, Children in Worship  
12:15 Coffee Hour  
Sine Nomine Choir: drama workshop  
Book Talk: Charlise Lyles  
4:00 The Group: concert and dinner  
5:00 Faith Leader  
Youth: Mission Trip meeting

## Charlise Lyles, author of *Do I Dare Disturb the Universe?*

**November 18, 12:15 pm.**

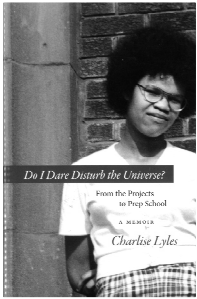
**South Hall, Forest Hill Church**

Author Charlise Lyles will share her personal story of socioeconomic uplift, as well as her thoughts on what we as individuals can do to make a significant difference in the life of a child. Ms. Lyles will be available for questions as well as to autograph her book which will be available for purchase. Everyone is invited and welcome.

Charlise Lyles was born in Cleveland in 1959, was among the first girls to enter Hawken School as a tenth grader when it became coed in 1974, and is a 1981 graduate of Smith College. She is a novelist and a poet. She has worked as a clerk to the New York Times chief White House correspondent, and as a reporter for two newspapers in Virginia and the Dayton Daily News. She was the recipient of three awards from the Ohio Society of Professional Journalists. She lives in Atlanta, Georgia, and visits Cleveland regularly to see family.

Here is a brief description of the book, ***Do I Dare Disturb the Universe: From the Projects to Prep School:***

A memoir of race and education, this is the story of a girl who grew up and out of the Cleveland projects in the 1960s and '70s.



While growing up in Cleveland, young Charlise Lyles experienced turbulent events including race riots and a neighborhood murder. Yet she was inspired to appreciate literature at a young age, and she spent her days reading—and also often searching for the estranged father who taught her that love of learning.

Despite starting in the “slow class” at an aging school on Cleveland's east side, Lyles had a thirst for knowledge and drive for success that would open a door to new opportunities. Granted a scholarship to a prestigious prep school in a wealthy suburb, the vibrant teenager finds herself presented with a bewildering set of new challenges—and a new direction in life.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.grayco.com/cleveland/authors/lyles-charlise>