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Service of Worship

November 4, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

Celebration of Holy Communion

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*

You have searched me and known me, O God
You know when I sit down and when I rise up.

Psalm 139:1-2

Be still and aware of God's presence within and all around.

Welcome

Prelude

J. S. Bach

"Prelude in E Major"

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Elder Paula Harvey

Leader: Thanks be to you, O God!

People: Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day and to the rising of life itself.

Leader: May our time together be a time of blessing.

People: O God of every gift, may this be the day of new beginnings given.

Leader: Let us worship God!

*** Processional Hymn No. 300**

"Down to Earth, as a Dove"

■■■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Clover Beal

Merciful God, we confess that we have often failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us we pray, and free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison *(Lord, have mercy)*

Ola Gjeilo

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

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

Anne Smith

"Family Promise Host Week"

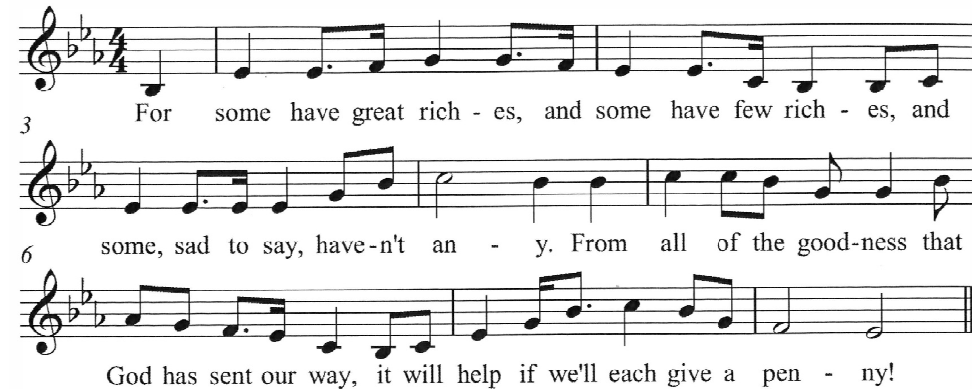
Hymn

"Scottish Penny Song"

During this hymn, the children will collect your pennies and loose change.

Money collected will benefit the FHC food pantry.

Congregation, please sing refrain:



3 For some have great rich - es, and some have few rich - es, and

6 some, sad to say, have-n't an - y. From all of the good-ness that

God has sent our way, it will help if we'll each give a pen - ny!

Scripture Lesson

Romans 12: 1-13

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Dr. John Lentz

"Practical Religion"

Ritual of Friendship

all are asked to sign as a record of attendance

Offertory

Calvin Hampton

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

*** 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.

■■■ *Eucharist*

Invitation

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 (*spoken*)

Holy, holy holy, Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

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.

Communion of the People

Music during Communion

Clemens non Papa (16th c)

"Sanctus"

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in
heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and
renewed us for your service. We give ourselves to you, and ask
that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom. May
our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

*** Closing Hymn**

Cambodia

"Now I Know (Ey lou nis)"

Colin Burleigh, cantor

*** Commission and Blessing**

*** Passing of the Peace**

■■■ *Postlude*

G. F. Handel

"Concerto in F: Allegro"



Welcome Visitors!

We look forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may
have. Visitor welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex.
Take one home with you!

■■■ *Congregational Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by William Proudfit in memory of Thelma J. Proudfit; by Jean Reinhold in memory of Sally Reinhold, who is missed and cherished; and by Dave and Chris Bell in loving memory of Chris' parents, Bob and Betty Ann Conklin. A donation for the enrichment of worship has been given by Anne Stephenson Hunter in memory of her mother, Gwen Stephenson.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Dick Bloomquist, 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:

Pat and Fran Drake, Marge Drollinger, Elizabeth Kosnik, Emelia McGuire, Merdine T. Morris, Joyce Peters, Anne Taylor.

This Month's Ushers

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.

Attendance last week (including Christian Education children): 246

■■■ *Announcements*

TODAY

"What is the Future of Faith and American Politics?"

South Hall, 12:15 pm

A conversation with a multi-religious panel of young adult students—Muslim, Christian, Jewish, Sikh, and non-religious—from CWRU. Are young adults interested in politics, religion and the issues for the world they are living in today and the future they will be creating? Come and hear these bright and insightful voices of young voters.

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! The lesson this week is **Romans 13: 1-10**.

Live Your Best Story: The Workshop

Youth Director Kristen Otte is leading a second workshop, ***Live Your Best Story***, on Wednesday, November 7 at 7 pm. This workshop uses the elements of story and the 7 Point Story Structure to identify a new trajectory for your life. By the end of the workshop, participants will have a detailed roadmap to live a meaningful story. All ages are welcome, and attendance at the previous *Discover Your Story* workshop is not needed. Drinks and desserts will be provided. RSVP to Kristen: kristenotte@fhcpresb.org.

Exploring Membership Class

Are you curious about Forest Hill Church? Want to learn more about what makes us tick? Interested in membership? Come to the next Exploring Membership class, Saturday, November 10 from 9 – 12 noon and Sunday, November 11 from 9 – 10:30 am. RSVP to the church office.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 am

Kerygma classes continue. The text for next Sunday is Romans 13: 1-10.

Cornucopia Celebration Lunch

Join us in celebrating the abundance of this stewardship season – come to a celebration lunch next Sunday, November 11, immediately following worship. RSVP to the church office, or place the reservation form from page 16 in the offering plate.

LOOKING AHEAD

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). For details about the concert, please see the October TOWER.

Iris Circle: 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.

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	Jim Manista
Erin & Bill Armstrong	Jane Melbourne
Doris Brandt	Pat & Hal Musick
Ruth & Arthur Brickel	Richard Obermanns
Lucy Conde	Karen Parker
Monita Franklin	Carol Scott
Chris & Daniel Fuller	Steve Sedam
Carol & Tim Gifford	Peggy Skelly
Brett & Annette Himes & family	Damos & Dele Solaru & family
Cindy Fink & Kemp Jaycox & family	Derry Stauffer & Kathy Hanna-Stauffer
Jack & Shelly Jesberger & family	Marjorie Thomas
Matt & Jacquelyn Knoch	Anne Wilson
	Robert & Julie Ann Yoe

This week’s CARE Group volunteers: Chris and Kara Patterson, continental breakfast; Jim Manista, Kemp Jaycox and Cindy Fink, greeters; Julie Wolfram Smith, the Gifford family, coffee hour and greeting card table; Steve Sedam, flower delivery.

AWE, November 18

Our third AWE service will be held on 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 the day before, **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 18th. 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 17th, and for sure come to worship on the 18th! More information about *Friends of the Groom* can be found at <http://fog.homestead.com/index.html>

■■■ *Youth News*

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

■■■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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■■■ *The Lessons*

Today's Scripture: Romans 12: 1-13

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Next Sunday: Romans 13: 1-10 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.

■■■*Calendar: November 4 - 11, 2012*

Sunday, Nov. 4

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: Communion
 Little Explorers
 Children in Worship
 Pathways to the Promise Land
 12:15 Coffee Hour
 Faith, Religion and Partisan Politics
 Labre Group meeting
 4:00 Hilltoppers to
Phantom of the Opera
 5:00 Faith Leader

Monday, November 5

6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)
 Al Anon
 Board of Elections set-up
 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)
 Boy Scout Trp #403

Tuesday, November 6: Election Day

6:30 am Polls open
 7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 36

Wednesday, November 7

7:30 am Bible and Bagels
 7:00 pm "Live Your Best Story"
 workshop

Thursday, November 8

7:30 pm FH Swim Club meeting

Friday, November 9

9:30 am Al Anon meeting

Saturday November 10

9:00 am Exploring Membership class

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)

Song of the Soul - Cris Williamson

1. Love of my life, I am crying, I am not dying, I am dancing
 Dancing along in the madness, there is no sadness, only a song of
 the soul

Chorus

And we'll sing a song, why don't you sing along,
 And we can sing for a long, long time.
 Why don't you sing this song, why don't you sing along?
 And we can sing for a long, long time.

2. What do you do for a living? Are you forgiving? Giving shelter?
 Follow your heart, love will find you, truth will unbind you,
 Seek out a song of the soul.

Chorus

3. Come to your life like a warrior, nothin' will bore yer, you can be
 happy.
 Let in the light it will heal you, and you can feel you
 And sing out a song of the soul.



Sign up in Fellowship Hall today



Building Communities, Strengthening Lives



Cornucopia Celebration Luncheon
Sunday, November 11

The cornucopia is derived from the Latin words meaning “horn of plenty” and has long been the symbol of the abundant harvest season and the bountiful blessings received. This year, as we celebrate the abundant harvest of our Stewardship Campaign and the bountiful blessings which we have received, we will gather to share fellowship and give thanks.

Please join us as we gather in Fellowship Hall to celebrate the abundance of this stewardship season on Sunday, November 11 immediately following worship. A harvest-themed feast, prepared by Morag Keefe, will be presented on behalf of the Stewardship Ministry. It is open to all; a free will offering will be accepted to offset the cost. RSVP by dropping the form provided below into the offering plate, or by phone or email to the church office, no later than Wednesday, November 8.

Name: _____

Attending: _____

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your minds, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Corinthians 9: 6-7