

## **Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian**

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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*  
*June 16, 2013 at 10:00 am*  
*Sacrament of Baptism*

*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*

*Prepare for this worship by remembering your own baptism.*

In baptism God claims us, and seals us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice.

***(Book of Common Worship)***

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

spirituals

"Sometimes I feel Like a Motherless Child"

"Steal Away"

Caleb Wright and Minister Willie-Mae Wright, soloists

## ■ ■ ■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

### **Call to Worship**

Elder Elspeth Peterjohn

**Leader:** As many of you as were baptized in Christ have clothed yourself with Christ.

**People:** **There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female;**

**Leader:** For all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

**People:** **This promise is for us and for our children and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls.**

**Leader:** We are God's own people, in order that we may proclaim the mighty acts of the One who called us out of darkness into God's marvelous light. Let us worship God.

### **\* Opening Hymn No. 491**

"Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

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

### **Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Clover Beal

**Calm the troubled waters of our hearts, Lord. We are caught up in currents that do not bring peace. We find ourselves in stagnant waters of mindless routine. We see others struggling to get to the other side, through the waves of injustice, but fail to throw a life line; we are too busy trying to save ourselves. There are times, we confess, when we are in over our heads. Forgive us, help us, save us.**

### **Time of Silent Confession**

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

Pulkingham

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

### Assurance of Pardon

\* Response

Paul Vasile

#### "Glory to God"

3 Glo-ry to God, whose good-ness shines on me, and to the

6 Son, whose grace has par-doned me, and to the Spir-it, whose love has

8 set me free. As it was in the be-gin-ning, is

now and ev-er shall be. A-men.

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

### Sacrament of Baptism for Maisarah Elizabeth and Abigail Rose Manista

#### Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

#### Reception of New Members

Ajah Hales

Marjorie Ravas

Jessica Kelley-Moore

Gretchen Reynolds

Gale Poor

Mary Constance Sekerak

Jacob Stauffer (a member of the 2013 Confirmation class)

## **Prayer of Welcome**

**Merciful God, you call us by name and promise to each of us your constant love. Watch over your servants. Deepen their understanding of the gospel; strengthen their commitment to Christ; and keep them in the faith and communion of your church. Increase their compassion for others; send them into the world in witness to your love; and bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **\* Hymn No. 387**

**“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

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

## **Scripture Lesson**

**Romans 6: 1-11**

*After the reading*

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## **Sermon**

**Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz**

**“Over My Head”**

## **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**

**Duke Ellington**

**“Come Sunday”**

**\* Response** South African song  
**Halleluya! We sing your praises. All our hearts with gladness are filled. (2x)**  
**Christ now sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt;**  
**Strong in faith, free of doubt; Tell to all the joyful Good News.**  
**Halleluya! We sing your praises. All our hearts with gladness are filled. (2x)**

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

**\* Closing Hymn No. 420**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

**\* Commission and Blessing**

**\* Choral Benediction**

**\* Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

Henry Purcell

“Bell Symphony”

Lynn Balaze, guest organist

*\* Please stand if you are able*

### ***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!

■ ■ ■ *Community Notes*

### **Chancel Flowers**

The flowers today are given by Anona Stack in memory of Joseph Wenta; in honor of Bill and Verna Bidelman by their children and grandchildren; and by John Spirk in honor of Vikki Nowak.

## **Prayer Concerns this Week**

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

Grant Acord, Connie Biddinger, Jennifer Blakeney, Virginia Colville, Joanne Dawson, Marian Frederick, Iris Gilbert, Ron and Florence Klein, Lissa McKinley, Robert Sacha, Charles Sawyer, Debbie Ungemach.

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

Dick Bloomquist, Ruth and Arthur Brickel, Bill Currie, Pat Drake, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Elizabeth Kosnik, Emelia McGuire, Merdine T. Morris, Joyce Peters, Elaine Tapié, 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**.

**Congratulations to Juliann Lafferty, daughter of Sue and Scott Lafferty, and John S. Ely III, who were married here yesterday.** Dr. Lentz officiated.

## **This Month's Ushers**

Scott Peters, Lead Usher; Tish Van Beers-Klein, assistant lead; Brian Klein, Jim Roosa, Ayodele Solaru. 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): 155**

## ■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

### **TODAY**

#### ***Please Welcome***

Please welcome Lynn Balaze, a familiar figure at the organ when Anne Wilson is away. Anne is worshipping in Bayonne, France today and getting ready to begin a tour of the Basque country in France and Spain.

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

Summer Pathways, for children who will enter grades 1-6 in the fall, meets today. Children should meet in the Art Room on the lower CE level.

#### ***Today's Baptisms***

Today we celebrate the baptisms of Maisarah Elizabeth and Abigail Rose Manista, daughters of Andrew and Majida Manista and granddaughters of attending Elder Jim Manista.

#### ***New Members Received Today***

Those received into membership today have been asked the following questions by Session, and have responded affirmatively:

- Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its powers in the world?
- Do you turn to Jesus Christ and trust him as your Lord and Savior, accepting his forgiveness of your sins and trusting in his grace and love?
- Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?
- Will you be an active member of this congregation, supporting the work and worship of Christ's Church with your talents and gifts?

### ***Softball Update***

The Forest Hill Softball Team is out to regain its crown this season. Posting a 9-1 record through the first 5 weeks, and armed with some new faces and the always stellar defense, we sit in first place in the league. Anyone interested in joining the team for the 2nd half should contact Jason Hidek (440-264-3296 or [Jason.hidek@att.net](mailto:Jason.hidek@att.net)).

### **THIS WEEK**

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

Bible and Bagels meets Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 am in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The lessons this week are **1 Kings 19: 1-4, 8-15a; Psalms 42-43; Galatians 3: 23-29; Luke 8: 26-39.**

#### ***Health Fair Coming to FHC***

On Saturday, June 22, 2013, Forest Hill Presbyterian Church will sponsor a health fair as part of our Synod's Mobile Health Fair Ministry. Each attendee will receive a health kit. We are still accepting financial donations for the health kits; please write "Health Fair" on the memo line of your check.

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

#### ***Adult Education – Bible study, 9:00 in South Hall***

This summer we will explore some of the great prayers and poetry of the Hebrew Scriptures. Many of us wonder how to pray, and are secretly unsure how prayer really works. Our study will dive into the rich, frank and sometimes downright surprising history of the ongoing dialogue between God and God's people. Bold, candid, impolite and persistent prayers will be the model of our study, as well as some of the beautiful poetry handed down to us from God's original chosen. Prepare to be surprised!

## **Summer Choir**

There is no Summer Choir next week. The Summer Choir resumes June 30 and continues through the end of July. There's a 25-minute rehearsal in the choir room (underneath Fellowship Hall) at 9:30 am. The music is easy and dress is casual. All ages are welcome – families are encouraged to sit together, singing with non-singing. Come enjoy participating in worship from “the other side”!

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

### ***Family Promise Host week, July 7-14***

Forest Hill's next Family Promise host week begins July 7. Please contact Anne Smith ([anneandjeffsmith@gmail.com](mailto:anneandjeffsmith@gmail.com)) to volunteer to help with dinners, or Julie Lusic ([jlusic@gmail.com](mailto:jlusic@gmail.com)) for all other volunteer opportunities.

### ***One Book, One Church***

This summer, FHC will read together the novel ***Chasing Francis: A Pilgrim's Tale*** by Ian Morgan Cron.

*What happens when the pastor of a megachurch loses his faith? Pastor Chase Falson has lost his faith in God, the Bible, evangelical Christianity, and his super-sized megachurch. When he falls apart, the church elders tell him to take a leave. Join Chase on his life-changing journey to Italy where, with a curious group of Franciscan friars, he struggles to resolve his crisis of faith by retracing the footsteps of Francis of Assisi, a saint whose simple way of loving Jesus changed the history of the world. The author weaves lessons from the life of Saint Francis to explore the life of a saint who 800 years ago breathed new life into disillusioned Christians and a Church on the brink of collapse. Chasing Francis is a hopeful and moving story with profound implications for those who yearn for a*

*more vital relationship with God and the world. You will discover your own journey through the lessons of St. Francis.*

Copies of the book will be for sale after church at \$10/each. A book discussion opportunity will be set for later in the summer.

### ***Care Group***

The Jordan Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during June. 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:

Debbie Adrine	Neil & Kathy Molyneaux
Betsy & Joe Andrews	Jon Newton
Chessie Bleick	Linda Rainey
Dale & Elaine Dannefer	John & Kara Schellenberg & family
Sally Davis	Jim & Pat Seeders
Ralph & Kathy Dise	Dalma Takacs
Ron & Marcia Grant	Grace Uhle
Roger & Consuelo Heineman & family	Tori Weisberg & family
Dorothy Herd	Pat & Ray Weissbrod
Carl Jenks	Becky & Brian West & family
Ellen McChesney	Marilyn Wilk
	Diana Woodbridge

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

#### ***Iris Circle (all women of the church)***

Iris Circle will meet this Tuesday, June 18 at Barb Hansen's (9104 Idlewood, Mentor) at noon for a pot luck lunch and planning meeting on the patio. Bring your favorite dish and ideas for next year's programs. RSVP to Barb ([bhansen@oh.rr.com](mailto:bhansen@oh.rr.com) or 440-255-5514).

## ***Faith Leader Spiritual Development Program***

Are you interested in learning more about the Faith Leader Spiritual Development Program? Faith Leader is a 28-week small group spiritual formation experience that encourages a deepening relationship with God. Nearly 60 "beloved children of God" have participated and had the experience of enriching their lives and faith through this unique and often transforming program. We will begin our eighth group in the fall and invite anyone who is interested in learning more or being considered for the program to contact Rev. Clover Beal or Laurie Muller-Girard (216-752-7006).

### ■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

***Looking Ahead:*** The Mission Trip leaves July 13!

### ■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

***Today's Scripture:*** Romans 6: 1-11

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**Next Sunday: 1 Kings 19: 1-4, 8-15a; Psalms 42-43; Galatians 3: 23-29; Luke 8: 26-39.** As part of your daily devotions, read the lessons.

## ■ ■ ■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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### **The summer schedule for the office and building is as follows:**

- The office is open 8:30 – 5, Monday – Thursday
- The building is accessible until 9 pm, Monday – Thursday. If the doorbell does not get answered, please call the custodians' cell phone: 216-217-5257
- Friday: The office is open until 3 pm; the building is accessible until 8 pm
- Saturday: The building is accessible 8 am – 1 pm
- Sunday: The building is accessible 7 am – 5 pm
- The office will be closed July 4-5.

### **Summer Child Care**

The crib and nursery room is a wonderful place for our young children to come and be cared for while parents are in worship. We hope all families will find this place to be a caring and nurturing place to leave their children.

Throughout the summer months child care is available in the nursery for babies through 5 year olds from 9:45-11:30.

The nursery is staffed by a paid Child Care Provider with the help of volunteers. Please consider helping - the commitment is small, just one or two Sundays each quarter, and rewards are huge, babies to hold and of course a snack. You can also listen to the worship service! Our nursery is in great need of volunteers for the summer months. Sign up in the nursery or contact Liz Wollaeger for more information.

■ ■ ■ *Calendar: June 16 - 23, 2013*

**Sunday, June 16**

8:15 Nominating Committee meeting

9:15 Session:

Meet with New members

9:30 Child care begins

Continental Breakfast

Summer Choir

10:00 WORSHIP:

Sacrament of Baptism

Summer Pathways

11:15 Coffee Hour

Blood pressure check

12:00 Culture Camp set-up

1:00 Memorial Service:

Nancy Sweeton

6:00 Softball vs Korean Central PC,  
RMS

7:00 Height Barbershoppers rehearsal

***Culture Camp is here M-F, 9:30 – 3:30***

**Monday, June 17**

6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)

7:00 pm Al Anon

7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)

**Tuesday, June 18**

12:00 pm Iris Circle (at Barb Hansen's)

**Wednesday, June 19**

7:30 am Bible and Bagels

10:00 am TOWER collators

7:00 pm Personnel meeting

**Friday, June 21**

9:30 am Al Anon meeting

7:00 pm Culture Camp Fiesta

**Saturday, June 22**

9:00 am Health Fair

**Sunday, June 23**

9:30 Child care begins

Continental Breakfast

10:00 WORSHIP in Fellowship Hall

11:15 Coffee Hour

12:00 Forest Hill Park Clean-up

# SOHoH

(Supporting Opportunity and Hope in Haiti)

A festive summer event to raise funds for medical care, education at an orphanage and residential sanitation in rural Central Haiti.

For reservations or donations call 216-371-9004

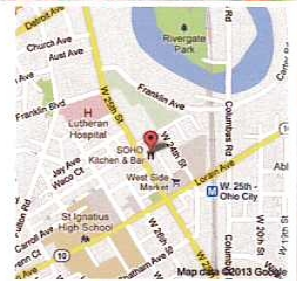
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**JULY 14th 2013 5-8 pm**

Advanced reservations only

RSVP by July 4th

\$50 per person (\$30 tax deductible)

Includes buffet and 2 drinks

5:00- Enjoy hearty samplings of  
Haitian-inspired cuisine prepared  
by SOHO Kitchen and Bar.

6:30- Informal presentation about  
the FHC Haiti partnership.

7:00- Live Auction (art quilts, blowing glass)

