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 September 15, 2013 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.

$\blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare$ Prayer of Preparation

As I come to worship this day, may I be reminded that I and everyone else too is made in your likeness and image, O Lord. I am precious in your sight, just as I am. Let me rest in that, and rest in you this Sabbath day.

Welcome

Prelude J. S. Bach

"Allemande" (French Suite in D Minor)

Choral Introit

■■■ Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship Elder Rosanna Sprague

Leader: This is the house of God; you are welcome here.

People: We come from many locations with much on our minds and much in our hearts.

Leader: God has created you, knows you, loves you. Find peace and acceptance here.

People: Strangers and friends, guests and visitors; we are sojourners on the way.

Leader: Find rest for your souls, joy for your heart and hope for your journey.

People: We seek God's blessing.

Leader: Be blessed! Let us worship God!

* Processional Hymn No. 370

"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

■■■ Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

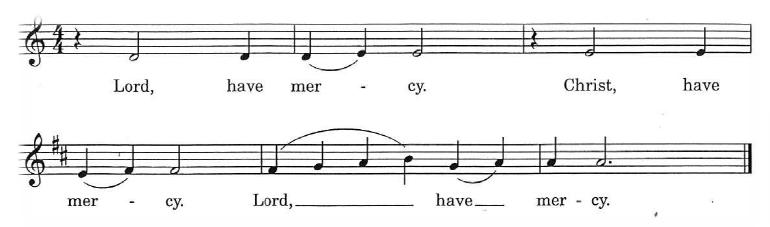
Rev. Clover Beal

Creator God, you have made us in your likeness and image but we do not care for our bodies and do not like the image we see in the mirror. You have given us stewardship over the earth but we plunder creation with little thought for our planet's well being. You call everything good but we judge by wealth, status, race and power. You provide abundantly but we hoard and live in scarcity. Forgive us. Call us back to who we are and guide forward to who we can be; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)

Phillips



■■■ 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.

Anthem Scandinavian trad.

"Open Your Doors" Sine Nomine Choir

■ ■ Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 1:26 - 2:3

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

* Hymn No. 316

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

Sermon Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz

"The Rest of Creation"

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 John Bell

"Before the World Began" Caitlin Desjardins, violin

* 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.

- $\blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare$ Going Forth to Live as God's People
- * Closing Hymn No. 422

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

- * Commission and Blessing
- * Choral Benediction
- * Passing of the Peace

 $\blacksquare \blacksquare \blacksquare Postlude$ J. S. Bach

"Prelude in F Minor"

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!

^{*}please stand if able

■ ■ Congregational Notes

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers are donated by Joy Stang in memory of her husband Lou and in honor of her four children, Lou, Kevin, Cathy and Ken; by Carol and Tim Gifford in memory of Marilyn and Dick Gifford and in honor of Mary and Robert Sacha; and by Diana Woodbridge in loving memory of her husband Ted and mother Dorothy Smith.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Norris Curry, Marian Frederick, Iris Gilbert, Graham Kiple, Ron and Florence Klein, Kay Marunowski, Lissa McKinley, David Sacha, Charles Sawyer, George Sentell, Debbie Ungemach, Jim Seeders, Dwight Stauffer, Anne Taylor.

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.

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

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: 252

■ ■ Announcements

TODAY

Fiesta! Stay for lunch, games, cake walk, and fun! Beginning immediately after worship

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 lesson this week will be from Genesis 2.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall

From September 22 – October 13, small groups will meet to continue the study of Genesis.

Youth Education, 9:30 am

High School Youth in the Koinonia Room Mid High Youth in Caitlin's office: Manna and Mercy

Labre Ministry

Donated items are always needed, including gently used, warm-weather clothing (jackets, sweaters and sweats), as well as personal items like socks and underwear. The group is also looking for a nurse who can do simple health screenings once a month. The next Labre Project is Sunday, September 22. Please contact Jack Breisch if you are interested in donating or joining the Labre team on its next mission.

Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC)

The Session has approved FHC's participation in the Greater Cleveland Congregations - a non-partisan coalition of faith communities and partner organizations working together to build power for social justice. By uniting people across lines of race, class, religion, and geography to promote public, private and civic sector actions, GCC aims to strengthen and improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods. FHC's GCC Core Team - Jennifer Blakeney, Mark Chupp, Dick Obermanns, Sharon Shumaker, and Diana Woodbridge - extend an open invitation for others to join them in this effort. They will be available after church next Sunday to meet with those who are interested in learning more.

LOOKING AHEAD

Save the Date - October 7, 7 pm: Climate 911 Tour

Dr. Wendy Ring, representing the Climate 911 activist organization, is leading a team of bicycling physicians from Washington State to Washington DC to promote awareness of the impact of climate change on human health. Forest Hill Church has been asked, because of our standing as an Earth Care congregation, to host Dr. Ring's presentation on the effects of climate change and what we can do through improved management of our personal health.

Home Repair Resource Center Clam Bake

The HRRC Clam Bake will be held on October 12 from 5 – 9 pm on the beautiful grounds of The McGregor Home (14900 Private Dr., East Cleveland). Please join us for a great evening of music, corn hole, auctions, raffle and a delicious traditional clam bake. All proceeds benefit the Home Repair Resource Center. Tickets are \$60 and may be

purchased from Vikki Nowak or on line (http://www.hrrc-ch.org/2013/08/save-the-date-for-hrrc-clam-bake/).

Care Group

The Mt. Sinai Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during September. 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:

Barb Cloud, Deacon leader Julie & Gary Lustic

Joanne Bielek Nancy Lyon-Stadler & family

Guy Cameron & family Brooke Marcy & family

Betty & Don Clark Dave & Jane Olson & family

Jane Frederick & family Graham & Roz Peters

Donna Frey Joyce Peters

Sue Gifford & family Marjorie Ravas

Al Gilbert Matt & Katie Russo & family

Don & Nancy Grube Gary Sampson

Barb Hansen Sara & Randy Shaner

Jason & Christine Hidek & family Anona Stack

Church & Jane Ishler Lorian, Ralph & Fran Thomas

Nina Klein Ann & Peter Williams

Mary Lewis Warren & Lois Young

Nursery Help Needed

The FHC Nursery is staffed by a paid childcare provider and volunteer assistants. All are invited to help out – 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 coming months. Sign up in the nursery or contact Liz Wollaeger (lizw@fhcpresb.org or 216-321-2660) for more information.

Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity And Generosity Sundays, Sept. 29 – Oct. 20, 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Enough explores our anxiety about money, and invites discussion and prayer about our place as Christians in a culture defined by the acquisition of "things." We possess more and more, yet feel less and less at ease. The Stewardship ministry invites you to read this simple and fairly short book, view the accompanying video tapes, and join Pastor John Lentz in discussing God's call in our lives for good stewardship. The group will meet for four weeks beginning Sunday, Sept. 29 from 5-7 pm and continuing on Oct. 6, 13, and 20. This small group book study is limited to only 20 participants, so reserve your spot as soon as possible. Twenty books, costing \$10 each, have been ordered, but don't let the cost keep you from joining us. Reserve your spot by emailing the church office or Pastor Lentz.

Social Groups and Circles Iris Circle (all women of the church)

Come join Iris Circle for a great potluck lunch on Tuesday, September 17 at noon at the home of Karen Loughridge, 34116 Chagrin Blvd. #9101, Moreland Hills, OH 44022. We will discuss plans for the CARE packages for FHC college freshmen. Any questions, please call Karen or Barb Hansen.

Pacesetters (40s-60s)

Pacesetters and friends are invited to come and see the newly renovated Cleveland Museum of Art during a private guided tour, led by Forest Hill's museum docent extraordinaire, Anne Wilson, on Friday, October 18 at 6 pm. For those who wish, we will then head down Euclid Avenue to Mi Pueblo for scrumptious Mexican cuisine and "refreshments." Ole!

RSVP to Sue or Scott Lafferty so that we can let the restaurant know how many people will be in our dinner group. Bring a new member or friend to join us!

■■■ *Youth News*

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

Mid-High Fellowship meeting: 6 pm TODAY

Next Sunday: After-church potluck lunch for parents and youth, followed by activities for youth and a meeting with Caitlin for parents.

■■■ The Lessons

Today's Scripture: Genesis 1:26 - 2:3

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Next Sunday: The study of Genesis continues with the second Creation account.

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About the bulletin cover

Artist and business consultant/facilitator Kevin Miller (of ALLEN MILLER ARTS, 117 E Chestnut at Duke, Lancaster, PA 17602) studied art at Manchester College and the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Ais-en-Provence, France. His retrospective, "UTOPIA AND APOCALYPSE — Seven Decades Re-imagined," will appear at Manchester University, 604 E College Avenue, North Manchester, Indiana, in Gallery G, upper level Union, from 9/16 - 12/4/2013. He will give a presentation and tour of his work at 7 pm on Oct 3 and an artist's reception from 4-6 pm, Oct 4, 2013. More

of Mr. Miller's art can be found at **allenmillerarts.com** and **kevinmillerartandjunk.wordpress.com**.





—2 Thessalonians 3:16



As Presbyterians enter this Season of Peace, the people of Syria are on our hearts and minds. More than two years of conflict have resulted in over 100,000 deaths, 2 million Syrians becoming refugees, and the internal displacement of as many as 5 million Syrians. The use of chemical weapons on August 21, 2013, resulted in the deaths of over 1,400 people, including hundreds of children.

As Christians, we are called to hear the cries of our neighbors in distress, to alleviate their suffering, and to work for peace. The witness of Jesus reminds us that it is through compassion and nonviolence that radical change and lasting peace can be achieved, even in Syria today.

What You Can Do: Stand in the **GAP** to promote peace and to offer healing and assistance to the most vulnerable of the Syrian people.

GIVE: Give to the Peacemaking Offering and consider designating your congregation's 25 percent share to the collaborative efforts of the Peacemaking Program and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) in PDA's ongoing humanitarian response to the crisis in Syria. Consider an additional gift to PDA, designating "Crisis in Syria."

We ask that you prayerfully consider giving online at presbyterianmission.org/give/peacemaking-offering. You can also text PDA SYRIA to 20222 to donate \$10.

ACT: Support a peaceful, just, and lasting resolution to the conflict in Syria. Contact your elected leaders in Washington, DC, to express your concern and urge caution about military action in Syria.

PRAY: Join us in prayer for the people of Syria and all who have been affected by this crisis. Pray also for our world leaders, members of Congress, and all decision makers—that they find a way forward that brings lasting peace and stability to Syria.

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Name			Address			

■ ■ Calendar: September 15 - 22, 2013

Sunday, Sept	ember 15	Wednesday, September 18			
9:15 Child	Child care begins		n Bible and Bagels		
9:30 Desca	nt Choir rehearsal	10:00 a	m TOWER collators		
Adult	Education	12:30 p	om Bullshevicks		
Youth	Education	(at A	Alfred's, Mayfield Hts Holiday Inn)		
9:45 Maria	chi Band rehearsal	1:00 pr	n Hilltop Garden Club		
10:15 Desca	nt Choir activity time				
10:30 Chand	cel Choir rehearsal	Thursday, September 19			
Conti	nental Breakfast	6:20 Voices in Bronze rehearsal			
10:45 Cheru	b Choir	7:30 Chancel Choir rehearsal			
11:00 WOR	SHIP				
Pathway	s to the Promise Land (gr.	Friday, September 20			
1-5)		9:30 am Al Anon meeting			
Childr	en in Worship	Saturday Santambar 21			
12:15 FALL FESTIVAL: FIESTA!		Saturday, September 21			
Blood pressure check		10:00 am Soup Group			
6:00 Mid High Fellowship meeting		Sunday, September 22			
		9:15	Child care begins		
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