

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 14, 2014 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 have large print editions of the Bible and today's bulletin;
hearing devices; activity bags with quiet activities for children staying in worship;
and directions to our Monticello Wing nursery for babies and young children.

■ ■ ■ *Prayer of Preparation*

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome

Prelude

Franz Schubert

"Sonata in A Major: Allegro moderato"

Anne Hunter, piano

Choral Introit

■ ■ ■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

Call to Worship

Elder Scott Lafferty

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: O come let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

Leader: O praise the Lord with me,

People: Let us exalt God's name together.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*** Processional Hymn No. 39**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Clover Beal

Merciful God, we humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Forgive us. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

John Bell

■ ■ ■ *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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 12/8 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "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."

Anthem

"Psalm 67"

(Argentine folk melody)

Steel drums:

Julie Wolfram Smith, Chris Vandall, Anne Wilson

**Singing
instructions:**

**Congregation
sings refrain**

May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill - ing all our
¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz! Al mun - do en

lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us
cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -

on our way, bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.
nos tu luz, luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.

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

Minute for Mission

Anne Smith, Sue Lafferty

"Family Promise"

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 14: 19-31

After the reading

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

* Hymn No. 468

"In My Life"

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

"When the Waves Come Crashing Down"

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

Offertory

Kathy Galloway

"The Spirit Is Moving in My Heart"

* Response

South African song

"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises!"

Ha - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais-es, all our

3 hearts with glad-ness are filled. Hal - le - lu-jah! We sing your

6 prais-es, all our hearts with glad-ness are filled. Now he

9 sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong of

13 faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy-ful Good News. *repeat first part*

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

* **Closing Hymn No. 65**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

* **Commission and Blessing**

* **Choral Benediction**

* **Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *Postlude*

J. S. Bach

"Prelude in F Minor"

**please stand if able*



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! Be sure to visit our website, **www.fhcpresb.org**, to find a complete list of upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and texts and audio of past sermons.

■ ■ ■ *Congregational Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by Marilyn Wilk in memory of her mother, Cinderella Paradiso; and in memory of Maybelle Geyer and Nancy Geyer Harper, by Jenny and Caty Himmelman.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Mykeltie Ball, Kay Currie, Flora Dannemiller, John Dugard, Jean Duncan, Mary Lewis, Connie Sekerak, Margaret Sentell, Debbie Ungemach.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Dick Bloomquist, Bill Currie, Pat Drake, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Iris Gilbert, Ron and Florence Klein, Emelia McGuire, 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

Jim Roosa, Ayodele Solaru. Roger Heineman, Head Usher

Interested in joining an usher team?

See Roger Heineman.

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

Attendance last week: 270

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

TODAY

Choirs

It's not too late to join a choir! Contact Anne Wilson, annew@fhcpresb.org or 216-870-2729.

Anne Wilson Anniversary CD/DVDs

The CD/DVD sets of Anne Wilson's Silver Anniversary Concert have arrived, and they are stunning. If you pre-ordered one, you can pick it up at a table in Fellowship Hall after worship. If you would like to buy additional sets, they will be available in Fellowship Hall for the next several weeks for \$25 per set.

Family Promise Host Week Sign-up

Anne Smith and Sue Lafferty will be in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour to sign you up to help host families from Family Promise during the week of September 28. Look for them!

Lay Reader Orientation

Would you like to become a lay reader, leading the call to worship and reading the scripture on an occasional Sunday? Stay in the sanctuary after today's worship – Derek Duncan will be leading a Lay Reader Orientation.

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 from **Psalm 114 and Galatians 1: 1-12, 2: 1-14.**

Iris Circle (all women of the church)

Iris Circle will tour Edwins Restaurant and Leadership Institute on Shaker Square on Tuesday, September 16. See the TOWER for details; RSVP to Elspeth Peterjohn.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall

The study of Galatians continues in small groups next Sunday. There's still time to register – use the form on p. 11, or see Pastor Beal.

Labre Project

There is a meeting in Bodwell Hall immediately after worship on September 21. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Care Group

The Jordan 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:

Mary McMillan, Deacon Leader	Neil & Kathy Molyneaux
Debbie Adrine	Jon Newton
Betsy & Joe Andrews	Linda Rainey
Mike & Danielle Cosgrove	John & Kara Schellenberg & family
Dale & Elaine Dannefer	Jim & Pat Seeders
Sally Davis	Dan & Kristin Smith
Ralph & Kathy Dise	Dalma Takacs
Ron & Marcia Grant	Grace Uhle
Roger & Consuelo Heineman & family	Tori Weisberg & family
Dorothy Herd	Becky & Brian West & family
Carl Jenks	Marilyn Wilk
Ellen McChesney	Diana Woodbridge

■ ■ ■ *Youth News*

Every Sunday

- Mid and Sr High classes meet from 9:30 – 10:30 am
- Youth Fellowship at 5 pm ***NOT MEETING THIS EVENING***

■■■ *FHC Staff Emails and Phone Extensions*

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Did you know...

- That this past week Paul Jennings and Milk Glaros picked up 2400 pounds of food from the Cleveland Food Bank? This included canned goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy products and meat. Each week between 50 – 100 people receive food from Abundance Pantry – abundant indeed!
- That Jim and Pat Seeders are the work force behind the FHC flower gardens?

■ ■ ■ *Events to Watch for*

The Fall Festival

**On Sunday, September 28 FHC will celebrate fall
with an Apple Festival!**

**The Deacons are planning apple activities for everyone.
Come to church and stay for lunch, fun and festivities!
All are welcome.**

The Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 4, 5 pm

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**Bring your pets (leashed or caged) to be blessed
a St. Francis Day service that celebrates the
presence of pets in our lives. Weather
permitting, we will be outside the church for
prayers, "All God's Critters," and individual pet
blessings.**

The Kingdom Party
Saturday, October 11, 7-10 pm

**Come to the Kingdom Party celebrating
Pastor John Lentz's 20th anniversary as
senior pastor of Forest Hill Church.**

**There will be dancing (with LaDon Headen as DJ), storytelling,
refreshments and much more.**



■■■Calendar: September 14-21, 2014

Sunday, September 14

8:30 Nominating Committee
 9:00 Child care begins
 9:30 Adult education
 Descant Choir
 10:15 Descant Choir activity
 10:30 Continental Breakfast
 Chancel Choir
 Cherub Choir
 11:00 WORSHIP
 Children in Worship
 Pathways to the Promise Land
 12:00 Budget committee mtg
 Personnel comm. mtg
 Coffee Hour
 GCC Follow-up meeting
 12:30 Lay reader orientation, training
 4:40 Labre Project
 5:00 Haiti Benefit at SOHO

Monday, September 15

6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)
 7:00 pm Al Anon
 7:30 pm AA: Borton Group
 Boy Scout Troop #403

Tuesday, September 16

12:00 pm Iris Circle:
 Tour and lunch at Edwins
 1:00 pm Abundance Pantry
 food distribution
 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class

Wednesday, September 17

7:30 am Bible and Bagels
 10:00 am TOWER collators
 12:30 pm Wednesday Women's AA
 1:00 pm Hilltop Garden Club

Thursday, September 18

1:00 pm Abundance Pantry food
 distribution
 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class
 6:20 pm Voices in Bronze
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, September 19

9:30 am Al Anon

Saturday, September 20

4:00 pm Baby shower (private)

Sunday, September 21

9:00 Child care begins
 9:30 Adult education
 Descant Choir
 10:15 Descant Choir activity
 10:30 Continental Breakfast
 Chancel Choir
 11:00 WORSHIP
 Children in Worship
 11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land
 12:00 Coffee Hour
 Blood pressure check
 Labre Project meeting
 Sine Nomine Choir rehearsal
 12:50 Recital
 (students of Anne Wilson)
 5:00 Youth Fellowship

Forest Hill Church Adult Education: All-Church Bible Study

The Epistle to the Galatians

September 7 – November 16, 2014

What do I have to do, in practical terms,
to gain a right relationship with God?

This fall, FHC will participate in reading, studying, and hearing the message preached from Paul's Epistle to the Galatians. This is one of the undisputed and earliest of Paul's letters, typically dated mid-1st century. Galatians is an exceptional presentation of Paul's foundational teaching on justification by faith. Without faith, our works do not justify us. In January, we will be studying the four chapters of the book of James as the counter-argument offering works as the demonstration and witness to faith. Without works, will one's faith be demonstrated to the world?

Join us in large-group lectures and small-group study. Meet new friends and enrich your understanding of the Bible. ALL LEVELS of comfort and experience are welcome!

Schedule

Sundays 9:30 – 10:30

September 7, 14: Introduction to the New Testament and to Galatians

September 21: Small Groups begin

October 12: Large Group Plenary

October 19: Small Groups resume

November 16: Large Group Wrap-up

Please complete the questions below to register your interest to join a study group. All are encouraged and welcome to participate!

Name_____

Email (or phone)_____

Small Group preference: Check any that apply

____Beginner ____Intermediate ____Ready to Dig Deeper

RESOURCE (\$20): ____rcd book paid: cash / check / tbp

Processed by_____ date_____

■ ■ ■ *The Lessons*

Next Sunday: Exodus 14: 19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 12: 1-12; Matthew 18: 21-35 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.

Exodus 14: 19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites

walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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