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Service of Worship Sacrament of Infant Baptism February 8, 2015 at 11:00 am

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 compassion, you have shown us in Christ that your love is never ending. Enable us to live you with all our hearts and to love one another as Christ loved us.

Welcome

Prelude Antonio Vivaldi

"Winter" from The Four Seasons

Elder Diana Woodbridge

Choral Introit

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

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: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the

one hope of your calling.

People: One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God who is the Creator

of all.

Leader: Let us worship God!

* Processional Hymn No. 49

"The God of Abraham Praise"

Stanzas 1, 2 and 4

*please stand if able

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Song of Confession: Hymn No. 431 "Forgive Us, Lord" (*Perdón, Señor*)

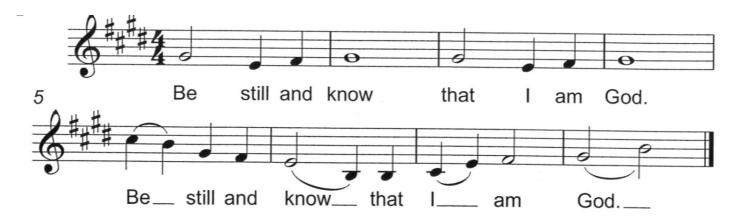
Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Assurance of Pardon

* Response (John Bell)

First: All sing

Second: Men start, women and children start 1 measure later



Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

The Sacrament of Baptism for Abel Joseph Garache Lafferty

Congregational Response

Abel, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

Con alegría y gratitud te invitamos a que compartas con nosotros en el ministerio de Cristo, porque todos somos uno en él. * **Hymn No. 322** "We Are One in Christ Jesus" (Somos uno en Cristo)

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

Scripture Lesson

James 5: 7-12

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, Jr.

"Patience"

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

spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

"My Soul's Been Anchored"

* 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. 765

"May the God of Hope Go with Us" (Canto de esperanza)

* Commission and Blessing

- * Choral Benediction
- * Passing of the Peace

Postlude Jean Langlais

"Pasticcio"



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

Today's flowers are given by the Cameron family in loving memory of Mary Margaret Cameron.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Don Clark, Chuck Ishler, Mary Lewis, Mel Mervine, Bill Proudfit, Margaret and George Sentell, Katherine Sicking, Debbie Ungemach, Ray Weissbrod.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Bill and Kay Currie, Flora Dannemiller, Pat Drake, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Iris Gilbert, Ron and Florence Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Arlene and Jack Quinn, Margie and Dwight Stauffer, 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

Robyn Hales, Paula Harvey, Tom Harvey, Jason Hidek, Diane McFiggen, Tom McFiggen, Dick Peterjohn. Roger Heineman, Head Usher

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

Attendance last week: 190

Announcements

TODAY

Today's Music

Continuing in our year-long series of celebrating American composers, the Chancel Choir will sing music composed and arranged by Moses Hogan the next two Sundays. Hogan (1957–2003) is best known for his settings of African-American spirituals, and there are several published compilations of his work.

Baptism

Today we are celebrating the baptism of Abel Joseph Garache Lafferty, son of Christie Lafferty and Abel Garache. Abel is the grandson of Sue and Scott Lafferty (the attending Elder); he is also welcomed by great-grandparents Fred and Joanne Lafferty, aunt Julie Lafferty Ely and uncles Peter Lafferty and TJ Ely.

Prayer Valentines

Visit the Children's Ministry bulletin board during February and take a heart or two off the tree. Each heart will have the name of a child who is in one of the Children's Ministry programs, and a scripture verse to use in prayer for that child. What better way to share the love of Christ than through prayer?

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 2 Kings 2: 1-12; Psalm 50: 1-6; 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6; Mark 9: 2-9.

NEXT SUNDAY Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall Music Next Sunday

On Sunday, February 15th our **A.W.E.** service (Alternative Worship Experience) will feature Tina Bergmann on hammered dulcimer and her husband Bryan Thomas on upright bass. Feb. 15th is the last Sunday before Lent, and we have often livened up the music that Sunday. Promoted as the "Diva of the Dulcimer" by Apollo's Fire, Cleveland's nationally known Baroque Orchestra, Tina is known for her driving energy and syncopated rhythms and was described by Pete Seeger as "The best hammered dulcimer player I've heard in my life." Bryan is a versatile bassist who performs as a free-lance musician throughout northeast Ohio. He is the double bass instructor at Kent State University, and he also teaches in the jazz program at Cuyahoga Community College.

Labre Project

Warm, gently-used clothing and accessories — coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, blankets for men, women and children — are appreciated for the Labre Project in East Cleveland. Please leave donations in the bin in Fellowship Hall.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Care Group

The Calvary Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during February. 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:

Jenny Himmelman, Deacon leader

Kevin & Brittani Ball & family

Nancy Burcham

Bruce & Beverly Cameron

Paul Cary, Sue Yelanjian & family

Jordan Dail Kay Dunlap

Bill Finn & Rachel Martinez-Finn

Tim & Carol Gifford

Ajah Hales Robyn Hales

Judy Hammer

Chris Henry

Alex Heston & Elizabeth Endicott-Heston

David & Anne Hunter

Paul Jennings

Charlie Kahn & Gale Poor

Fred & Joann Lafferty

Patricia Ludwig

Daryl Musick

Jeremy Ryman & Diane Moyer & family

Sampson Tedunjaiye, Victoria Sampson

& family

Lee & Cathi Thomas

Beryl Williams

Bob & Ginny Young

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

Iris Circle will meet at the home of Carol Scott (3380 Rumson, Cleveland Hts) on Tuesday, February 17 at noon for a potluck lunch followed by Bible study. Rev. Clover Beal will lead a discussion of "The Bonds between Young and Senior Women."

Pacesetters (50s-60s)

Pacesetters are invited to gather at Sue and Scott Lafferty's (1969 Bromton, Lyndhurst) on Saturday, February 21. Bring ideas for 2015 activities and drinks if you wish, along with an appetizer, salad or dessert.

Youth News

Every Sunday

Mid and Sr High classes meet from 9:30 – 10:30 am.

Today

• Sine Nomine Choir will rehearse in the Chapel after worship.

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Black History Month

Black Innovation: Past, Present and Future
February 8, 2015 – Taste of New Orleans and Jazz Music Coffee Hour

February 15, 2015 – Challenges of Becoming a Nurse and a Researcher: Mentoring and Support Make all the Difference! – 12:30 - 2:00 pm

February 20, 2015 - Friday Movie Night - 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm: Crooklyn

February 22, 2015 – Soul Food Pot Luck and book discussion– 12:30 - 3:00 pm

Dr. Faye Gary discussing The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

Evening Program, 7:30 – 9 pm: A celebration of African-American Music,

Poetry, and Stories, led by Caleb Wright
Featuring Mother Willie Mae Wright, Peter Williams, and others.

Details of these programs may be found in the weekly email and in the information racks

Calendar: February 8-15, 2015

Wednesday, February 11

7:30 am Bible and Bagels

7:00 pm Ministry meetings

12:30 pm Wednesday Women's AA

Sunday, February 8: 5 Epiphany Thursday, February 12 8:30 Nominating Committee mtg 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class 9:00 Child care begins 6:20 pm Voices in Bronze rehearsal 7:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal 9:30 Adult and Youth Education Confirmation **FH Swim Club Descant Choir** 10:15 Descant Choir activity Friday, February 13 10:30 Continental Breakfast 7:00 am **TOWER** deadline **Chancel Choir** 10:00 am Al Anon meeting 11:00 WORSHIP: Baptism of Abel Joseph Garache Lafferty Saturday, February 14 9:00 am CEIRS class Children in Worship Pathways to the Promise Land 1:30 pm Renewal of Marriage Vows – 12:15 Cajun Treats and Jazz Music Shannon and LaDon Headen Coffee Hour Sine Nomine Choir **Sunday, February 15:** 4:40 Labre Project **Transfiguration of the Lord** 5:00 Living in the Spirit class 9:00 Child care begins 9:30 Adult and Youth Education Monday, February 9 Confirmation 8:45 am Tai Chi **Descant Choir** 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) 10:15 Descant Choir activity 7:00 pm Al Anon 10:30 Continental Breakfast **Chancel Choir Endowment Committee mtg** Cherub Choir rehearsal 7:30 pm AA: Borton Group Boy Scout Troop #403 11:00 WORSHIP: AWE Children in Worship Tuesday, February 10 11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land 1:00 pm Abundance Pantry opens 12:15 Coffee Hour 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class

12:30 Black History Month Program:

5:00 Living in the Spirit class

Dr. Ronald Hickman, speaker

Adult Education in Lent Sundays at 9:30 am

February 15, 22, March 1, 8

LIFE TOGETHER:

The Classic Exploration of Christian Community by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Book study and reading group led by Dr. Lentz

Books for sale after church, \$10

Location to be announced

Renowned Christian minister and seminary professor Dietrich Bonhoeffer was imprisoned and ultimately executed by the Nazis for his resistance to Hitler. This classic text is Bonhoeffer's inspiring account of a unique fellowship in an underground seminary during the Nazi years in Germany. *Life Together* gives practical advice on how life together in Christ can be sustained in groups and families. Bonhoeffer explores how personal prayer, worship in common, everyday work, and Christian service play integral roles in vital Christian community.

All are welcome! Please register with Pastors Lentz or Beal or by contacting the church office so that we might have materials ready.

February 15 and 22

Conversations on MARRIAGE AND FAMILY with Natalie Kertes Weaver, Ph.D.

Chair, Religious Studies, Ursuline College in Pepper Pike

Dr. Weaver has presented research on an array of topics in theology at regional, national, and international conferences. She has published *Marriage* and Family: A Christian Theological

Foundation (2009); Christian Thought and Practice: A Primer (2012); and The Theology of Suffering: An Introduction for Caregivers (2013). Her areas of interest and expertise include feminist theology, theology of suffering and death, theology of the family, and religion and violence.

No registration necessary. All are welcome! The class will be held in South Hall.

Join us for the first annual Presbytery Hunger Action Day February 21, 2105

9 am - 3:30 pm

Featuring national PC(USA) staff, local PWR members and regional Bread for the World staff
As well as FHC member Paul Jennings
All congregational leaders engaged in hunger ministry – youth and adults – are invited to attend. Bring a group from your church! Bring friends from other churches!

Hosted by Lyndhurst Community Presbyterian Church 5312 Mayfield Rd., Lyndhurst Cost: \$5 (pay at the door)

The Lessons

James 5: 7-12

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Indeed we call blessed those who showed endurance. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

Above all, my beloved, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "Yes" be yes and your "No" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

Next Sunday: 2 Kings 2: 1-12; Psalm 50: 1-6; 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6; Mark 9: 2-9. 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.

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