

# Forest Hill Church

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*Service of Worship*  
*June 14, 2015 at 11:00 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 have hearing devices, large print editions of the bulletin, activity bags for children staying in worship, and directions to our nursery for babies and young children. Prayer requests may be passed to an usher during the middle hymn for inclusion in the prayers of the people.

*Prayer of Preparation*

Unto you, not unto each other, not unto our pet projects, not unto our favorite charity or passion. Unto you our hearts are open; we are yours; be our God—yet again.

by *Walter Brueggemann*

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

G. F. Handel

“Allegro”

Betty Meyers, guest organist

**Choral Introit**

*Greeting Our God with Joy*

**Call to Worship**

Elder Elizabeth Shaw

Leader: You have been called to the banquet.

**People: This is the feast.**

Leader: You have been summoned to the wedding.

**People: This is the feast of life and light.**

Leader: From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.

**People: We have come to the banquet that has no end. Alleluia!**

Leader: Let us worship God!

**\* Processional Hymn No. 35**

**"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"**

*\*please stand if able*

*Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Clover Beal

**Gracious and loving God, you lived for us—we have not lived for you.**

**You have forgiven us—we have not forgiven others.**

**You have loved us—we have not loved ourselves  
nor have we loved one another.**

**Forgive us, Lord. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us  
to love through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Time of Silent Confession**

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

Craig Phillips

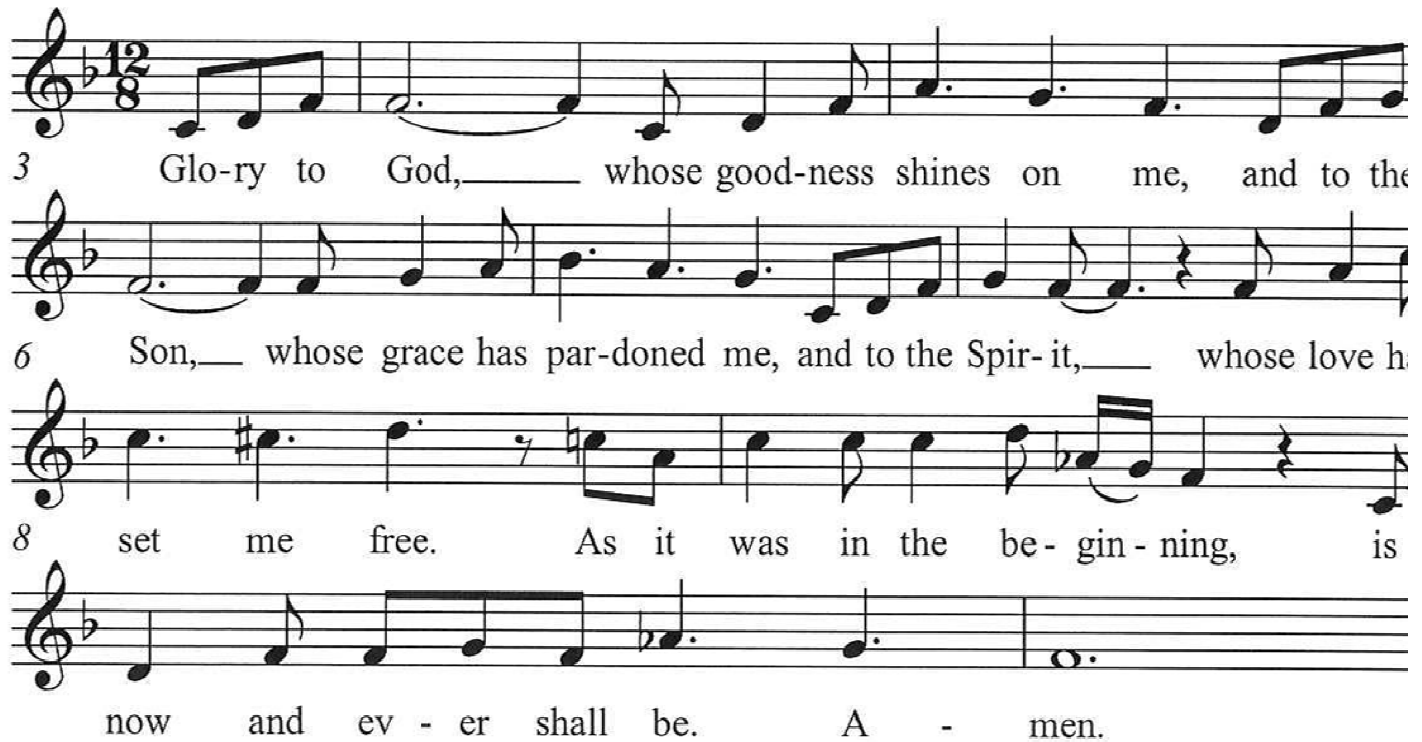
The musical notation is written on two staves. The first staff is in 4/4 time and contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have". The second staff is in 4/4 time and contains the melody for the second line: "mer - cy. Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_ mer - cy." The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating long notes or rests.

*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*  
**Baptism of Lucy Anna Washington**

**Congregational Response**

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

**\* Hymn No. 486**

**"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"**

**Sing verses 1 and 4**

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

**Scripture Lesson** (*see last pg*)

I Samuel 15:34 - 16:13

II Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Walter Brueggemann

"Who Knew?!"

**Prayers of the People**

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

**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**

Brian Lewis

"Benedictus"

*sung in Latin*

*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

**\* 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. 750**

**“Goodness Is Stronger than Evil”**

*Words by Bishop Desmond Tutu*

**\* Commission and Blessing**

**\* Choral Benediction**

Peter Lutkin

**“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”**

**\* Passing of the Peace**

“The Emperor’s Fanfare”



**Walter Brueggemann, Ph.D.** is professor emeritus of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA. He is the world’s leading interpreter of the Old Testament and is the author of numerous books, including *The Prophetic Imagination*, *Theology of the Old Testament*, and *Reality, Grief, Hope*. Clover and Tim Beal were extremely fortunate to have studied with Dr. Brueggemann for their seminary education. Forest Hill is honored to have him and his wife, Tia, as our guests today.



***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](http://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 Randy and Sara Shaner in memory of their parents, Eric and Ruth Pickersgill and Edwin and Evelyn Shaner, and Janet Pickersgill Mueller, Sara's sister; and by Elizabeth Shaw in honor of the baptism of her granddaughter Lucy Anna Washington.

### **Prayer Concerns this Week**

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

Melanie Alban, Lia Clement, Chuck Ishler, Ann Jones, Mary Lewis, Robert Nemcek, George Sentell, Grace Uhle, Debbie Ungemach.

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

Bill Currie, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Iris Gilbert, Ron & Florence Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Arlene & Jack Quinn, Margie & Dwight Stauffer, Elaine Tapié.

**Today we celebrate the baptism of Lucy Anna Washington**, daughter of Wesley Thomas Washington and Diona Shaw Washington. Elizabeth Shaw, Lucy's grandmother, is the attending Elder.

**Welcome to the newest member of the Forest Hill family** – Christopher James Koops, son of Lisa and Jed Koops and brother of Linnea, Julia and Joshua. Christopher was born June 8, 2015.

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**The Deacons encourage you to stop by the Greeting Card Table in Fellowship Hall before or after worship to sign a card for one or more of our homebound members. We will address and mail the card for you.**

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**Thank you to head usher Roger Heineman and today's ushers.** Please contact the church office if you are interested in joining an usher team.



### ***Music News***

- Today we welcome guest organist Betty Meyers. Betty is a retired teacher/librarian and has served as Associate Director of Music at First Baptist Church in Shaker Heights since 2006. Welcome, Betty!
- Anne Wilson (organist and director of music) is worshipping somewhere in northeastern Spain this morning, perhaps in Pamplona, as she walks the ancient pilgrimage route, El Camino de Santiago (the way of St. James).
- Summer Choir begins next Sunday when we move to a 10:00 AM service time and choir rehearsal at 9:30 AM. Summer Choir meets in the Choir Room (in the basement below Fellowship Hall). All are welcome, even babes in arms. Come experience worship from *the other side*!

### ***Announcements***

#### **TODAY**

#### ***Softball***

Today Forest Hill plays the Church of the Saviour 'A' team at 3:15 on Forest Hill Park field #4.

#### **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 is from **1 Samuel 17: 32-49; Psalm 9: 9-20; 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13; Mark 4: 35-41**. *No class on June 24.*

### ***Exploring Membership Class***

The next exploring membership class will meet at 7 pm on Tuesday evenings, June 16 and 23. If you are interested in joining the church, or just curious about Forest Hill, consider attending! Please contact the church office (216-321-2660 or [office@fhcpresb.org](mailto:office@fhcpresb.org)).

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

***The summer schedule begins next Sunday:***

- 9:00 Summer Bible Study**
- 9:30 Continental Breakfast; Summer Choir**
- 10:00 Worship**
- 11:00 Fellowship hour**

### ***Adult Education, 9:00 in South Hall***

Tom Zych and Tim Henderson will lead a series titled “Can the Bible Be Wrong?” Many Bible texts, speaking in different voices and from different times, challenge the faithful. This 6-week series will examine how we regard and interpret Scripture.

### ***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**

### ***Forest Hill Church Trip to Haiti***

A third FHC trip to Haiti is planned for November 5-13, 2015. On this cultural, educational and spiritual immersion trip we will visit Port-au-Prince, stay with our Haiti Outreach partners in Pignon, visit the community of Gabo where our church sponsored the construction of a much-needed well, tour the beautiful Central Plateau, visit the market places and much more. If you are interested, please contact Anne or Jeff Smith ([anneandjeffsmith@gmail.com](mailto:anneandjeffsmith@gmail.com) or 216-932-2932).

### ***Cleveland Pride Parade: June 27***

The annual Cleveland Gay Pride Parade is June 27 at noon. Please register with Lia Clement (216-577-4941 or [lia919@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lia919@sbcglobal.net)) if you plan to join the Forest Hill contingent. Those who wish to carpool to the starting point downtown will meet at the church. Volunteers are needed to make signs and posters anytime before to June 27. Music will be provided by Chris Vandall (steel drums and a truck).

### ***Care Group***

The Forest Hill Church Deacons are 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.

✦ FHC Deacons are:

Joan Bacon (CARE Group leader)	Kemp Jaycox
Kathy Carr	Carol Leslie
Kathy Hanna-Stauffer	Suzanne Marcy
Barbara Hansen	Mary McMillan
Jason Hidek	Pat Musick
Jenny Himmelman	Gretchen Reynolds

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

### ***The Group (60s – 70s)***

On Saturday, July 18, The Group will gather at the Hanna cottage in Madison for (we hope) a sunny and pleasant afternoon and dinner overlooking Lake Erie; we will then attend a performance of “Jacques Brel is Alive & Well & Living in Paris” at Rabbit Run Theater. Plan to arrive anytime after 2 pm; dinner will be about 5 pm. Stauffers will provide the meat; guests can contact Kathy to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert. The play starts at 8 pm. Tickets are \$20 for seniors, \$22 for adults. RSVP to Kathy Hanna-Stauffer (216 544-0916 c, 440 565-7297 h or [khannas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:khannas@sbcglobal.net)). All are invited.

### ***Hilltoppers (retired)***

Our annual Spring Luncheon and planning meeting will be June 19 at the Hilton Garden Inn, 700 Beta Drive, Mayfield Village. The cost for the buffet luncheon is \$20 per person; reserve your place by June 14 by contacting Nancy Burcham ([burcham@roadrunner.com](mailto:burcham@roadrunner.com) or 440-446-0832).

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

Iris Circle will meet at Elspeth Peterjohn's (22832 Byron Rd, Shaker Hts) at 12 noon on Tuesday, June 16 for a potluck lunch and planning meeting – and a last chance to have Clover with us. RSVP to Elspeth (216-991-0424 or [elspethpj@earthlink.net](mailto:elspethpj@earthlink.net)).

## ***Youth News***

The mission trip leaves June 28! Please keep the participants and chaperones in your prayers: Molly Webster, Trent Swain, Garrett Vandall, Lili Roosa, Cameron Andrews, Ben Stadler, Ahren Stock, Betsy Andrews, Jordan Dail and Shannon Headen.

## *FHC Staff Emails*

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I am overwhelmed and humbled by the generous gift from Forest Hill presented to me last Sunday. It has truly been a pleasure to work for, serve and attend Forest Hill. Our family is so touched by your outpouring of love on us. Forest Hill will always have a special place in our hearts.

Blessings,

Dacia Prins and family

## *Calendar: June 14 - 21, 2015*

### **Sunday, June 14**

9:30 am Child care begins  
 Adult Education:  
     Dr. Walter Brueggemann  
 10:30 am Continental Breakfast  
     Chancel Choir  
 11:00 am WORSHIP  
 12:15 pm Fellowship hour  
 2:00 pm Public Lecture:  
     Dr. Walter Brueggemann  
 5:00 pm Labre ministry

### **Monday, June 15**

6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)  
 7:00 pm Al Anon  
 7:30 pm AA: Borton Group

### **Tuesday, June 16**

12:00 pm Iris Circle (at Peterjohns')  
 1:00 pm Abundance Pantry food  
     distribution  
 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class  
 7:00 pm Exploring Membership class

### **Wednesday, June 17**

7:30 am Bible and Bagels  
 10:00 am TOWER collators  
 12:30 pm Wednesday Women's AA  
 7:00 pm Ministry of Worship mtg

### **Thursday, June 18**

5:30 pm East Cleveland Health Class  
 Wedding rehearsal

### **Friday, June 19**

10:00 am Al Anon meeting  
 11:30 am Hilltoppers luncheon  
     (at Hilton Garden Inn)  
 5:30 pm Wedding:  
     Eun-joo Ahn and Glenn Pihlak

### **Saturday, June 20**

9:00 am Culture Camp set-up  
 9:30 am Youth Core Team retreat  
     (at Sharon Shumaker's)

### **Sunday, June 21: Summer schedule begins**

9:00 am Summer Bible study  
 9:30 am Child care begins  
     Continental Breakfast  
     Summer Choir  
 10:00 am WORSHIP  
 11:15 pm Fellowship hour  
     Blood pressure check  
 1:00 pm Culture Camp set-up  
 5:00 pm Labre ministry

## **Important Summer Dates**

June 27: Cleveland Pride Parade

June 28: Worship in Fellowship Hall  
Youth Mission Trip to Harlan KY begins

July 10: Farewell party for Clover & Tim Beal

July 19: Rev. Clover Beal's last Sunday

August 15: Outside worship and picnic supper

September 13: Regular schedule begins

## *The Lessons*

### **I Samuel 15:34 - 16:13**

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.



## **II Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17**

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

**Next Sunday: 1 Samuel 17: 32-49; Psalm 9: 9-20; 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13; Mark 4: 35-41** Set aside time each day for prayer and study. As you read the lessons for the week, consider how they settle or challenge you? What image or word catches your attention? Keep notes of your observations in a journal.