Forest Hill Church

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Service of Worship September 20, 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 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 of Preparation

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome

Prelude J. S. Bach

"Prelude in E Major"

Choral Introit

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship Garrett Vandall

Leader: Come to the water today and be refreshed.

People: We will come seeking the Lord.

Leader: Come to the font and be renewed.

People: We will come with open hands and open hearts.

Leader: Come and hear the words: "You are my beloved child. With you

I am well pleased."

People: We will come and listen for our names to be called.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* Processional Hymn No. 475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*please stand if able

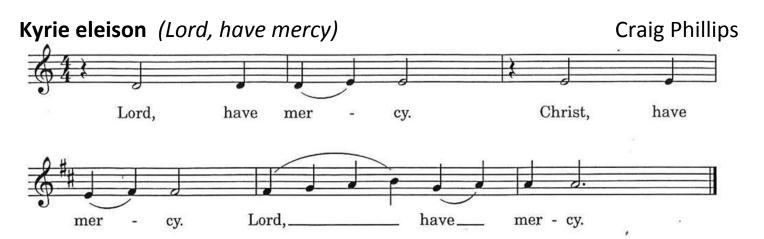
Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Lois Annich

Holy and wonderful God, hear our prayer. We would be different – less judging, less selfish, less greedy; more hopeful, more graceful, more trusting. We would be different, if you would come into our hearts and cleanse them; if you would open our hands and direct them; if you would move our minds and feet to follow you. We will be different, if you will change us, and remake us, again, in your image. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession



Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

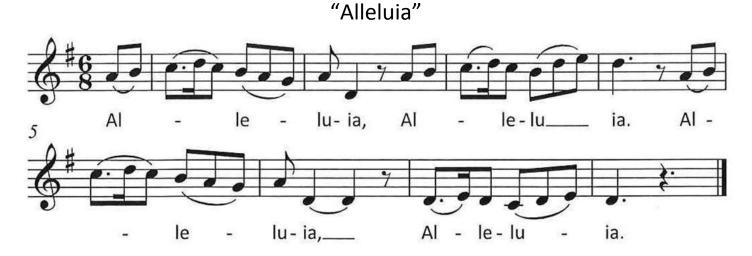
Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, the mercies of God are from

everlasting to everlasting. Let us proclaim the Good News:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

* Response Jeannette Sorell



Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Sacrament of Baptism for Margaret Isabel and Benjamin Dennis Iannarelli

Congregational Response

Margaret and Benjamin, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

* **Hymn No. 488** "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry" Children in Pathways may leave during the hymn

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

Scripture Lesson (read by Lotus Headen) Mark 9: 30-37

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

"From Worry to Wonder"

Prayers of the People

Rachel McDonald

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"

* 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. 852

"When the Lord Redeems the Very Least"

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

Tostlude J. S. Bach

"Prelude in F Minor"



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

Today we celebrate the baptism of Benjamin Dennis and Margaret Isabel Iannarelli, children of Paola Iannarelli and Maria Rajki and great-grandchildren of Bill Proudfit. Doris Allen is the attending Elder.

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by Joy Stang in memory of her husband Lou and in honor of their 4 children and 10 grandchildren; and by Diana Woodbridge in loving memory of her husband Ted and her mom Dorothy Smith.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Nan Dorer, Robert Fink, Chuck Ishler, Ann Jones, Mary Lewis, Debbie Ungemach, Marilyn Wilk, and Scott, Kari and Evelyn Louise Fuller.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

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

Welcome to the newest member of the Forest Hill family — Ada Joy Peterson, daughter of Charissa and Erik Peterson (who now live in Minnesota), was born September 13. The Petersons may be reached at 3262 Churchill Dr., Woodbury MN 55152.

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.

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.

Announcements

TODAY

Sine Nomine Choir will rehearse in the Chapel after worship. All singers from grade 6 thru college are welcome!

New Members' Brunch — in Bodwell Hall, immediately after worship.

Youth Kick-Off — 5 pm this evening.

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 **Psalm 124** and **Amos 1** and **2.**

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education: Prophets Amos and Hosea 9:30 am, South Hall

Join this fall's Kerygma class: "Boundaries, Tough Love, and Amazing Grace: Amos and Hosea." Sign up today for the series; small group discussions begin next Sunday.

Camino de Santiago

You are cordially invited to a talk and slide show about Anne Wilson's summer pilgrimage on the *Camino de Santiago* (The Way of St. James) in Fellowship Hall at 7 pm next Sunday, September 27. Spanish music, food and drink will set the mood!

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS Care Group

The Nazareth 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:

Suzanne Marcy , Deacon leader Barb & Kermit Lind

Melanie Alban Laura Minder

Doris Bartlett Dave & Allie Neff
Marcia Beck Cindy Newton
JoAnne Black Dora Owusu

Deborah Chapman & Lyn Hale Elspeth & Richard Peterjohn

Ron & Patty Console Scott Peters, Jeannine Gury & family

Jim & Terry Daedelow Lois Reilly

Melinda Dus & Curtis Jastremsky Eric Rich & family
Beth Garrett Jim Roosa & family

Jennifer & Barry Hartz & family Peggy Sasso

Kathryn Himmelsteib Kevin & Laura Stauffer & family

Audrey & Bob Kellermeyer Kimble & Sandy True

Jane & Cliff Kowall Megan & Peter Tzefronis & family Wafa Kuri Matt & Sarah Winters & family

Volunteer Opportunity Available

We're looking for a few people to sell grocery certificates approximately once a month after worship. Leave the service during the last hymn to set up; you're done by about 12:40 pm. (Reminder: the church buys certificates in \$25 and \$100 amounts at a small discount, and sells them at face value. The proceeds from the sales help fund our Food Pantry, youth mission trips, and mission giving of the church.) If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Kathy Hanna-Stauffer at khannas@sbcglobal.net, or 216 544-0916.

The Wanted 18 at the CIA Cinematheque

Today at 4 pm, this documentary about a 1987 episode involving the Israeli army and a small herd of Palestinian dairy cows will be shown at the Cleveland Institute of Art's Cinematheque, 11610 Euclid Avenue. For more information, go to http://www.wanted18.com/en/movie.

Youth News

- The Youth Kickoff Party is TODAY at 5 pm! All youth in grades 6-12 are invited. The cost is \$10.
- Next Sunday: Mission Trip reunion, 12 pm in the MOB Room

Forest Hill Church welcomes everyone. Really! Single, married, divorced, with children, children of all ages, gay unemployed, childless by choice, black, Euro-American, non-gay, Latina, transgender, female, Asian, Native American, genderqueer, upper class, elders, bisexual, young, bi-racial, working class, Latino, tri-racial, artistic, non-musical...you get the idea. We're proud of our diversity!

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The Lessons

Mark 9: 30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Next Sunday: **Selections from Amos 1** and **2** 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.

