

Forest Hill Church

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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Service of Worship
October 30, 2016 at 11:00 am
Observance of All Saints' Day

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

A prayer of Dag Hammarskjöld

Give me a pure heart – that I may see Thee,
A humble heart – that I may hear Thee,
A heart of love – that I may serve Thee,
A heart of faith – that I may abide in Thee.

Welcome

Prelude

“Be Still and Know that I Am God”

Psalm 46 Scripture Pyramid
Sine Nomine Choir

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Elder Jennifer Blakeney

Leader: Be still!

People: We come to quiet ourselves in this haven of holiness.

Leader: Be still and know . . .

People: we come to discern the Word which can set us free.

Leader: Be still and know that God is...

People: our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Redeemer.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*** Processional Hymn No. 12**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

**please stand if able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

God, when we stand at the edge of brokenness and allow our questions of faith to distance ourselves from you and others, forgive us and free us. When the ways we live as the church limit our ability to offer compassion, forgive us and free us. When we try to be “holy” without changing the way we are with others, forgive us and free us.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy) Zoltan Kodály

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

Minute for Mission Kemp Jaycox, Cindy Fink and Kate Jaycox
“Stewardship”

* Hymn No. 313 “Lord, Make Us More Holy”

All sing st. 1, 4
St 2: Descant Choir
St 3: Sine Nomine Choir

*Prayer requests to be read during the Prayers of the People
may be passed to the ushers during this hymn*

Scripture Lessons

Luke 19: 1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

Children in Pathways may leave following this lesson

Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2:1-4 *(read responsively)*

Leader: The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

People: Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save?

Leader: Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

People: So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous— therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

Leader: I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart;

People: I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Leader: Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.

People: For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

Leader: If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud!

People: Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

2 Thessalonians 1: 1-4, 11-12

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring. To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

After the readings:

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

“The View from Above”

Prayers of the People

2015 Necrology

- Ruth Klimko Brickel
- William Edgar Currie
- Elaine Frances Dannefer
- Elizabeth Farnfield
- Melvin Quay Mervine
- Arlene Quinn
- Dwight G. Stauffer
- Dalma Takacs

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

Offering

Offertory

Roger Emerson

“Witness”
Sine Nomine Choir

* Response

South Africa

“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*

* Prayer of Dedication

Going Forth to Live as God’s People

* Closing Hymn No. 37

“Let All Things Now Living”

* Commission and Blessing

* Choral Benediction

* Passing of the Peace

Postlude

J. S. Bach

“Toccata in D Minor”



Welcome Visitors!

We look forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex. Take one home with you! Be sure to visit our website, **www.fhcpresb.org**, for a list of upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and past sermon texts and audio.

Notes & Announcements

Chancel Flowers Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the Bible and Bagels study group, by Joyce Pope; and in loving memory of Bill Currie, who died October 19, by his children and grandchildren. They offer this message: "We are sad that he is gone, but feel peace that he is back with his wife Kay, our mother and grandmother. We love them both very much and want to thank them for all the happy memories we have of their lives."

Prayers are requested this week for: Max Harmon, Robin Richards, Robert Ruggeri, Connie Sekerak-Hicks, George Sentell, Joy Stang, and Debbie Ungemach.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Marge Drollinger, Emma Jane Gibbs, Iris and Al Gilbert, Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Jack Quinn, Margie Stauffer, Elaine Tapié, Lorian Thomas.

The memorial service for Bill Currie will be held December 3, 2016 at 2 pm at Breckenridge Village.

<p>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.</p>

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.

Care Group: The Jericho Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during November. 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 the Jericho CARE Group are:

- Jason Hidek, Deacon leader
- Janet Banis
- Nick & Phyllis Baumgartner & family
- Jennifer Blakeney & Marius Juodisius
- Jack & Mary Ann Breisch
- Robert & Wendy Brock
- David & Kate Burleigh & family
- Joseph & Janet Dauer
- Larry Dorod
- Marge Drollinger
- Cathy & Don Ghiandoni
- Tom & Paula Harvey
- Jason & Christina Hidek & family
- Alec & Nancy Jamieson
- Jessica Kelley-Moore & family
- Charlie Manak
- Twanda Patterson
- Jean Seeley
- Connie Sekerak-Hicks
- Chuck & Lora Smith & family
- JT & Sarah Tan & family
- Liz Wollaeger & family
- Katie Zito & family

Coming Up

TODAY

Christianity, Scripture and the Transgender Community, October 30, 12:15

Led by Interim Associate Pastor Rachel McDonald

Most transgender Christians are searching for the same things that other believers want: a connection to God within a loving community. Unfortunately, transgender people too often are left without a place to call their "church home" because most congregations and religious institutions are not ready to welcome them. If you are interested in learning more, join us today from 12:15 to 1:15 in South Hall for "Christianity, Scripture, and the Transgender Community." This introductory class will give you tools and information to be equipped to extend hospitality to all people. Teens and adults of all genders are welcome.

THIS WEEK

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are: **Haggai 1:15b – 2:9; Psalm 145: 1-5, 17-21; 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17; Luke 20: 27-38.**

Bible and Bagels discusses next Sunday's text(s) on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 to 8:30. All are welcome!

Rides to the Polls: Early voting is easier and often faster. FHC members and friends will provide rides to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections on Tuesday, Nov. 1 (1 - 3 pm) and Sunday, Nov. 6 (1 - 3 pm). You must sign up so we can provide enough rides. Please contact Roz Peters (216-932-2649 or rozpeters@ameritech.net). You may also contact Roz if you are interested in providing rides on any of the above days.

Fall Work Day – Saturday, November 5, 9-12: All are welcome (and encouraged) to help clean up the church inside and out! Work will begin promptly at 9am and end with lunch at noon.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall: Kerygma small groups on “The Odd Couple – Jonah and Ruth” will meet until November 20. Bible 101 will meet in the library until November 20.

Worship: AWE Next Sunday we will have an AWE service (Alternative Worship Experience) with a chamber orchestra and lots of music from Cuba! Please invite music-loving friends to this service.

Hilltoppers: The Hilltoppers have purchased a block of tickets (\$10 each) for the Heights High production of Anything Goes on Sunday, November 6 at 4 pm. If you would like to join them, whether or not you are a member of Hilltoppers, please contact Lucy Conde (216-382-5177). Note to Hilltoppers: Even if you have reserved a ticket, you need to pay for it before it’s reserved for you.

The Group: The Group has also purchased a block of tickets to Anything Goes, and will go to dinner afterwards. Please contact Cathy Ghiandoni for reservations (ghiandoni.c@gmail.com).

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.

LOOKING AHEAD

Iris Circle: Iris Circle will meet November 15 at 11 am to prepare the Holiday Angels project. See the November *TOWER* for more information.

GCC Assembly: Justice and Jobs in Greater Cleveland Save the date – Thursday, November 17 – for an important GCC Assembly at Olivet Baptist Church (8712 Quincy Ave.). GCC will hold public officials accountable to their promises to make changes in the criminal justice system, and they need a full house of GCC members to show how important this is! Meet at the church at 6 pm to carpool to Olivet; the assembly will begin promptly at 7 pm. Sign up with Diana Woodbridge or Jennifer Blakeney.

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Calendar: October 30 – November 6, 2016

<p>Sunday, October 30</p> <p>9:30 Adult and Youth Education Descant Choir followed by Descant Choir Activity Childcare for children thru Kdg</p> <p>10:30 Continental Breakfast Chancel Choir</p> <p>11:00 WORSHIP Children’s Worship Class (preK-K)</p> <p>11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land (gr. 1-5)</p> <p>12:15 Coffee and Fellowship Christianity, Scripture, and the Transgender Community</p> <p>4:00 Faith Leader: Your Spiritual Autobiography</p> <p>Monday, October 31</p> <p>6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) Faith Leader: Mandalas</p> <p>7:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #403 Borton Group (AA)</p> <p>Tuesday, November 1</p> <p>1:00 pm Abundance Pantry distribution</p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion</p> <p>Wednesday, November 2</p> <p>7:30 am Bible and Bagels</p> <p>12:30 pm Wed. Women’s AA</p>	<p>Thursday, November 3</p> <p>8:00 am Adult Ed meeting</p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion</p> <p>Bell and Chancel Choirs will NOT meet tonight</p> <p>Friday, November 4</p> <p>9:30 am Al Anon</p> <p>Saturday, November 5</p> <p>9:00 am Fall Work Day</p> <p>11:00 am Chancel Choir rehearsal</p> <p>1:00 pm PEO event</p> <p>1:30 pm RIC: To Kara Walker exhibit at CMA</p> <p>Sunday, November 6</p> <p>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS</p> <p>8:30 Nominating Committee</p> <p>9:30 Adult and Youth Education Descant Choir followed by Descant Choir Activity Childcare for children thru Kdg</p> <p>10:30 Continental Breakfast Chancel Choir</p> <p>11:00 WORSHIP: Communion; AWE Children’s Worship Class (preK-K) Pathways children will attend church with their families</p> <p>12:15 Cornucopia Lunch</p> <p>4:00 Faith Leader: Your Spiritual Autobiography</p>
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