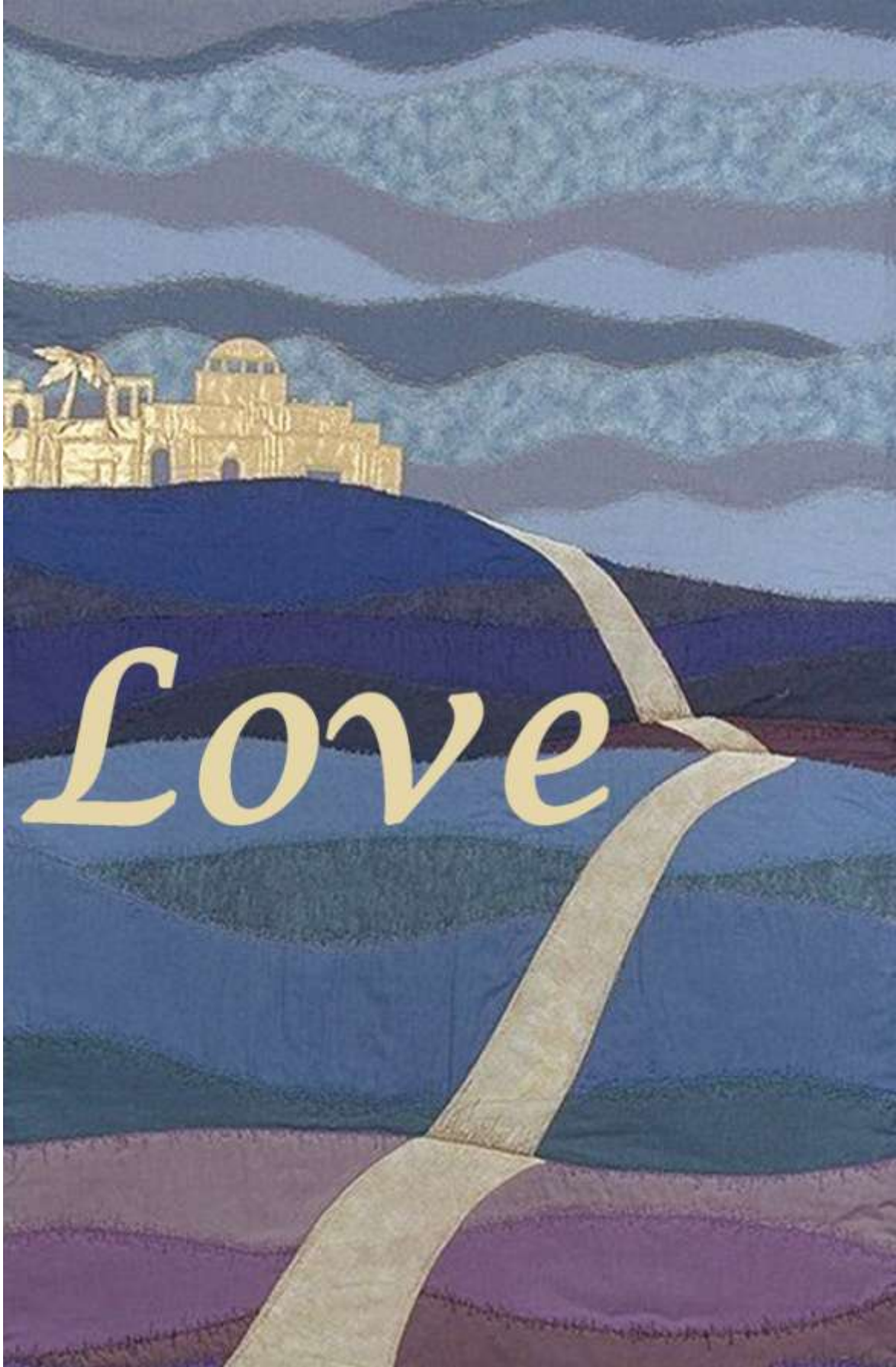


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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Service of Worship
December 18, 2016 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.

Announcements

Prelude Peter Tchaikovsky, arr. Frances Callahan
“March” from *The Nutcracker*
Voices in Bronze

Lighting of the Advent Candles Forest Hill Youth

Carol No. 140 “Once in Royal David’s City”

St. 1 – Linnea Koops, soloist
St. 2 – choir
* St. 3-4 – All stand and sing

Lesson 1: “When the Time Was Right” John Bell
Read by Mary-Francis Miller and Grant Heineman

Carol: “He Will Come When We’re Least Expecting Him” John Bell
Sine Nomine Choir; Molly Webster, soloist

Lesson 2: Luke 1: 26-38 read by Amy Wadsworth
Carol No. 146: “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” arr. Cathy Moglebust
Voices in Bronze

* Stand when organ begins

Lesson 3: Luke 2: 8-20 read by Alex Shaner
Carol: “Gloria” Pablo Sosa
Sine Nomine Choir

Lesson 4: “The Lamb” William Blake
read by Ryan Hidek
Carol No. 114 (*please remain seated*) “Away in a Manger”

St. 1 – women and children
St. 2 – men
St. 3 – all

Carol: "Love Has Come"

French carol

Descant Choir; Vaughn Ullom and Cassie Webster, soloists

Lesson 5: Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

read by Shelly Jesberger

Carol: "Go, Tell it on the Mountain"

African American spiritual

Descant Choir; Soloists: Capri Gerteis, Ryan Hidek,
Jaden Cosgrove, Zen Headen

Lesson 6: John 1: 1-5, 9-14

read by Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

Carol: "Torches"

John Joubert

Chancel Choir; Seth Ungemach, conductor

Lesson 7: "Humility"

Dan Rourke

read by Ann Donkin

Offering

Offertory Carol: "O Magnum Mysterium"

Morten Lauridsen

English translation:

*O great mystery and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see the new-born Lord, lying in a manger!
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear our Saviour,
Jesus Christ. Alleluia!*

*** Benediction**

Rev. Lois Annich

Leader: On the eve of Christmas hatred will vanish;
On the eve of Christmas the earth will flourish;
On the eve of Christmas war will be gone;
On the eve of Christmas love will be born.
When we offer a glass of water to a thirsty person,

All: It is Christmas.

Leader: When we clothe a naked person with a gown of love,

All: It is Christmas.

Leader: When we wipe the tears from weeping eyes,

All: It is Christmas.

Leader: When in my heart I no longer want to stay apart,

All: It is Christmas.

Leader: When I am buried in the being of God,

All: It is Christmas.

*** Carol No. 119**

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

*** Commission and Blessing**

*** Passing of the Peace**



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.

Thank you to Scott Lafferty, today’s trumpeter

Notes & Announcements

Today’s Advent Candle Lighters: The Youth of Forest Hill Church

Prayers are requested this week for: Max Harmon, Patricia Jenkins, Robin Richards, Robert Ruggeri, George Sentell, Joy Stang, Debbie Ungemach and Sally Wile.

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 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.

Care Group: The All-Church Care Group – YOU! – is responsible for meeting members’ needs during December. 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 leader.

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.

Coming Up

THIS WEEK

Attention Retired Men: Join the Bullsheviks for lunch! We meet monthly on the third Wednesday at noon at Nighttown (12383 Cedar Rd, Cleveland Hts, 44106). Please join us on December 21. For reservation or questions please contact David Hunter (dhunter10@sbcglobal.net or [216-533-5728](tel:216-533-5728)).

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are: **Isaiah 9: 2-7; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1: 1-4; John 1: 1-14.**

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

- Please note that the group will not meet on December 28.

Dec. 20, 12 pm Abundance Pantry Lunch and food distribution

6:30 pm Advent Art for Adults

Dec. 21, 7 pm "The Longest Night" service at Church of the Saviour

Christmas Eve: Saturday, Dec. 24

5:00 pm Family Worship and "No-Fuss" Christmas Pageant

10:45 pm Christmas music

11:00 pm Candlelight worship

12:15 am Milk-and-cookies reception

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Christmas! Can you believe it? Classes and choirs will not meet, but there will be an 11 am worship service in the sanctuary. The office will be closed on December 26-27.

LOOKING AHEAD

Photo exhibit: FHC member Olivia Ungemach currently has a collection of photos at Phoenix Coffee, 2287 Lee Rd., Cleveland Hts. Prices range from \$25 for 8 1/2 x 11 or \$50 for 13 x 19 framed. Photos will be available through mid-January. Contact: oliviaungemachphoto@gmail.com

Youth News

Today: Christmas Party, 5-8 pm

Calendar: December 18 - 25, 2016

<p>Sunday, December 18: Advent 4 Christmas Day</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: Festival of Lessons and Carols Children’s Worship Class (preK-K)</p> <p>12:15 Coffee and Fellowship Blood Pressure check Confirmation Mentor meeting</p> <p>5:00 Youth: Christmas party</p> <p>Monday, December 19</p> <p>6:00 Progress not Perfection (AA)</p> <p>7:00 pm Al Anon</p> <p>7:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #403 Borton Group (AA)</p> <p>Tuesday, December 20</p> <p>12:00 pm Abundance Lunch</p> <p>1:00 pm Abundance Pantry</p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class</p> <p>6:30 pm Advent Art for Adults</p> <p>7:00 pm Black History Month coordinators</p>	<p>Wednesday, December 21</p> <p>7:30 am Bible and Bagels</p> <p>12:00 pm Bullshevicks</p> <p>12:30 pm Wed. Women’s AA</p> <p>7:00 TransFamily East Worship: The Longest Night (at Church of the Saviour)</p> <p>Thursday, December 22</p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class</p> <p>Friday, December 23</p> <p>10:00 am Al Anon</p> <p>Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve</p> <p>5:00 pm Family Worship and “No-Fuss Christmas Pageant”</p> <p>10:45 pm Christmas music</p> <p>11:00 pm Candlelight worship</p> <p>Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day</p> <p>11:00 WORSHIP</p> <p>12:15 Coffee and Fellowship</p>
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Printed copies of the January TOWER are ready to be picked up

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*From Pat Jenkins:
Thank you to everyone who has offered prayers
and good wishes as I have worked my way
through medical issues and procedures. You
keep me strong!*

In the deep midwinter...we sometimes get snow on Christmas Eve.

*We are looking for people to help clear walks
and assist people in the parking lot that evening.
If you might be available
(or if you have strapping young women
and men coming home for the holidays,
and care to volunteer them for service)
please let the church office know.*



CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING: SUPPORTING PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE LEADERS

The Christmas Joy Offering celebrates the coming of Jesus Christ, the “wondrous gift” of God with us. As we celebrate Christ’s coming, and think of the profound impact these individuals have had on us, the Christmas Joy Offering provides a way for us to offer a gift in response. Half of the CJO supports the continued ministry of educating and forming Christian leaders at historically Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges and through racial ethnic leadership development. The other half of the CJO honors those leaders who serve and have served us well.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

Three ways to give:

1. Contribute by putting cash or check in the offering. Use “Christmas Joy Offering” envelopes.
2. Text JOY to 20222 to give \$10
3. Go to <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/donate/cj999999/>

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