

Forest Hill Church

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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Service of Worship
January 22, 2017 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.

Meditation for Reflection

With the disappearance of God the Ego moves forward to become the sole divinity.

Dorothee Soelle

Welcome

Prelude

J. S. Bach

“Prelude in F Minor”

Choral Introit

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Elder Scott Lafferty

Leader: People of God, you belong to Christ.

People: We come to worship God together.

Leader: Do not let differences of opinion divide you.

People: We come to worship God together.

Leader: All people are welcomed by God.

People: We come to worship God together.

All: Let us sing praise to God!

*** Processional Hymn No. 610**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

**please stand if able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Lois Annich

Loving God,
You who lead us and care for us,
We confess that we do not follow your ways,
That we do not always do the things that bring us together.
Instead we often follow people who let us down.
We put our hope in them instead of in you.
Forgive us, we pray.
Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Russian Orthodox chant

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Assurance of Pardon

*** Gloria**

Taizé

First time: All sing

Second time: Sing in a round starting with low voices; high voices begin two measures later; youth and children two measures after that.



**“When Children Pray”
Descant Choir**

Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word

*** Hymn No. 312**

“Take Us As We Are, O God”

Choir will sing through first

Children in Pathways may leave during the hymn

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

Scripture Lesson

1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rachel McDonald

“Jesus First”

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

Offering

Offertory

Joe Utterback

“Peace Will Come One Day”

*** 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.**

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Going Forth to Live as God’s People

*** Closing Hymn No. 835**

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

*** Commission and Blessing**

*** Choral Benediction**

*** Passing of the Peace**

“Toccata” (Suite Gothique)



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: The flowers today are given by Marge Drollinger and her four sons in loving memory of John Drollinger, husband and father; and by Grace Uhle in loving memory of Tom Uhle.

Prayers are requested this week for: Max Harmon, Jane Ishler, Patricia Jenkins, Richard Peterjohn, Robin Richards, Robert Ruggeri, George Sentell, Joy Stang, and Dorothy Turick.

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.

Please keep Tish and Brian Klein and their family in your prayers; Tish's mother Martha van Beers died January 18.

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 Mt Sinai Care Group is responsible for assisting the clergy in meeting members' needs during January. 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.

Coming Up

TODAY

Grocery Certificates: Support FHC Youth Ministry and buy groceries at the same time! Buy a grocery card (\$25 or \$100) for Dave's, Heinen's, Zagara's or Giant Eagle (they are sold in Fellowship Hall after worship nearly every Sunday). The church gets a percentage of your purchase, and you get the full amount for groceries.

THIS WEEK

Pray for Pantry Guests: Guests who come to Abundance Pantry Luncheon express gratitude for the FHC members who respond to their prayer requests. A number of them also would be glad to pray for the concerns of the congregation. To submit a prayer, please use the green form enclosed in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are: **Micah 6: 1-8; Psalm 51; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31; Matthew 5: 1-12.**

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

Pacesetters (50s-60s): Planning Party, January 28 at 7 pm, hosted by Sue and Scott Lafferty (1969 Bromton Dr., Lyndhurst; swlaff@sbcglobal.net or 440-449-2361 for information). Come with ideas for the year as well as a salad, appetizer or dessert. BYOB – soft drinks will be provided. RSVP not necessary.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall: The Kerygma study of John's Gospel continues through February 26.

LOOKING AHEAD

Black History Month Requests

Seeking information: We are looking for anything relating to significant issues of Black History – personal or family experiences, anecdotes and/or pictures. Selected materials will be displayed during February. Leave material (with your name and any relevant information) in the church office, or email it to Dorothy Herd (dorothyherd@yahoo.com) or Ann Williams (asw1217@gmail.com).

Please do not submit originals; please make and submit copies of any pictures, letters, or other printed materials. We will return anything not used with our sincere thanks.

Sign up to contribute to the Soul Food Pot Luck: Go to

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4aa8aa23a7f49-soul> (the link is in the weekly email) or see Ann Williams in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour.

The Black History Month schedule is in the TOWER

Cleveland Hts Democracy Day: In 2013, voters in Cleveland Hts passed Issue 32 in support of a constitutional amendment stating that corporations do not have constitutional rights. Issue 32 also established annual hearings to examine the impact of big corporate money in elections. The 4th Annual Public Hearing will be held on January 25 at 7 pm at Cleveland Hts City Hall; this is open to the general public.

The Group (60s – 70s): Super Bowl party Feb 5, 6 pm, Hunters' – details have been emailed and are in the February **TOWER**.

Theology on Tap: Do you have a burning question you've always wanted to ask at church, but didn't feel it was appropriate? Do you like to meet over drinks and talk with friends? Join us for a special ***Theology on Tap: All Questions Welcome!*** Members of Fairmount, Forest Hill and Church of the Covenant will gather at the BottleHouse (2050 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights 44118) on Thursday, February 9, 5-7 pm. Bring a favorite snack to share.

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.

There will be a mission trip meeting for youth and parents in the Ruah Room after worship.

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Pick up your February TOWERS in the foyer!

*The TOWER is also posted on the church website, www.fhcpresb.org
On the home page, scroll down to “Monthly Newsletters” on the right.*

Calendar: January 22 - 29, 2017

Sunday, January 22

9:30 Adult and Youth Education
Descant Choir followed by
Descant Choir Activity
Childcare for children thru Kdg

10:30 Continental Breakfast
Chancel Choir

11:00 WORSHIP
Children's Worship Class (preK-K)

11:15 Pathways to the Promise Land

12:15 Coffee and Fellowship
Sine Nomine Choir
New Elders' meeting

12:30 Youth & parents:
Mission trip meeting

Monday, January 23

5:00 pm	Presbytery Meeting (North Church)
6:00 pm	Progress not Perfection (AA)
7:00 pm	Al Anon Endowment Committee mtg
7:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #403 Borton Group (AA)

Tuesday, January 24

12:00 pm Pantry Lunch
1:00 pm Abundance Pantry
5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class
7:00 pm Black History Month
Coordinators

Wednesday, January 25

7:30 am Bible and Bagels
12:30 pm Wed. Women's AA

Thursday, January 26

5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class
6:20 pm Voices in Bronze
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, January 27

10:00 am Al Anon

Saturday, January 28

8:00 am Stewardship Ministry retreat
9:00 am CEIRS class

Sunday, January 29

9:30 Adult and Youth Education
Descant Choir followed by
Descant Choir Activity
Childcare for children thru Kdg

10:30 Continental Breakfast
Chancel Choir
Cherub Choir

11:00 WORSHIP
Children's Worship Class (preK-K)

12:15 Lunch and Annual Meeting of the
Congregation