

# Forest Hill Church

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*Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming*

*Service of Worship*  
*October 29, 2017 at 11:00 am*  
*500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation*

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.  
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*

We ask you holy Father/Mother, to show your grace and mercy to us all, throughout the whole wide world. Graciously draw us together with your blessing, care, and protection. Do not let division and disunity come among us.

*An Anabaptist Prayer*

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

J. S. Bach

“Prelude in D Minor”

**Choral Introit**

Michael Praetorius

“Jubilate Deo”

*Greeting Our God with Joy*

**Call to Worship**

Elder Elspeth Peterjohn

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song;

**People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Leader: Sing, and give praise to God’s name.

**People: Tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.**

Leader: O praise the Lord with me.

**People: The Lord’s name be praised. Alleluia!**

*\*please stand if able*

*Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**Prayer of Confession**

*An Anabaptist prayer*

**Eternal, merciful God! You are a God of peace, love and unity, not of conflict and division. With this unity you view the world in your righteous judgment, knowing it has forsaken you. You alone can establish and maintain unity in a world which in its own wisdom has fallen away from you. So we pray and implore you through the Holy Spirit to dispel confusion. Unify what is divided and make it whole. Also give us the means to seek your unique, eternal truth, which leads to divine unity. Thus may we turn away from every division and become of one mind, will, conscience, spirit and understanding, aligned according to Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Time of Silent Confession**

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

J. S. Bach

*Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

**Assurance of Pardon**

## \* Gloria

Taizé

*All sing first time. Second time: low voices, begin;  
high voices enter two measures later; children and  
youth enter two measures after that.*



## Anthem

J. S. Bach, arr. Wilbur Held

“Now Thank We All Our God”

## *Opening Our Hearts to God's Word*

## Minute for Mission

Mike Cosgrove

“Stewardship”

## \* Hymn No. 679

“Let the Whole Creation Cry”

*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 Lessons

### Jeremiah 31: 31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they

broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

### **Romans 3: 19-28**

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

“Every 500 Years or So”

## Prayers of the People

### 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

J. S. Bach, arr. Walter Ehret

"Alleluia (Cantata No. 142)"

Ahren Stock, Scott Lafferty, trumpets; Jim Roosa, trombone

#### \* 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. 830

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

#### \* Commission and Blessing

## Sending

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ, that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

*From the Belhar Confession, Article 3*

### \* Choral Benediction

"Sanctuary"

3 Lord pre - are me to be a sanct-u - ar - y, pure and

6 ho - ly, tried and true, With thanks - giv ing, I'll be a

liv - ing sanct-u - ar - y for you.

### \* Passing of the Peace

*Postlude*

J. S. Bach

"Toccatà 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](http://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 group, by Joyce Pope; and by Mike and Margie Glaros in memory of Margie's mom, Eleanor Luff, and their dear friend Ann Jones.

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

Joe and Betsy Andrews, Frances Barry, Max Harmon, David Hunter, Florence Klein, Wafa Kuri, Krystal Lafontaine, Jeanette Nemcek, George Sentell, Carolyn Smith, Jimmy Strong, Dorothy Turick, Bob and Linda Uhle, and Pat Weissbrod.

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

Marge Drollinger, Emma Jane Gibbs, Iris and Al Gilbert, Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Margie Stauffer, Elaine Tapié, and 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 Nazareth Care Group has been responsible for assisting the clergy in meeting members' needs during October. In November the Jericho CARE Group will step in. 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.

**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*

#### **TODAY**

***Sine Nomine Choir:*** Please meet in the chapel after worship for rehearsal.

***Hymns:*** Today we are grateful for the musical gifts of members Ahren Stock and Scott Lafferty (trumpets) and Jim Roosa (trombone).

***“Renewing Our Commitment to Nonviolence”*** As we approach the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's death, many of us seek to renew our commitment to nonviolent action against oppression. The Justice and Mission Ministry invites you to an **interactive presentation on nonviolence** with Sarah Thompson, Executive Director of Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT), at **4:00 pm TODAY**. We'll hear how the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta is preparing for the anniversary and how CPT intervenes in oppressive conflict situations around the world. Sarah will also present ways we can continue the work of Dr. King that are still so necessary today. This is a rare opportunity to hear an international peace activist. Please come for this stimulating program.

## THIS WEEK

**Bible Study:** The lessons for this week are: **Revelation 7: 9-17; Psalm 34: 1-10, 22; 1 John 3: 1-3; 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!

**The Book of Joy:** The next dinner and book discussion with Olivet Baptist and St. Paul's will be at St. Paul's at 6:30 **this Wednesday, November 1.** Whether or not you attended the first gathering, whether or not you have finished (or even started) the book, you are welcome.

## NEXT SUNDAY

**Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall** Next week we will feature the last in the list in our Reformation series, King Henry VIII. The English Reformation is intertwined with the dynastic problems of the Tudors. While Henry is more famous as a serial wife killer, he and his progeny played major roles in the dismemberment of English Catholicism from Papal supervision. This bloody reform is documented in more popular films and documentaries than any other. Ironically, William Tyndale, outlaw Bible translator, and Thomas More, Papal defender and royal councilor, were both executed by Henry's order within 15 months of each other. Come next Sunday for more details on the English Reformation.

**The Group, Hilltoppers and Iris Circle** all have events coming up in November. See p. 20 of the November **TOWER** for details. You may read the **TOWER** on line if you don't have a printed copy.

**Pacesetters** will tour Playhouse Square on Saturday, November 4 at 10:15. We may find a place for lunch afterwards. For more information, contact Marius Juodisius ([juodisius@yahoo.com](mailto:juodisius@yahoo.com)) or Jennifer Blakeney ([bmlspirit@yahoo.com](mailto:bmlspirit@yahoo.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**

**From Abundance Pantry:** Help to set up a holiday gift shop to enable our pantry guests to give gifts to the youngsters in their lives. Please help us gather toys, games, stuffed animals, children’s books, wrapping paper, and Christmas decorations. These can be your own used items, goodwill items, or dollar store items. This might be a good time to clean out your attic and closets! We let our pantry guests do the wrapping. Between now and Christmas, please put your items in the box marked “Pantry Gift Items” on the stage in Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

## *Youth News*

**Every Sunday:** Logos (Mid High) meets from 9:30 – 10:30 am in the Ruah Room.

**Today:** Sine Nomine Choir will rehearse in the chapel immediately after worship

**Several of our high-school-age members are appearing in school productions the weekend of Nov. 2-5.** Grant Heineman, Garrett Vandall and Chip Vandall (with Anne Wilson as accompanist) are appearing in Cleveland Heights High's *Shrek the Musical*; and Ian Zych is playing the lead role of Peter in Hawken School's *Peter and the Star Catcher*.

- Tickets for *Shrek* are \$15, \$12 and \$9 depending on location (in the newly renovated high school auditorium) and can be purchased online at [www.ShowTix4U.com](http://www.ShowTix4U.com) You may also call ShowTix at **866-967-8167**.
- For tickets to *Peter and the Starcatcher*, go to [www.Hawken.edu](http://www.Hawken.edu) to access the ticket sales page



**Have you noticed the colorful balcony panels?** They reference the Five Solas--the five Latin slogans that summarize the Reformers' theological convictions about the essentials of Christianity. They are:

**Scripture Alone** (Sola Scriptura): *The Bible alone is our highest authority*

**Faith Alone** (Sola Fide): *We are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ.*

**Grace Alone** (Sola Gratia): *We are saved by the grace of God alone.*

**Christ Alone** (Solus Christus): *Jesus Christ alone is our Lord, Savior, and King.*

**Glory to God Alone** (Soli Deo Gloria): *We live for the glory of God alone.*

## *Staff Emails*

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***Sanctuary Project:*** For more information about our Sanctuary Project, please email the coordinators at **[sanctuary@fhcpresb.org](mailto:sanctuary@fhcpresb.org)** .

You may help support the project by donating to the church by cash or check; specify that it is for the Sanctuary Project. Please continue to pray for Leonor and her family

## *Calendar: October 29 – November 5, 2017*

### **Sunday, October 29: Reformation Sunday**

9:00 am Child care begins  
 9:30 am Adult Education  
     Youth Education: Logos (Mid Hi)  
     Descant Choir  
 10:15 am Descant Choir activity  
 10:30 am Continental Breakfast  
     Chancel Choir  
 11:00 am WORSHIP  
     Children's Worship class  
 12:15 pm Coffee and Conversation  
     Sine Nomine Choir  
     Blessing of Faith Leader room  
 2:00 pm Messiah Chorus rehearsal  
 4:00 pm Speaker: "Renewing Our  
     Commitment to Nonviolence"  
 5:00 pm Faith Leader

### **Monday, October 30**

6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)  
     Al Anon Anniversary Dinner  
 7:00 pm CPNC  
 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)  
     Boy Scout Troop #403

### **Tuesday, October 31**

12:00 pm Abundance Pantry registration  
 1:00 pm Abundance Pantry  
 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion  
 7:15 pm Black History Team mtg

### **Wednesday, November 1**

7:30 am Bible & Bagels  
 12:30 pm Wed. Women's AA  
 6:30 pm Dinner & discussion:  
     *Book of Joy* at St. Paul's

### **Thursday, November 2**

5:00 pm Fitness Fusion

### **Friday, November 3**

8:00 am IPM Board mtg  
 10:00 am Al Anon meeting

### **Saturday, November 4**

8:00 am Men's Group  
 9:00 am Church Growth retreat  
 5:00 pm Private party

### **Sunday, November 5: All Saints Sunday**

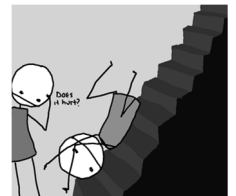
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     Children's Worship class  
 12:15 pm Cornucopia Lunch  
 2:00 pm Messiah Chorus rehearsal  
 5:00 pm Faith Leader

## ***The Reformation, cont.***

**Jacob Arminius** (latinized scholarly name for Jakob Hermansen) was 3 years old when John Calvin died. He studied Calvinism, but while trying to defend Predestination to his fellow Dutch theologians, changed his mind. Ironically he became the founder of an anti-Calvinistic school of theology that bears his name Arminianism.

John Wesley was an Anglican cleric born about a century after Jacob Arminius. He embraced Arminian theology and with his brother Charles and fellow cleric George Whitefield founded Methodism.

Now you have the necessary theological background for some light humor. A Calvinist and an Arminian heard a noise in the basement. They rushed down the stairs without turning on the light. About half-way down, they both tripped and tumbled to the bottom of the stairs. The Arminian got up first, asked his Calvinist friend if he was hurt and exclaimed he'd learned a valuable lesson. Then the Calvinist got up, brushed off the dirt and said "I'm glad that fall is over."



*How many Arminians does it take to change a light bulb?*  
*How many Calvinist does it take to change a light bulb?*



Answers to last week's bulletin question:

Henry VIII was associated with the Tudor rose which traced back to his father, Henry VII.

Join us in the South Hall 9:30 AM next Sunday to learn about Henry VIII.

## Are you up to the challenge?

With winter approaching quickly, we've been challenged to donate fifty coats for kids as part of the Labre Project in support of Our Family Home Center in East Cleveland! We're looking for donations of new or gently worn winter coats in the following sizes:

- 15 coats, size small (9 boys/6 girls)
- 15 coats, size medium (9 boys/6 girls)
- 20 coats, size large (12 boys/8 girls)



All coats should be brought to the stage in Fellowship Hall by Sunday, November 19.

To sign up to take part in the challenge, visit [bit.ly/50coats](http://bit.ly/50coats)

Questions? Contact Christina Hidek at 216-657-3962 or [christina.hidek@gmail.com](mailto:christina.hidek@gmail.com)

Thanks in advance for your participation and generous support!





**FHC Stories Project**  
***Forest Hill Church – Welcoming Whole-Heartedly***

“It was serendipity,” Ann Donkin, the new building manager at Forest Hill Church, said of the chance meeting between her and Dave Bell when their two respective choral groups shared a common rehearsal space at Disciples Church. Ann and Dave’s first interview went well, as did her meeting with the trustees. “So here I am and I’m thrilled to be here.”

Ann realized she had some pretty big shoes to fill with David Hunter serving as a “meticulous care-taker of the building” for the last 15 years....

*Continue Ann’s story at [www.fhcpresb.org](http://www.fhcpresb.org)  
Or look for a printed copy in each foyer*

*The Stewardship Ministry would like to thank Ann for sharing her story with us. More stories can be found on the FHC website. Do you have a story to tell? Please let us know!*

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