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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Service of Worship
January 28, 2018 at 11:00 am

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.

Centering Words

As we enter God's presence this day: What do we fear, what do we seek?

Welcome

Choral Introit

John Bell

"Behold, I Make All Things New"

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship (From Psalm 111)

Dean Sieck

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise God with hearts full of song.

Leader: Delight in the Lord!

People: Celebrate the majestic work of God's hands.

Leader: Trust in the Lord!

People: Rejoice that God's precepts lead to life.

Leader: Come into God's presence with joy and thanksgiving.

People: Come and worship the Lord!

*** Processional Hymn No. 307**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

**please stand if able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Lois Annich

God of fear and trembling, your pillar of fire and column of smoke terrified your people of old. When you come to lead us in power and might, we are no less afraid today. Give us courage and strength, O God, to abide in your presence. Lest we shrink from your glory in fear and trembling, send us prophets to teach us your ways, for we long to hear your words and heed the lessons they teach. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

John Bell

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.

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

“Life’s a Fa La La La La La”

Children in Pathways may leave following the anthem.

Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word

Scripture Lessons

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” Then the LORD replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

Mark 1: 21-28

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new

teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

*** Hymn No. 450**

“Be Thou My Vision”

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

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

“Fear and Longing”

Prayers of the People

Shannon Headen

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

John Bell

“The Faces of God”

*** 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. 741** st. 1, 4, 5, 6

"Guide My Feet"

*** Commission and Blessing**

*** Choral Benediction**



3 Lord pre-pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, — pure and

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

liv - ing — sanc-tu - ar - y for — you.

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a measure rest labeled '3'. The lyrics are: 'Lord pre-pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, — pure and'. The second staff begins with a measure rest labeled '6'. The lyrics are: 'ho - ly, tried and true, — With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a'. The third staff continues the melody with the lyrics: 'liv - ing — sanc-tu - ar - y for — you.' The piece concludes with a double bar line.

*** Passing of the Peace**

Postlude

G. F. Handel

"Concerto in F"

Liturgy adapted from B.J. Beu, *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2018*



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 Al and Iris Gilbert in honor of their 67th anniversary; and by Marge Drollinger and her four sons in loving memory of John Drollinger, husband and father.

Prayers are requested this week for: Joe and Betsy Andrews, Max Harmon, David Hunter, Florence and Ron Klein, Wafa Kuri, Jimmy Strong, and Bob and Linda Uhle

Please pray for Jaired Birks, whose girlfriend Andrea Grzegorzewski was killed in a car accident on January 19.

Please pray for Kate and Dave Burleigh and their family; Kate's cousin Jay Beyer died this week.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Marge Drollinger, Iris and Al Gilbert, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Margie Stauffer, Elaine Tapié, Lorian Thomas, and Beryl and Henrietta Williams.

<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>

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. The Calvary Care Group will help out in February.

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: Rehearse in the Chapel after worship.

Annual Meeting: Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting of the Congregation TODAY immediately after worship. All are welcome; active members may vote. Lunch will be served and childcare will be provided.

THIS WEEK

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are: **Isaiah 40: 21-31; Psalm 147: 1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23; Mark 1: 29-39.**

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 am in South Hall

Our study centers on the wisdom text of Ecclesiastes, with added attention to other wisdom sources. It's a change of pace, and will call on our mature and candid examination of this unusual book. This may very well be the most interesting and challenging book we have studied. Please join us in South Hall at 9:30 am every Sunday.

Black History Month begins! Visit a Black-owned restaurant next Sunday – or anytime! See p. 12 as well as the list on the FHC website, www.fhcpresb.org (follow the link on the home page).

The Group (60s-70s): You are invited to join The Group for their Super Bowl Party on February 4 at the home of Hal and Pat Musick. See the February **TOWER** for details.

LOOKING AHEAD

See p. 10 for the Black History Month schedule.

Youth News

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

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Calendar: January 28 – February 4, 2018

Sunday, January 28

9:00 am Child care begins
 9:30 am Adult Education
 Youth Education: Logos (Mid Hi)
 Descant Choir
 Follow-up: CE meeting
 10:15 am Descant Choir activity
 10:30 am Continental Breakfast
 Chancel Choir
 Cherub Choir
 11:00 am WORSHIP
 Pathways to the Promise Land
 12:15 pm Annual Meeting of the
 Congregation (lunch served)
 Sine Nomine Choir
 4:00 pm Reconnecting with Creation class
 5:00 pm Faith Leader

Monday, January 29

6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)
 7:00 pm Al Anon
 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)

Tuesday, January 30

1:00 pm Abundance Pantry
 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class
 6:00 pm Lotus Frog Yoga
 7:00 pm Long Range Planning meeting
 7:15 pm Black History team meeting

Wednesday, January 31

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

Thursday, February 1

12:00 pm Abundance Pantry Lunch
 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class
 6:20 pm Voices in Bronze
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, February 2

10:00 am Al Anon

Saturday, February 3

9:00 am CEIRS class
 PRISM retreat
 10:00 am Lotus Frog Yoga

Sunday, February 4

9:00 am Child care begins
 PRISM retreat
 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: Communion;
 Ordination and Installation of Officers
 Pathways to the Promise Land
 12:15 pm Coffee and conversation
 3:00 pm GCC University
 5:00 pm Faith Leader

About January and February

Those of you who have been around Forest Hill Church for a while know that the beginning of the year is packed with exciting events – some open to all and some by invitation only. Here is a schedule that (I hope) will help inform you about what to pay attention to and what to ignore.

Date, time, location	What	For whom
TODAY , 12:15 – 2 pm, Fellowship Hall	Annual Meeting of the Congregation	All are welcome to attend but only active members may vote. New elders and leaders will be elected. All elders and leaders are expected. Lunch will be served and child care will be provided
Sundays in February	Black History Month programs	Watch for information in the <i>TOWER</i> about a restaurant outing, a speaker, a concert, a soul food lunch and a book discussion on <i>Sister Citizen</i>
Feb 4 , 11 am during worship	Ordination and Installation of New Officers	New Elders and Deacons will be ordained and installed
Feb 7 , 7 pm (one week early because Ash Weds is Feb 14)	All Ministries meet	All 2018 Elders and leaders
Feb 14 , 7:30 pm, Sanctuary (dinner at 6:30)	Ash Wednesday worship	Everyone
Feb 17 , 8 am – 5 pm River's Edge Conference Center	Session retreat	All 2018 Elders (information will be sent later)
Feb 28 , 7 pm, South Hall	Session meeting	All 2018 Elders

Please watch the weekly email news, the bulletin and the ***TOWER*** for additional events and more information.

Women of Excellence: I Too Am America

In its continuing efforts to promote better interracial relationships, the Black History Education Team is again offering an active, entertaining, and educational Black History Month in February, 2018:

Sunday, Feb. 4 Visit a Black-Owned Restaurant Weekend

We encourage all our members to eat at a Black-owned restaurant or use a Black-owned caterer or deli for their Super-Bowl parties, as an expression of financial justice and to appreciate a positive aspect of African American Culture: hospitality expressed through welcome and good food. For a list of more than 50 Black-owned restaurants, caterers, delis, and takeout places, see the Forest Hill Church website, www.fhcbresb.org.

Sunday, Feb. 11, 12:30 pm

The Honorable Janine Boyd, State Representative, Ohio District 9

Representative Janine Boyd will speak with us about what Melissa Harris-Perry in *Sister Citizen* calls “standing straight in a crooked room”, i.e., living as a Black woman who is claiming her own power. A light luncheon will be served.

Sunday, Feb. 18, 6:30 pm

Annual Forest Hill Church Gospel Concert

This year’s concert will feature music by the professional Black sacred music ensemble “Spiritual Gifts” and poetry by Ali McClain, a local poet and Spoken Word performer.

Refreshments will be served at 6 pm and the concert begins at 6:30

Sunday, Feb. 25, 12:30 PM

Annual Afro-Caribbean Soul Food Luncheon and

Book Discussion of *Sister Citizen* by Melissa Harris-Perry

Join us for a lively, facilitated discussion of *Sister Citizen*--a high-energy conversation about a serious topic, with emphasis on what we can do to help straighten the walls of the crooked room in which we live.

Cover image: Salvatore Revelli's sculpture of a prophet at the Piazza di Spagna in Rome, photo by gnuckx, Wikimedia Commons CC BY 2.0

Black History Month Restaurant Day

The Black History Education Committee encourages all church members and friends to participate in an act of financial justice: please eat at a Black-owned restaurant during the first week of Black History Month – or, for Super Bowl Day, to use a Black-owned caterer or takeout for your Super Bowl party.

Please note: We have a list of over 60 black-owned restaurants and caterers on our church web site. *Go to the church home page and you will see it there.* We who created this list have eaten at many of these places. However, we have NOT screened all the places on this list.

Many kinds of food services are listed, from formal restaurants to take-out only, and from limited-menu specialty caterers to those with a broad repertoire. We know that one size does not fit all!



We encourage you to look at their web sites and read reviews on the internet to help you choose a place you will like.

We also hope you will post a brief review about any of the restaurants or caterers you patronize on our church FaceBook page under the note about black-owned restaurants, so others can benefit from your experience.