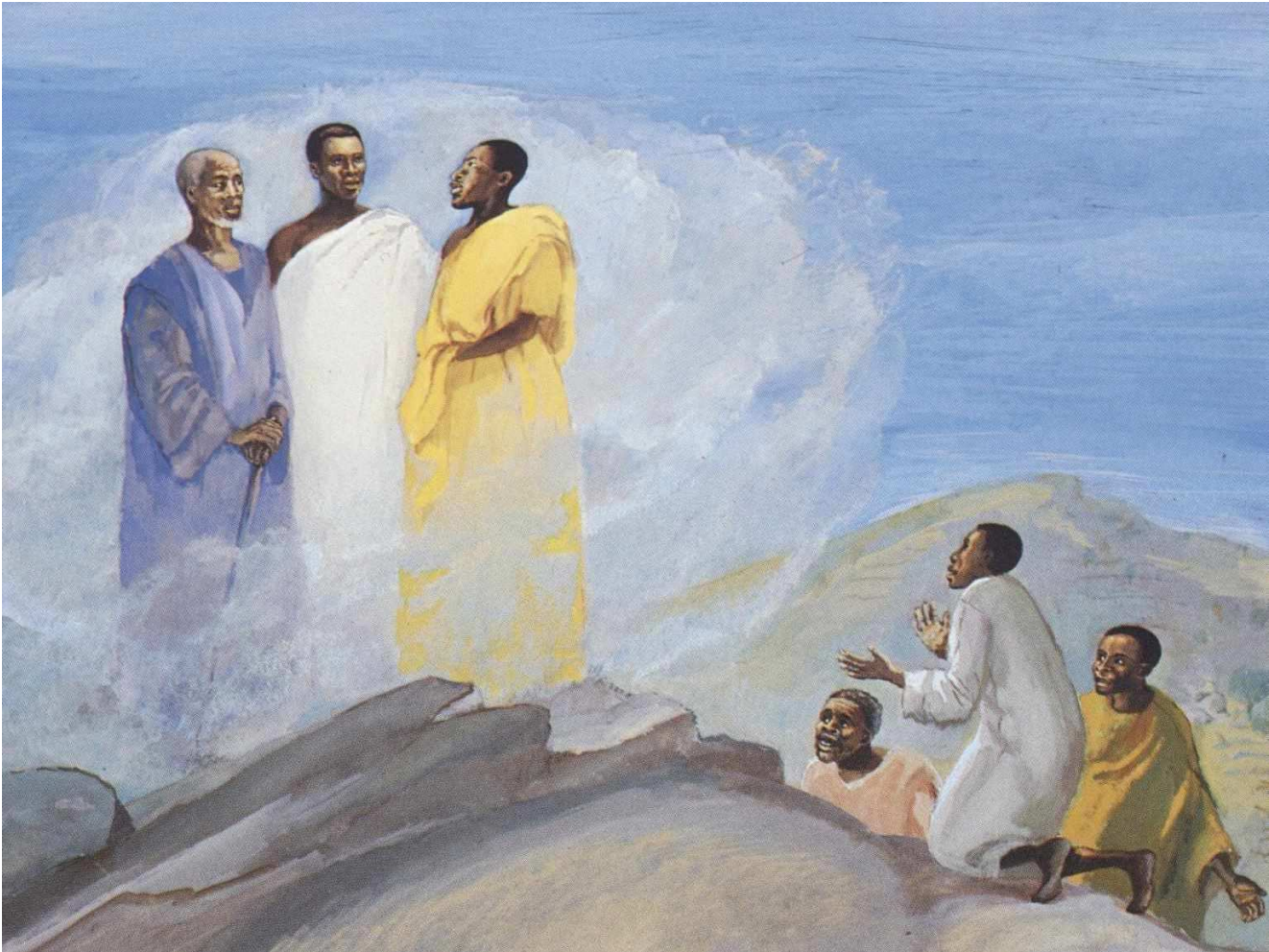


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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Service of Worship
February 11, 2018 at 11:00 am
Transfiguration of the Lord

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

Open our eyes to your presence, O God, not only on the mountaintops, but also in the valleys of our lives. In this time of worship we humbly ask for a glimpse of your glory. Our earthly journey is long and we need a vision to sustain us on our way. Amen.

Welcome

Prelude

Spiritual Medley

Tina Bergmann, hammered dulcimer; Bryan Thomas, bass

Choral Introit

spiritual

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

Lily B, guest soloist

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Sheryl Dugard

One: God's glory shines brightly.

All: We long to see it!

One: The mystery of God is beyond our understanding.

All: We will honor the mystery although we do not always grasp it.

One: God's light shines throughout creation.

All: We will watch for it with reverence and awe.

One: Come then, and worship God whose ways are not our ways.

All: God is with us! Let us worship God in the beauty of holiness.

*** Processional Hymn No. 12**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

**please stand if able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Rev. John Lentz

God of glory, we confess that we easily lose sight of your saving power. We too often indulge in thoughts and behaviors that blind us to your vision of abundant life. Forgive the ways we hurt ourselves and others. Grant us new eyes to see ourselves as you see us, and the willingness to live out of that place of promise. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Song of Forgiveness

Appalachian folk melody

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.*



Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Minute for Mission

Charity Stock

"Exploring an Easter Church through Justice and Mission"

Anthem

spiritual

"Wade in the Water"

Lily B, soloist

Children in Pathways may leave following the anthem

Scripture Lesson

Mark 9: 2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

After the scripture:

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

People: Thanks be to God.

*** Hymn No. 406**

“We Are Standing on Holy Ground”

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

Sermon

Rev. Lois Annich

“Glimpses of Glory”

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

Carly Simon

"Let the River Run"

*** 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**

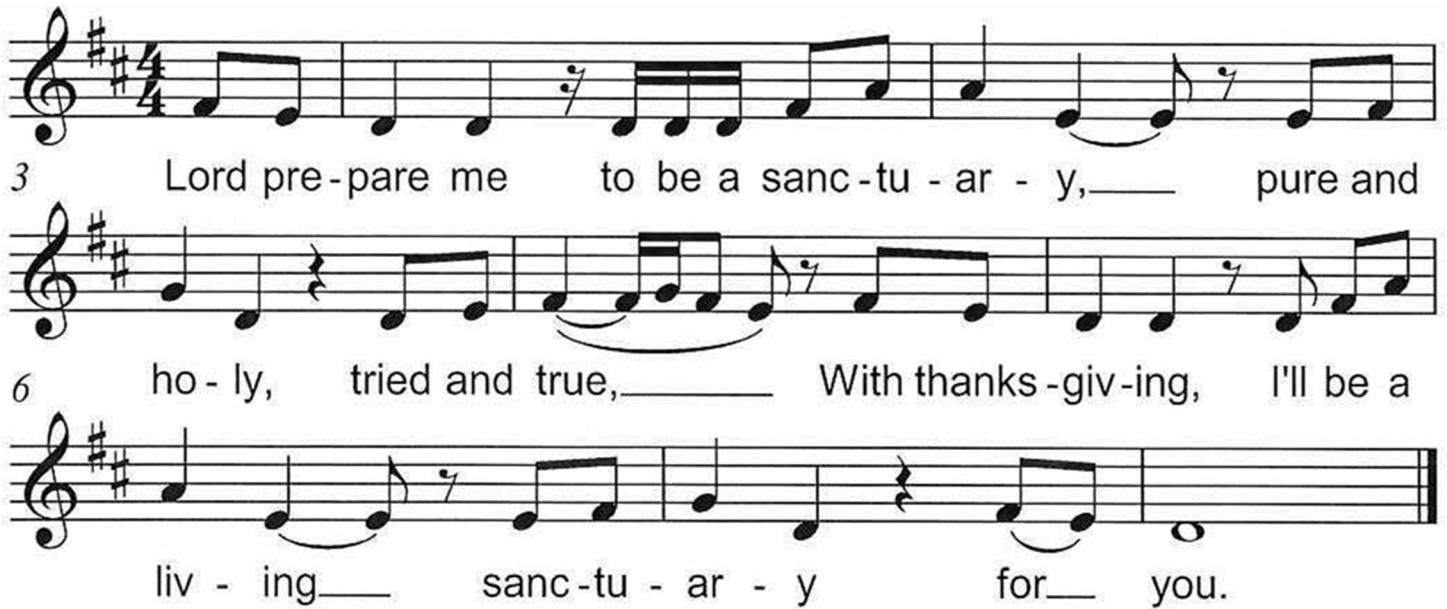
Going Forth to Live as God's People

*** Closing Hymn No. 66**

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

*** 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 G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts on a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. There is a measure rest, followed by a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F#4. The second staff continues the melody with a half note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, and a quarter note B3. The third staff begins with a half note A3, a quarter note G3, a quarter note F#3, and a quarter note E3. The melody ends with a half note D3 and a whole note C3.

* Passing of the Peace

Postlude

Traditional fiddle tunes

Tina Bergman and Bryan Thomas



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 the Cameron family in loving memory of Mary Margaret Cameron.

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

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.

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 Calvary Care Group is responsible for assisting the clergy in meeting members' needs during February. 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

Today's Music: Today we welcome three guest musicians: Lily B, a versatile singer known for her smooth, expressive renditions of all kinds of music; Tina Bergmann, promoted as the “Diva of the Dulcimer” by the Cleveland Baroque orchestra Apollo’s Fire; and Bryan Thomas, who teaches double bass at Kent State University and jazz bass at Cuyahoga Community College.

Black History Month program, 12:30 pm: State Representative Janine Boyd (Ohio District 9) will speak 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.

THIS WEEK

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are: **Genesis 9: 8-17, Psalm 25: 1-10,**

1 Peter 3: 18-22, Mark 1: 9-15

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

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, February 14. Dinner will be served at 6:30; worship is at 7:30. Please reserve your space at dinner on line (see the weekly email) or by using the reservation sheet on p. 16.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall: The Adult Ed class will continue their study of Ecclesiastes through February 25. In March and April the class will use Raymond Brown's book ***A Risen Christ in Eastertime*** as the basis for discussions. Dale Hilton, Director of Teaching and Learning at the Cleveland Museum of Art, will be a guest speaker on March 11, and Dr. Sheila McGinn, Chair of the Department of Theology & Religious Studies at John Carroll University, will speak on April 8. The books have been ordered and will cost \$13.00 (they are also available from Amazon should you wish to order your own). We will notify you when they are available.

LOOKING AHEAD

Iris Circle will meet for a potluck lunch and Bible study on Tuesday, February 20 at 11:30 am in Bodwell. Rev. John Lentz will share wisdom about the courageous women of Exodus.

Lenten Dinners: Exploring an Easter Church through Justice & Mission

You are invited to two all-church dinners exploring our call to seek justice. Week one will focus on our vision for the beloved community. How does your prayer life reflect this vision and what allows you to be persistent in working towards this goal? Week two will focus on action and opportunities. Learn about direct service, organizing, and advocacy. What is the balance of these methods and what are some common pitfalls?

Friday March 2nd & Friday March 16th, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

A free-will offering will be collected for the meal.

Reservations are required. The weekly email offers a link that allows you to sign up on line, or use the reservation sheet on p. 16.

Youth News

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

Today Sine Nomine Choir will rehearse after worship.

Black History Month Programs

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

For several years, we have had a traditional African-American Soul Food Pot Luck during Black History Month. This year we are trying something new. In order to acknowledge and honor the many recent immigrants from African and Caribbean countries, we are planning an African and Caribbean Pot Luck.

The Black History Education Team will provide chicken, ham, beef, and a vegetarian bean dish. Please sign up to bring a salad, vegetable, side dish, condiment, bread, dessert or something of your choosing that fits the theme. Start perusing your recipes and watch for the SignUpGenius link in the email news.

After lunch, 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.

Calendar: February 11-18, 2018

<p>Sunday, February 11 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 Pathways to the Promise Land 12:15 pm Sine Nomine Choir Black History Month program: Janine Boyd, speaker; lunch will be served 5:00 pm Faith Leader</p> <p>Monday, February 12 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) 7:00 pm Al Anon CPNC meeting 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)</p> <p>Tuesday, February 13 1:00 pm Abundance Pantry 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class 7:00 pm Long Range Planning meeting</p> <p>Wednesday, February 14: Ash Wednesday 7:30 am Bible and Bagels 12:30 pm Wed. Women's AA 6:30 pm Dinner 7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship 8:30 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>Thursday, February 15 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class 6:20 pm Voices in Bronze 7:00 pm Long Range Planning mtg</p> <p>Friday, February 16 10:00 am Al Anon</p> <p>Saturday, February 17 8:00 am Session Retreat 9:00 am CEIRS class</p> <p>Sunday, February 18 1 Lent 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 Pathways to the Promise Land 12:15 pm Coffee and conversation Blood Pressure check 5:00 pm Faith Leader 6:30 pm Black History Month Concert (refreshments served at 6 pm)</p>
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News from Friends of HOLA

HOLA is a small, grassroots Latino organization based in NE Ohio focusing on Advocacy, Community Organizing and Civic Engagement.

A local chapter of Friends of HOLA (people who support the work of HOLA) has been formed and meets at Forest Hill Church. They have two actions planned to support and raise awareness for DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals).

February 20 and 27: Friends of HOLA is planning a public action in support of DACA on Tuesday, February 27 (probably mid-morning). Anyone interested in participating in this action **MUST ATTEND A TRAINING** at FHC on Tuesday, February 20 from 6-8:30. Please arrive by 5:45 so the training can start and end on time. The training will focus on non-violent public action; Friends of HOLA is seeking peaceful, disciplined, determined and supportive individuals with a heart for undocumented immigrants and Dreamers.

RSVP to Pastor Lentz (pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org) or call the church office.

Shoes needed: HOLA is planning a silent protest on March 10 to emphasize what's at stake if Congress doesn't pass the Dream Act this year. To do this theatrical activity, they are collecting shoes. If you have old shoes you can donate (they will later be given to charity), please bring them to FHC and leave them in the SHOE box on the stage.

Come on out to support Forest Hill-ians Ian Zych, playing Mr. Banks, and Zoe Hart, playing Valentine, in Hawken High School's production of "Mary Poppins"! It will be fun for the entire family and little ones will especially love watching Mary Poppins fly!

The Hawken Players' Society
invites you to join the cast and creative team
for its production of

MARY POPPINS

Directed by Upper School Theater Director
TJ Gainley

Performances will run
February 16, 17, 23, 24 at 7:30 pm
& February 25 at 2:30 pm

Kennedy Auditorium
Hawken Upper School campus
12465 County Line Road, Chesterland, Ohio 44026

For tickets, visit HAWKEN.EDU/HPS

Reservation sheet

Reservation for Ash Wednesday dinner:

Name: _____

How many will attend? _____ adults _____ children under 10

Can you come at 5:30 to help set tables? _____

Reservation for March 2 and March 16 dinners, “Exploring an Easter Church through Justice and Mission”:

Name _____

Yes, I/we will attend ____ on March 2 ____ on March 16

How many adults for each dinner? _____

Do you need child care? For what age(s)?

You may put this in the offering plate