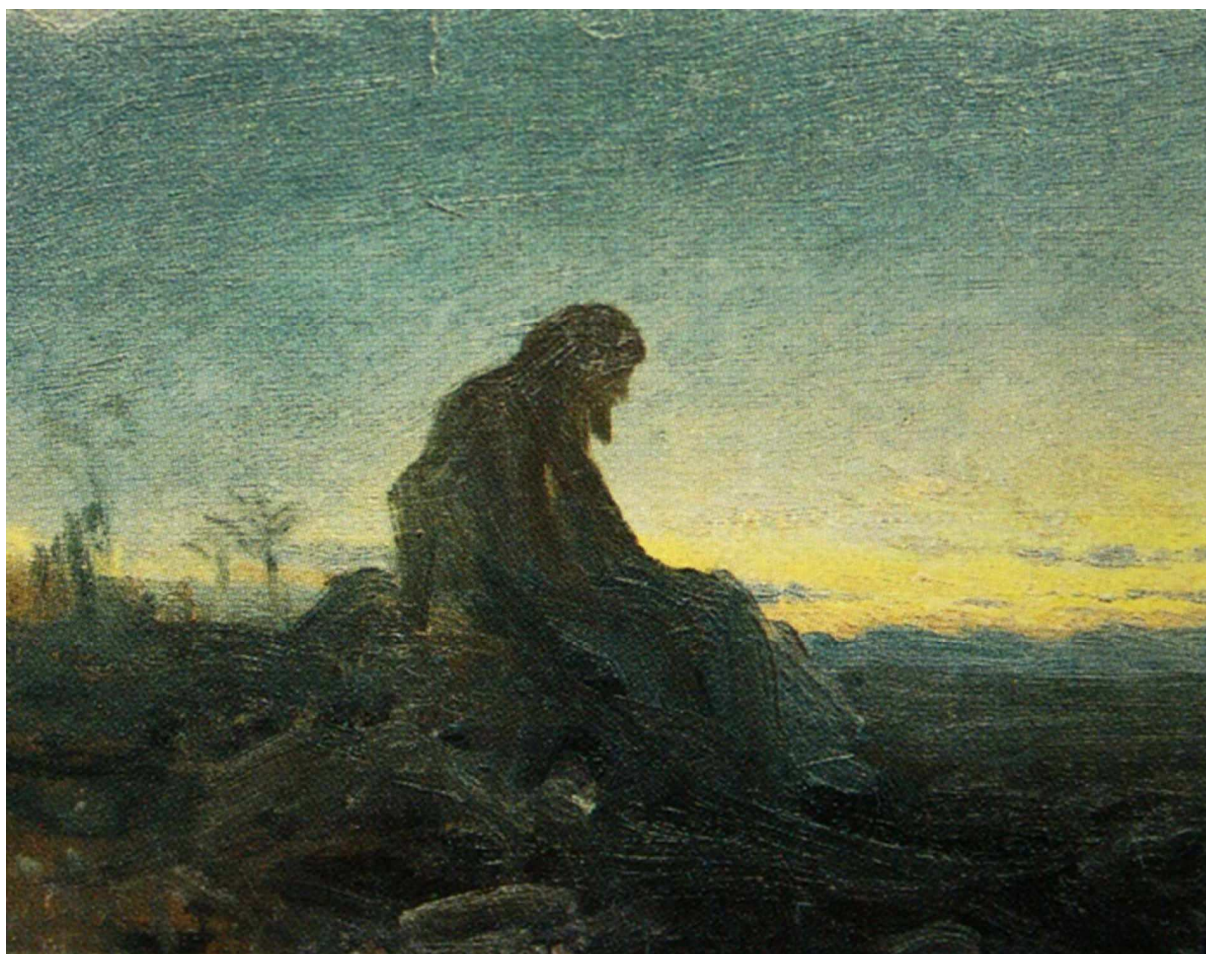


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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive and welcoming

Service of Worship
February 4, 2018 at 11:00 am
Celebration of Holy Communion

Ordination and Installation of officers

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.
This morning we celebrate the Eucharist (the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion) by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup).
We also provide a gluten-free alternative. After receiving the elements you may come to the railing to receive a blessing from the pastors.

Centering Words

God renews our bodies with strength, and fills our longing hearts with peace. Our mighty God opens our hands to share love with the world. May our ears be full of Christ's story, and may our lips proclaim God's praises and amazing deeds.

Welcome

Prelude spiritual, arr. Sam Batt Owens
"Deep River"
Fern Jennings, guest organist

Choral Introit spiritual
"Somebody Prayed for Me"

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship Elder Leslie Clement
Leader: Praise the Lord! How good it is for us to gather and sing praises to our God.

People: Great is our Lord, who understands us, lifts us up, and strengthens us.

Leader: Sing with joy and thanksgiving to the Lord, who fills our lives with steadfast love.

People: Praise the Lord!

*** Processional Hymn No. 39**

"Great Is Thy

Faithfulness"

**please stand if able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we often forget the glory of creation and everything you have done for us. We ignore the beauty you place all around us. We brush aside the ways you strengthen us. We sing songs of lament instead of songs of praise and thanksgiving. We lose ourselves in the business of life, and forget that we are only found in you. Forgive us. Fill our hearts and our lips with your praises, and turn our lives toward you. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison *(Lord, have mercy)*

John Merbecke

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Assurance of Pardon

*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

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Scripture Lesson

Mark 1: 29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him,

“Everyone is searching for you.” He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

After the reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

“Chasing Demons”

Ritual of Friendship

Offering

Offertory

George Allen and Tommy Dorsey

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Shelly Jesberger, soprano; Seth Ungemach, conductor

*** 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**

Eucharist

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

John Merbecke

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.

Communion of the People

Music during Communion

spiritual

"Lord, Make Us More Holy"

Prayer after Communion

We have shared the sacrament. Send us forth, O God, to proclaim and live the abundant and unconditional love of God, through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Going Forth to Live as God's People

*** Closing Hymn No. 408**

"There's a Sweet, Sweet, Spirit in this Place"

*** Commission and Blessing**

*** Choral Benediction**

"Sanctuary"

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.

*** Passing of the Peace**

Postlude

spiritual, arr. Robert Hobby

"My Lord, What a Morning"

Liturgy shaped by Karin Ellis, The Abington Worship Manual 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.

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.

Notes & Announcements

Deacons being ordained and installed

Mary Hosier
Rob Reynolds

Elders being ordained and installed

Ralph Dise	Leslie Pendleton
Mark Gerteis	Pat Seeders
Linda Martin	

Deacon being installed

Margie Ravas

Elders being installed

Mark Chupp
Seth Ungemach

Chancel Flowers: Today's flowers are given by Betty Clark in memory of Donald Clark, Ray and Irma Clark, and Betty and Herbert Fritz; by Tim and Carol Gifford in loving memory of their parents; by Al Gilbert in memory of Annie Gilbert Tyson; and by Robin Mervine in memory of Mel.

Prayers are requested this week for the following: 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.

Today Is Hunger Sunday Any cash or checks in envelopes marked Hunger will be used 100% for support of Forest Hill Church's Abundance Pantry.

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.

❖ Members of the Calvary Care Group are:

Barbara Hansen, Deacon leader	Jenny & Caty Himmelman
Kevin & Brittani Ball & family	David & Anne Hunter
Nancy Burcham	Paolo Iannarelli & Maria Raijki
Bruce & Beverly Cameron	Paul Jennings
Paul Cary, Sue Yelanjian	Ron & Florence Klein
Jordan Dail	Bill and Sandy Ladebue
Kay Dunlap	Fred & Joann Lafferty
Bill Finn & Rachel Martinez-Finn	Patricia Ludwig
Tim & Carol Gifford	Jeremy Ryman & Diane Moyer & family
Ajah Hales	Margy Stauffer
Robyn Hales	Sampson Tedunjaiye, Victoria Sampson & family
Judy Hammer	Lee & Cathi Thomas
Chris Henry	Beryl Williams
Alex Heston & Elizabeth Endicott-Heston	Bob & Ginny Young

Many thanks to the Mt. Sinai Care Group for their work in January.

This Month's Ushers 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

See p. 12 for the Black History Month schedule.

TODAY

Today's Music: Today we welcome guest organist Fern Jennings, a former Dean of the Cleveland Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Our choir intern Seth Ungemach is conducting today. Anne Wilson is in Michigan this weekend, accompanying concerts with the choral ensemble *Sounding Light* (Tom Trenney, conductor).

Black History Month begins! The Black History Education Team invites you to visit a Black-owned restaurant today (or anytime). See the list on the FHC website, www.fhcpresb.org (follow the link on the home page).

The Group will gather at the home of Hal and Pat Musick this evening for a Super Bowl party.

THIS WEEK

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are: **2 Kings 2: 1-12; Psalm 50: 1-6; 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6; Mark 9: 2-9**

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

Boy Scout Troop 403 News: On February 9 from 6:30 - 8 pm we will hold our yearly Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. You will receive:

Spaghetti (with or without meat sauce), salad,
butter/roll, dessert, beverage

The cost is \$10 for tickets and may be purchased from Nick Baumgartner or Marcie Denton.

All are welcome!



NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 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. On February 11, please join us for a talk by guest speaker Rabbi Roger Klein of Temple Tifereth-Israel. Rabbi Klein will offer his perspective on the Book of Ecclesiastes.

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

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

Youth News

Sundays: Mid High classes meet from 9:30 – 10:30 am.

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From Yale University press: Sister Citizen, by Melissa V. Harris-Perry

Jezebel's sexual lasciviousness, Mammy's devotion, and Sapphire's outspoken anger—these are among the most persistent stereotypes that black women encounter in contemporary American life. Hurtful and dishonest, such representations force African American women to navigate a virtual crooked room that shames them and shapes their experiences as citizens. Many respond by assuming a mantle of strength that may convince others, and even themselves, that they do not need help. But as a result, the unique political issues of black women are often ignored and marginalized.

In this groundbreaking book, Melissa V. Harris-Perry uses multiple methods of inquiry, including literary analysis, political theory, focus groups, surveys, and experimental research, to understand more deeply black women's political and emotional responses to pervasive negative race and gender images. Not a traditional political science work

concerned with office-seeking, voting, or ideology, *Sister Citizen* instead explores how African American women understand themselves as citizens and what they expect from political organizing. Harris-Perry shows that the shared struggle to preserve an authentic self and secure recognition as a citizen links together black women in America, from the anonymous survivors of Hurricane Katrina to the current First Lady of the United States.

Melissa V. Harris-Perry is the Maya Angelou Presidential Chair, Executive Director of the Pro Humanitate Institute, and founding director of the Anna Julia Cooper Center, at Wake Forest University. Her previous book, *Barbershops, Bibles, and BET: Everyday Talk and Black Political Thought*, won the 2005 W. E. B. Du Bois Book Award from the National Conference of Black Political Scientists and 2005 Best Book Award from the Race and Ethnic Politics Section of the American Political Science Association.

Calendar: February 4-11, 2018

<p>Sunday, February 4 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: Communion; Ordination and Installation of Officers 12:15 pm Coffee and conversation 12:30 pm PRISM retreat Faith Leader 3:00 pm GCC University</p> <p>Monday, February 5 9:00 am GCC University 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) Adult Education committee 7:00 pm Al Anon CPNC meeting 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)</p> <p>Tuesday, February 6 9:00 am GCC University 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 Friend of HOLA meeting</p> <p>Wednesday, February 7 7:30 am Bible and Bagels 12:30 pm Wed. Women's AA 7:00 pm Ministries meet</p>	<p>Thursday, February 8 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class 6:20 pm Voices in Bronze 7:30 pm Chancel Choir FH Swim Club meeting</p> <p>Friday, February 9 10:00 am Al Anon 6:30 pm Troop #403 Spaghetti Dinner</p> <p>Saturday, February 10 8:30 am Deacon retreat 9:00 am CEIRS class 10:00 am Lotus Frog Yoga 2:00 pm Memorial Service for Patricia Sims Weissbrod Reception following</p> <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 Black History Month program Sine Nomine Choir 5:00 pm Faith Leader</p>
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About 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
Sundays in February	Black History Month programs	Everyone – see p. 12 for details
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
LENT BEGINS		
Feb 14 , 7:30 pm, Sanctuary (dinner at 6:30)	Ash Wednesday worship	Everyone (RSVP for dinner)
Feb 17 , 8 am – 5 pm River's Edge Conference Center	Session retreat	All 2018 Elders (information has been sent)
Feb 28 , 7 pm, South Hall	Session meeting	All 2018 Elders
March 2 and 16 , 6:30 pm	Dinners (watch for more information)	Everyone (RSVP required)

Please watch the weekly email news, the bulletin and the **TOWER** for additional events and more information about a Lenten preaching series as well as details on Black History programs.

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

(or choose one to visit later)



We encourage all our members to eat at a Black-owned restaurant or use a Black-owned caterer or deli for their 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.fhcpresb.org**. We encourage you to look at the restaurant web sites and read reviews on the internet to help you choose a place you will like.

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: **Christ in the Wilderness** by Ivan Karmaskai, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN*