

Forest Hill Church

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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Service of Worship
August 12, 2018 at 10:00 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.

Welcome

Prelude

Felix Mendelssohn

“Prelude in G Major”

Choral Introit

Michael Praetorius

“Jubilate Deo”

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Elder Leslie Pendleton

One: The Household of God is made up of all kinds of voices and God loves them all! The shy, quiet, private -

All: You are welcome and belong here.

One: The loud, outspoken, opinionated -

All: You are welcome and belong here.

One: The wondering, wandering, lost -

All: You are welcome and belong here.

One: The frustrated, doubtful, full of fear -

All: You are welcome and belong here.

One: The steadfast, devoted, hopeful -

All: You are welcome and belong here.

One: We bring our whole selves and nothing less.

All: And so does God.

Let us worship our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer with all that we are because God knows us and loves us just as we are!

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Call to Confession

It is tempting to gloss over our sin and focus on our strengths, but God calls us to focus on the strength of Christ, not ourselves. God, who is faithful and just, offers us a new way to live, and so we join together to confess our faults and failings using our bodies and minds.

I invite you to follow along with the prayer, considering the ways we have fallen short as individuals and as a community.

Prayer of Confession

For the times when you have failed to see your neighbor as yourself, close your eyes. (pause)

For the times when you have ignored the needs of those around you, bow your head. (pause)

For the times when you have pushed away someone who loves you, clench your left hand. (pause)

For the times when you have silenced another by your indifference, insults or hurtful words, place your right hand over your mouth. (pause)

Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)

John Bell

For the times when you used your words to lift another up, remove your right hand from over your mouth and place it by your side. (pause)

For the times when you have embraced someone who needed care, unclench your left fist. (pause)

For the times when you have paid attention to someone on the margins, lift up your head. (pause)

For the times when you have welcomed someone just as Christ welcomes you, open your eyes. (pause)

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, look around and see the truth: you are not alone in the ways you fall short and you are not alone in the ways that grace abounds again and again for you! No matter how many times we ignore the needs of others, Jesus Christ does not ignore us. But that also means that Christ does not leave it at that. This love that Christ has for us invites us into new life, a life that empowers us to care for one another just as he cares for us.

*** Response**

Paul Vasil

"Glory to God"

3 Glo-ry to God, — whose good-ness shines on me, and to the

6 Son, — whose grace has par-doned me, and to the Spir-it, — whose love has

8 set me free. As it was in the be-gin-ning, is

now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 12/8. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Children's Moment

David Wigger

Children are welcome to stay up front for a quiet activity during the sermon

Scripture Lessons

Psalms 150 (from *The Message*)

Hallelujah!

Praise God in the Holy House of worship, praise God under the open skies;

Praise God for his acts of power, praise God for her magnificent greatness;

Praise with a blast on the trumpet, praise by strumming soft strings;

Praise God with tambourines and dance, praise God with banjo and flute;

Praise God with cymbals and a big bass drum, praise God with fiddles and mandolin.

Let every living, breathing creature praise God! Hallelujah!

1 Corinthians 12: 27-31

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

After the readings

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

People: Thanks be to God.

*** Hymn No. 317**

"In Christ There is No East or West"

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

“United Voices”

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

Children may return to their families

Offering

Offertory

Brian Lewis

“Benedictus”

Sung in Latin; translation:

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*** Response**

South African song

Ha - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais- es, all our
3 hearts with glad-ness are filled. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
6 prais- es, all our hearts with glad-ness are filled. Now he
9 sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong of
13 faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy-ful Good News. *repeat first part*

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Going Forth to Live as God's People

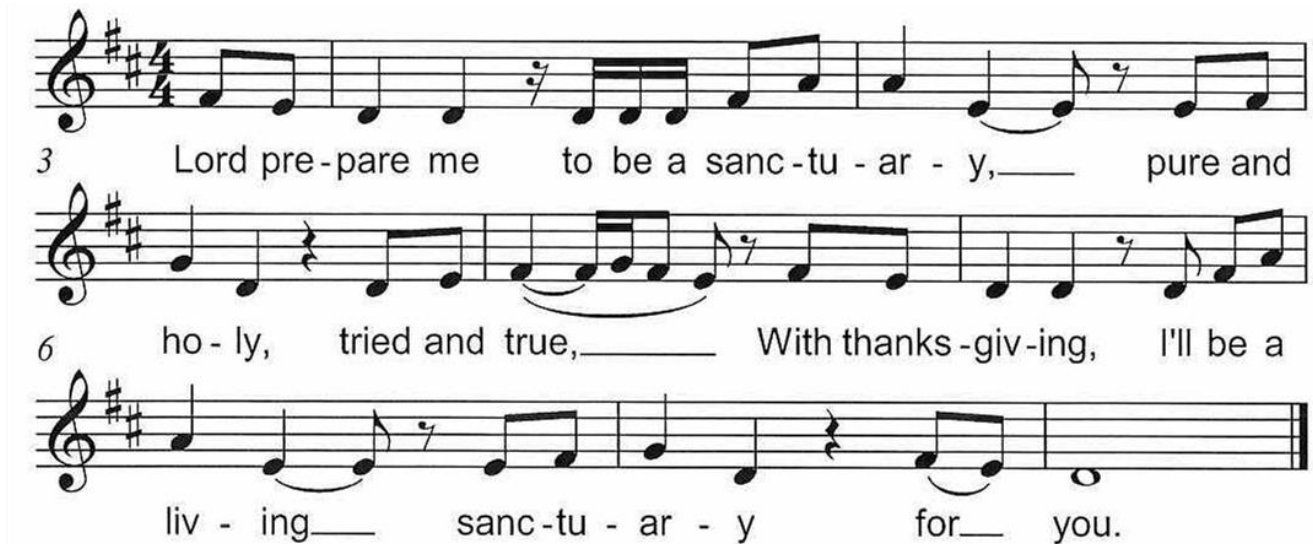
*** Closing Hymn No. 733**

"We All Are One in Mission"

*** Commission and Blessing**

* Choral Benediction

"Sanctuary"



* Passing of the Peace

Postlude

Felix Mendelssohn

"Allegro Maestoso from Sonata II"

* *Please stand if you are able*



Welcome Visitors!

We look forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Visitor welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex. Take one home with you! Our website, www.fhcpresb.org, lists upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and texts and audio of past sermons.

Notes & Announcements

Chancel Flowers: Today's flowers are given by Sandy Schultz in memory of dear family members and friends, and in honor of her sister Judy; and by the Khoury family in memory of Brian.

Please welcome Rev. Eric Dillenbeck, today's preacher. Eric is the Manager of Community Partnerships at Youth Opportunities Unlimited and the Executive Director of Heights Community Congress. He and his family have been attending Forest Hill Church for nearly two years.

Prayers are requested this week for: Kathleen Corcoran, Dan Fuller, Max Harmon, Mary Hosier, Jane Larsen-Wigger, Elizabeth Shaw, the family of Chuck Smith (his wife Lora and children Hannah, Harrison, Nathan and Hazel), Jimmy Strong, and Wesley Washington.

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

Please pray for Dave and Chris Bell and their family; Dave's mother Jean Bell died August 4.

In Memoriam: We recently learned that former member Jack Quinn died on March 24, 2018. Jack and his wife Arlene (who died in 2015) were members from 2000 – 2015. They moved to Florida in 2013. Dr. Lentz will officiate at a graveside service in Lakeview Cemetery for both Jack and Arlene on August 22 at 11 am.

The Deacons encourage you to stop by the Greeting Card Table in Fellowship Hall before or after worship to sign a card for any member who is ill or homebound. We will address and mail the card for you.

Care Group

The Jerusalem Care Group is responsible for assisting the clergy in meeting members' needs during August. 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.

Ushers: Thank you to Roger Heineman, head usher, and today's usher team.

Nursery care for babies and young children is available on the second floor of the Monticello Wing.

Coming Up

TODAY

Music: Today we welcome Fern Jennings, guest organist. Anne Wilson is attending a music and dance camp in Plymouth, Massachusetts this week. Thanks to today's music leaders: Seth Ungemach, Carl Jenks, Patty Console and Mary Ann Breisch.

Abundance Pantry News: Thanks to all who have donated money, food, and supplies to Abundance Pantry. The pantry continues to need magazines and containers capable of storing liquid; they no longer need egg cartons.

Adult Education: Classes for this summer have ended. New classes begin on September 9; registration for the new Kerygma classes begins today. See a description of the program on p. 11.

THIS WEEK

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are: **1 Kings 2: 10-12, 3: 3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5: 15-20; John 5: 51-58.**

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

August 18, The Group (singles and couples 60s – 70s+) You are invited to visit Joe and Betsy Andrews for lake activities and a summer picnic at their lake home on Atwood Lake, just under 2 hours from Cleveland, on Saturday, August 18. Come around 2 pm for boat riding and lawn games. We will plan an early dinner so you will not have to drive home in the dark. Please bring an appetizer or side dish, as Betsy will provide main dish and dessert.

The address is 9645 Lakewood Dr. NE, Mineral City, OH 44656.

RSVP to Betsy Andrews, 216-215-8174 or Betsyandrews7@gmail.com.

NEXT SUNDAY

Boulevard Elementary School Supply Drive!

It's that time of year again, when stores are brimming with pencils, notebooks, and glue to help kids get ready to go back to school! FHC has a partnership with Boulevard Elementary (on Lee Rd. in Cleveland Heights), and one of our efforts is to provide school supplies to help every child be prepared for a great year of learning.



We are collecting spiral one-subject notebooks; two-pocket folders; crayons (8 or 12 count boxes); fat or skinny markers; highlighters; loose-leaf lined paper; glue sticks; pencils; rulers; pencil boxes; sharpeners; large pink erasers; dry erase markers; post-it notes. Please bring donations to church and put them in the marked box on the stage.

New this year: Karen Allen, the social worker at Boulevard, notes a special need: some children need items (a pair of shoes, hair supplies, or other personal essentials) in addition to school supplies to start the year. You may donate a gift card to Target or Walmart (\$10 - \$20) for such use. Place these gift cards in the Justice and Mission mailbox or in the offering plate, clearly marked "Boulevard."

All donations should be received no later than next Sunday, August 19. Questions? Call Jessica Kelley at 410-562-1797

Volunteer Training / Child Protection Policy After worship next Sunday, August 19 we will hold a Christian Ed training day for any adult who will be involved in our children's or youth programming. This training will include the annual child protection policy training, which is mandatory under our Protection Policy. Please make every effort to make it to this training. If you are unable, please let me know so we can work out a way to get you the training and get you covered under our policy. Lunch (probably pizza) and childcare will be available.

Please RSVP by going to [**Bit.ly/CEtrainingday**](https://bit.ly/CEtrainingday) or indicate your intention on the friendship pad.

LOOKING AHEAD

August 26

Pastor Lois's last Sunday

**Pastor Lois Annich has spent three wonderful years
sharing her talents, her wisdom and her energy with us
as she served as Interim Associate Pastor.**

Please join us for her last service and to wish her farewell.

September 2: Anne Wilson is organizing another Orcha-Band to play for the service on September 2. If you would like to join the group, contact her (annew@fhcpresb.org) and she will send you the music to practice.

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Calendar: August 12 - 19, 2018

<p>Sunday, August 12 8:30 am Child care begins 8:45 am Adult Education 9:30 am Continental Breakfast 10:00 am WORSHIP 11:00 am Coffee and Conversation 11:15 am Special Session meeting</p> <p>Monday, August 13 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) 7:00 pm Al Anon 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)</p> <p>Tuesday, August 14 1:00 pm Abundance Pantry 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class 7:00 pm Friends of HOLA mtg</p> <p>Wednesday, August 15 7:30 am Bible and Bagels 12:30 pm AA meeting 7:00 pm TransFamily East</p>	<p>Thursday, August 16 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion 7:00 pm LRP meeting 7:15 pm Black History Team meeting</p> <p>Friday, August 17 10:00 am Al Anon</p> <p>Saturday, August 18 2:00 pm The Group to Betsy & Joe Andrews'</p> <p>Sunday, August 19 8:30 am Child care begins 8:45 am Adult Education 9:30 am Continental Breakfast 10:00 am WORSHIP 11:00 am Coffee and Conversation CE Volunteer Training Blood Pressure check</p>
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Adult Bible Study, Fall 2018

Kerygma: *The Gospel of Matthew: God With Us*

Registration begins August 12

According to Matthew, the Christian community is an earthly manifestation of the rule of God. It is composed of followers of Jesus who have been called to live righteously in the world and to serve in the manner of Jesus, with humility and forgiveness. In Jesus, there is a new community at work for the blessing of the world. What is it that binds us together? Jesus – God with Us.

The Gospel of Matthew: God with Us adult study program will meet for 12 consecutive Sundays, beginning September 9, at 9:30 am. Three groups, led by co-facilitators Kathryn Eloff and Tom Zych, Pat Jenkins and Laury Larson, and Ron Register and Ahren Stock, are planned. Pat Seeders will start registration on August 12 in South Hall after worship. A resource book, recommended for each participant, is available for \$24.

In addition to the Kerygma classes, Pastor John Lentz will begin a "Christianity 101: Living the Questions" class on September 9 at 9:30 am – all the questions you have had but never asked! This class is especially designed for "Seekers" and those who are exploring Christianity. It is a class option for those who cannot commit to weekly attendance; each class will have its own unique subject matter.

Family, Children, Youth Events

Subscribe to our [FHC Christian Ed Calendar: bit.ly/ceCalendar](http://bit.ly/ceCalendar)

THANK YOU!!!

to those that have already completed their Christian Ed Google Forms:

Family forms received:

Baldwin, Burleigh, Cosgrove, Dillenbeck, Dyck/Troyer, Garrett, Hidek, Janssen, Koops, Majot/Evans, Kelley, Peterjohn, Ryman/Moyer, Stawovy, Vahey, Vandall/Denton, Wadsworth/Wigger, Washington/Shaw

Volunteer forms received:

Blakeney, Burleigh, Cosgrove, Dolan, Eberle, Hidek (x2), Koops (x2), Ladebue, Lafferty, Leslie, Logan, Loughridge, Mojat/Evans, Register, Ryman/Moyer, Stock (x2), Troyer, Ungemach, Wedell, Weissbrod, Wollaeger

If you are a parent/guardian of a child/youth from birth through grade 12, please complete this form: bit.ly/fhcFamily

If you are interested in volunteering with FHC children/youth programming this year, please complete this form: bit.ly/fhcVolunteer

If you have any additional questions, or are having trouble with the forms, contact David Wigger at: ce@fhcpresb.org or 216-702-7845 (cell)

September 9

Fall Festival



Save the date! Mark your calendars!

Set your alarms!

Kick-off Sunday is September 9

Come for Adult Education at 9:30

Pathways at 10:15

Chancel Choir at 10:30

Worship with communion at 11:00

and the Fall Festival from noon till 3 pm