

Forest Hill Church

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Service of Worship

August 26, 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.

Centering Words

*I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or
dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*

Joshua 1: 9

Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Welcome

Prelude

J. S. Bach

“Fantasy in G Major”

Choral Introit

Sally Ann Morris

“Walk in Peace”

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Elder Ann Williams

Leader: Friends, let us worship God today, for God is love –

People: God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.

Leader: Let us worship God today, for God is good –

People: God loves us, forgives us, renews us, and empowers us.

Leader: Let us worship God today –

**People: Because we are God’s people. We will worship God with heart,
soul, strength and mind!**

* Opening Hymn No. 39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, thank you for this time of prayer. Forgive us for the ways we hurt ourselves and others. Heal the soul sickness that drives us to be fearful rather than trusting, critical rather than compassionate, resentful rather than forgiving, and self-absorbed rather than open-hearted. By the power of your Spirit, help us to act rightly and let go of behaviors that only lead to pain. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Paul Halley

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Assurance of Pardon

*** 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 G major (one sharp) and 12/8 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'Glo-ry to God, _____ whose good-ness shines on me, and to the Son, _____ whose grace has par-doned me, and to the Spir-it, _____ whose love has set me free. As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.'

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Children's Moment

Rev. John Lentz

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

Scripture Lessons

Romans 8: 35-39

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 15: 9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

After the readings

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

People: Thanks be to God.

*** Hymn No. 366**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

Sermon

Rev. Lois Annich

“A Lineage of Love”

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

Kurt Bestor

“ Prayer of the Children”

*** 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.

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Going Forth to Live as God's People

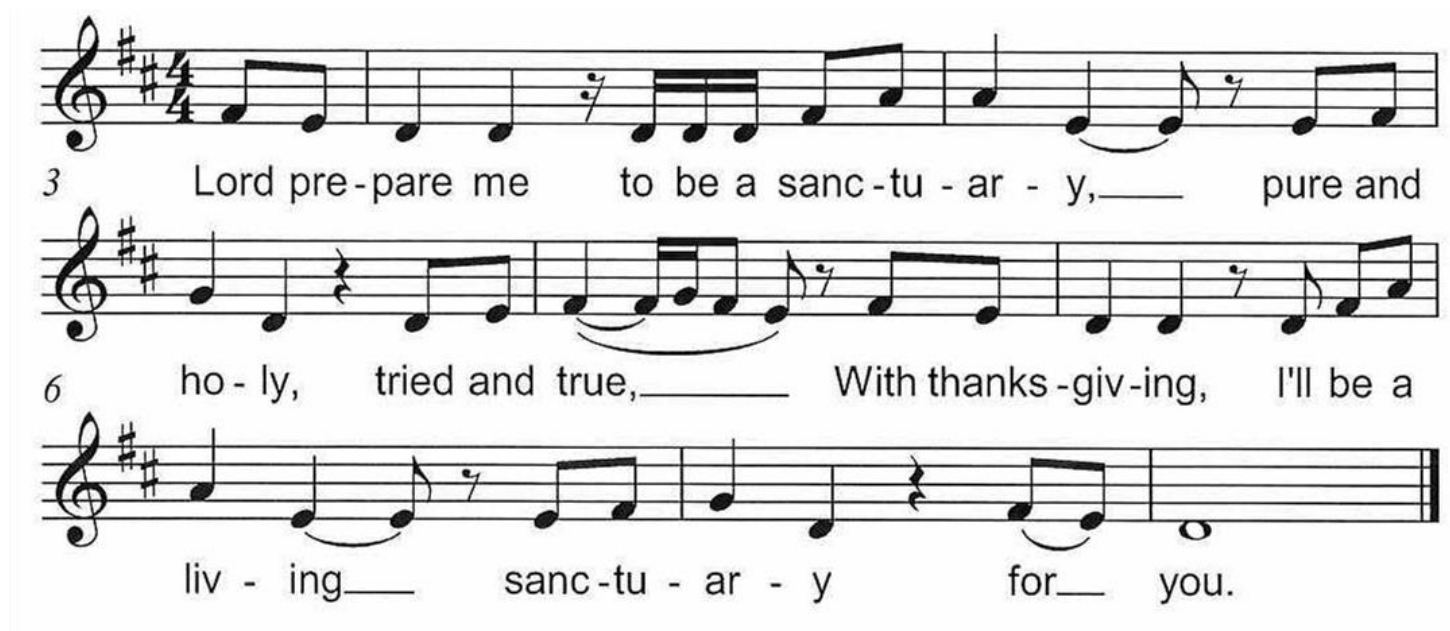
*** Closing Hymn No. 684**

"Faith Begins by Letting Go"

*** 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

W. A. Mozart

“Rondo in C”

** Please stand if you are able*



Dear Lois,

***On behalf of the congregation of Forest Hill Church,
Presbyterian I thank God for you.***

***You have brought us faith, hope and love! You have
preached the Gospel with conviction.***

You have ministered to us in hospital, home and office.

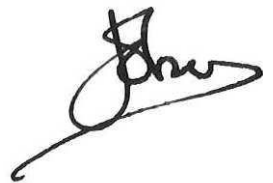
You prayed with us, cried with us, laughed (a lot) with us.

You spoke your truth and shone your light.

***We have been changed for the better due to your time
among us.***

God is good ALL THE TIME!

God bless you Lois! Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John', written in a cursive style.

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 the Ralph Dise, Jr. family in loving memory of Ralph and Molly Dise, Ann Dise, Florence and Aaron Mercer and Jane and Homer Dise; by Cliff and Jane Kowall to the glory of God; and by Nancy Burcham in memory of many dear friends.

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

Please pray for Grace Uhle and her family; Grace's stepson Bob Uhle died this week.

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.

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, who retires today as Forest Hill Church's head usher. For 9 years Roger has been at the helm of the usher teams and has been responsible for much of what makes Sunday morning run smoothly. He was a team leader for many years before he took over. Enjoy your time in the pew, Roger!

Robyn Hales and Deborah Erwin are stepping forward as head ushers.

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

Coming Up

TODAY

Music: Many thanks to today's music leaders: Grant Heineman, Seth Ungemach, Jed Koops and Carl Jenks.

Survey reminder: If you have not completed the survey for the Long-Range Planning Committee, please take time to do so. It may be done on line or on paper. Thank you to those who have already done so! Each person – member, friend, youth – in a household is invited to complete the survey (once!). Paper copies may be picked up in the foyer and returned to the office or to one of the designated baskets. Please refer to last week's email news for a link to the online form.

THIS WEEK

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are: **Song of Solomon 2: 8-13; Psalm 45: 1-2, 6-9; James 1: 17-27; Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Would you like to play in the Orcha-Band next Sunday, Sept. 2? If you play an orchestra or band instrument and can play a hymn melody, you're ready to go! Let Anne Wilson know (annew@fhcpresb.org) and she will send you music to practice.

Ruah Room Work Day: After worship next Sunday, David Wigger will be working on getting the Ruah Room set for the program year. This will include cleaning up clutter and arranging the room to be ready for Youth Education on September 9. All youth, parents/families, volunteers and others are invited to stop by to help. This is a very informal event. Show up to say hello, stay to help, and leave when you feel like it.

LOOKING AHEAD

PRISM: PRISM is self-described as “a racial equity learning laboratory.” For all of us who just completed the last PRISM cohort at the end of April, that one statement holds a lot to unpack! It was a 40-hr immersion experience over the course of three months. It was challenging on every level. And many of us who completed the last cohort came away asking, what do we do now? PRISM is developing goals, strategies and an action plan in line with the mission statement of Forest Hill Church. Throughout the next month, we will be sharing more about PRISM, and how we can all work together to become a more progressive, open and affirming community at FHC.

Choirs: The choir/bell season will soon be resuming. If you or your child are interested in joining a musical group at FHC, please contact Anne Wilson (annew@fhcpresb.org or 216-870-2729). Details are in the September Tower.

Youth News (gr. 6-12)

Sunday, September 2: Come to the Ruah Room after worship to say hello, check out the room, and help get it ready for the program year.

Staff Emails

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Calendar: August 26 – September 2, 2018

<p>Sunday, August 26: Celebrating Lois! Pick up tour TOWER! 9:30 am Child care begins 9:30 am Continental Breakfast 10:00 am WORSHIP 11:00 am Coffee and Conversation</p> <p>Monday, August 27 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) 7:00 pm Al Anon 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)</p> <p>Tuesday, August 28 1:00 pm Abundance Pantry 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class</p>	<p>Wednesday, August 29 7:30 am Bible and Bagels 12:30 pm AA meeting</p> <p>Thursday, August 30 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion</p> <p>Friday, August 31 10:00 am Al Anon</p> <p>Sunday, September 2 9:30 am Child care begins 9:30 am Continental Breakfast 10:00 am WORSHIP 11:00 am Coffee and Conversation Ruah Room Work Day</p>
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The Co-Pastor Nominating Committee has been hard at work these past few months. Throughout the summer we had the privilege of connecting with incredible female pastors from all over the country. Their leadership, wisdom, and faithfulness was both energizing and inspiring. We thank you, the congregation, for your continued support and prayers. We are excited about where God is calling us! Stay tuned for more updates soon.

This may interest you...

Professor Ilan Pappé, Israeli historian, is speaking at the City Club of Cleveland on Friday, September 14 at 12 n. on “The Idea of Israel.” Formerly at Haifa University, Pappé is now Professor of History and Director of the European Center for Palestinian Studies at the University of Exeter, UK. Professor Pappé is the most prominent of Israeli “New Historians,” challenging the narrative of the history of Israel. He is a prolific author of more than 12 books.

To purchase tickets, go to

<https://www.cityclub.org/forums/2018/09/14/the-idea-of-israel> or call 216.621.0082.

- Pappé will also be speaking at CWRU on Thursday, 9/13/18, 4:30-6:00 PM at Wolstein Auditorium (2103 Cornell Rd) on “The Israeli New History and Its Legacy.” The talk is free and open to the public.

Fall 2018 Adult Education Offerings

Kerygma: The fall study of the Gospel of Matthew begins on September 9. There will be three classes (leaders Pat Jenkins and Laury Larson in the Library; Ron Register and Ahren Stock in Bodwell Hall; and Tom Zych and Kathryn Eloff in the Chapel on September 9 and in South Hall thereafter). Pat Seeders will be registering and selling handbooks (\$24.00) in South Hall after worship today.

Christianity 101: Dr. Lentz will lead a Christianity 101 class at 9:30 am, in the Jin Rm, beginning September 9. This class is for anyone who wants to “start at the very beginning” in their understanding of Christianity. You may come to one class, every class, or somewhere in between.

A Study of the Book of Revelation, from Ann and Peter Williams: We are interested learning about the Book of Revelation. Would you like to join us? We plan to co-lead a small group study of Revelation this fall, using the Kerygma study guide. We plan to meet every other week for 7 sessions, beginning Monday, September 10. We will set specific meeting times according to the best time for ALL who plan to attend.

Interested? Contact Ann (asw1217@gmail.com or 216- 381-2744)

Small Plates: Small Plates is the shorter version of the year-long Faith Leader program. Through a number of small classes, participants get a taste of Faith Leader, especially its central questions of “Where is God in this?” “What are my gifts?” and “What might God be calling me to?” Keep your eyes and ears open for announcements of several exciting classes that will be offered this fall under the direction of Adult Education and Spiritual Formation. Classes will include an art experience, Christianity 101, learnings from the Prism program on the Four Levels of Racism, and a meditation retreat in Advent.

Coming up!



Family Event – September 22, 5-7pm

**Anne Wilson's operetta based on Dr.
Seuss's *Green Eggs and Ham*
Performed by Anne Wilson, Lara Troyer
and Peter Bush**

A potluck supper will follow

Rowan Trammell, a sophomore at Cleveland Heights High School, and a member of Boy Scout Troop 403, is earning his Eagle Scout rank by collecting items and fundraising for Trials For Hope. Trials For Hope is a nonprofit organization that serves the homeless in Cleveland. Rowan is collecting the following items:

- bottled water
- baby wipes
- canned meat
- washcloths

Donations may be dropped off in the designated box in South Hall. Monetary donations are also much appreciated.

For more information, please contact Rowan
@ rowanseagleproject@gmail.com, or visit "TrialsforHope.org"

Save the date! Mark your calendars!

Set your alarms!

Kick-off Sunday is September 9

Come for Adult Education at 9:30

Descant Choir at 9:30 (gr. 1-5)

Pathways at 10:10 (gr. 1-5)

Youth Education at 10:10 (gr. 6-12)

Chancel Choir at 10:30

Children's Worship Class at 11:00 (kdg)

Worship with communion at 11:00

and the Fall Festival from noon till 3 pm

All are welcome



**F.H.C. DEACONS INVITE YOU TO:
THE 2018 FALL FELLOWSHIP CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

**I'm waiting for
the Rocket Car**

