# Forest Hill Church presbyterian



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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

# Servíce of Worshíp October 21, 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 large print editions of the bulletin and directions to our nursery for babies and young children.

## Prayer of Preparation

Storytelling is one of the greatest ways to build empathy. *Angie Thomas* "And will not God grant justice to those who cry out day and night?"

Luke 18:7

John Bell

## Welcome

#### Prelude

#### "The Lord is My Light"

Sine Nomine Choir; Linnea Koops, soloist

# Greeting Our God with Joy

#### **Call to Worship** Lily Lenington (Adapted from Psalm 104 and *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas) Leader: Bless the HOLY ONE, O my Soul, O LORD my God To every kid in Georgetown and in all "the Gardens" of the world: People: Your voices matter. Leader: To every kid in Persia and in all the diasporic communities of the world: People: Your dreams matter. Leader: To every kid in Cleveland and in all the "Easts" and "Heights" of the world: **People: Your lives matter.** Leader: To every kid in God's creation and in all the marginalized corners: People: Be roses that grow in the concrete.

Leader: Bless the HOLY ONE, O my Soul, O LORD my God.

\* Processional Hymn No. 625

"How Great Thou Art"

st. 1, 2, and 4

\*please stand if able

**Pastor Lentz** 

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Chuck Marohnic

## *Renewing Our Relationship with God* **Prayer of Confession**

Adapted from *The Hate U Give*, by Angie Thomas "We let people say stuff, and they say it so much that it becomes okay to them and normal for us." We forget we have a voice. We shy away from confrontation. We ignore the prophets. "What's the point of having a voice if you're gonna be silent in those moments you shouldn't be?" Give us courage, O Holy One. Breathe into us your Spirit and restore our voice. Give us the strength to speak and the empathy to do so for others.

In the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to serve, we pray. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Song of Confession

"Shine on Me"

*Affirming the Good News in Our Lives* Assurance of Pardon

\* Gloria

All sing first time. Second time: low voices, begin; high voices enter two measures later; children and youth enter two measures after that.



## Anthem

"Lord God, You Know Me"

Angela and Bader Boland

## Children's Moment

**Stewardship Witness** 

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

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

Taizé

Dan Auerbach

John Lentz

#### st. 1, 2 and 5

# The Readingsread by Jessica OwusuExcerpt from chapter 10 of The Hate U Give, by Angie Thomas

A lump forms in my throat as the truth hits me. Hard.

"That's why people are speaking out, huh? Because it won't change if we don't say something."

"Exactly. We can't be silent."

"So I can't be silent."

Daddy stills. He looks at me.

I see the fight in his eyes. I matter more to him than a movement. I'm his baby, and I'll always be his baby, and if being silent means I'm safe, he's all for it.

This is bigger than me and Khalil though. This is about Us, with a capital U; everybody who looks like us, feels like us, and is experiencing this pain with us despite not knowing me or Khalil. My silence isn't helping Us.

Daddy fixes his gaze on the road again. He nods. "Yeah. Can't be silent."

## Esther 4: 10-17 (NRSV)

<sup>10</sup> Then Esther spoke to [her cousin's courier] and gave him a message for Mordecai, saying, <sup>11</sup> "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law—all alike are to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden scepter to someone, may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days." 12 When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, <sup>13</sup> Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. <sup>14</sup> For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this." 15 Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, 16 "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish." 17 Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

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After the readings

Leader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people. **People:** Thanks be to God.

#### Sermon

"The [Blank] U Give"

#### **Prayers of the People**

Ellie Vahey

Rev. David Wigger

Adapted from the Children's Defense Fund; Intro by Angie Thomas

Leader: Just and merciful God, help all of us who gather in Christ's name throw wide our doors and open our hearts in radical welcome. May we lift our hands and voices to proclaim your love, especially for those who are young, poor, vulnerable, and marginalized.

Mighty God, Lover of Justice,

## People: Hear our prayer.

- Leader: Guide our nation and all of our leaders, that they will champion the cause of children and the defenseless and govern with truth, compassion, and justice. Mighty God, Lover of Justice,
- People: Hear our prayer.
- Leader: Bless the families of our world, especially those who lack the income, clean water, health care or education needed to live into the fullness of life.

Mighty God, Lover of Justice,

#### People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Strengthen us with your Spirit, to work toward a world where every child may live in plenty, not poverty; with family, not in separation; in safety, not unrest; so that all children may have lives of hope, not despair.

Mighty God, Lover of Justice,

#### People: Hear our prayer.

- Leader: Almighty God, Lover of Justice, hear these the prayers of your children and grant them for the sake of your beloved child Jesus Christ our Lord.
- People: Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.

#### 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

Chuck Marohnic

"Just One Thing" Shelly Jesberger, soprano

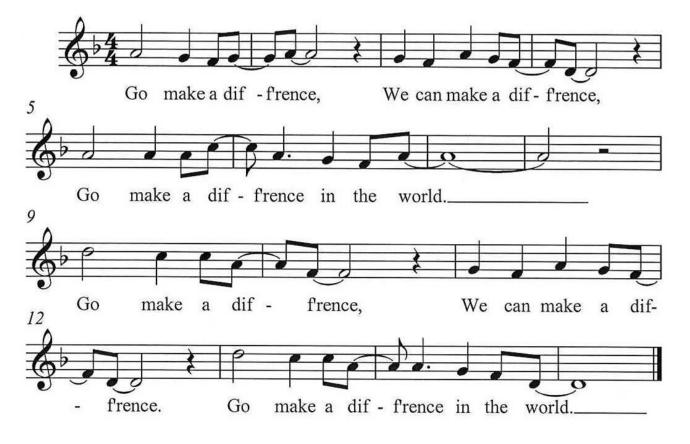
#### \* Doxology

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

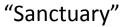
*Going Forth to Live as God's People* \* Closing Hymn

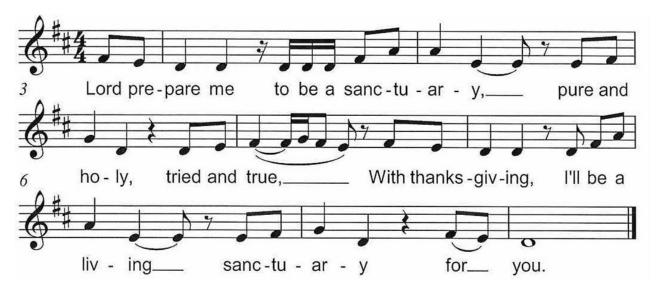
"Go Make a Difference"



#### \* Commission and Blessing

#### \* Choral Benediction





\* Passing of the Peace

Postlude

arr. Chuck Marohnic

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"



# Welcome Vísítors!

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

About today's worship: *Children's Sabbath* is a project of the Children's Defense Fund. The multi-faith Children's Sabbath weekend engages places of worship across the country in focusing prayers, worship, education programs, and action on learning more about the urgent problems facing our nation's children, exploring sacred texts and teachings that call us to love and protect children, responding with outreach and advocacy, and—most importantly–inspiring new, year-round action to improve the lives of children. Children's Sabbath Worship services are focused on children, justice, and the moral/spiritual/ethical imperative to nurture, protect, and seek justice for children. *(Information from childrensdefense.org)* 

**Today's Music:** Today we welcome our guest musicians: Paul Ferguson, trombonist, is the Director of the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra; Dave Morgan (bass) leads the jazz program at Youngstown State University.

**Chancel Flowers:** Today's flowers are given by Liz Wollaeger in honor of the children and youth of Forest Hill Church; by Mike and Margie Glaros in memory of Margie's mom Eleanor Luff, and their dear friend Ann Jones; and by Rachel Martinez-Finn and Bill Finn in memory of their parents, Diana and Jaime Martinez and Barry Finn.

**Prayers are requested this week for:** Nan Dorer, Dan Fuller, Kurt Haas, Max Harmon, Mary Hosier, Jane Larsen-Wigger, Eleanor Magee, Elizabeth Shaw, Jimmy Strong, Jackie Behrens Tolbert, Wesley Washington, and Ollie.

**Please remember these homebound members in your prayers**: Marge Drollinger, Iris and Al Gilbert, Florence and Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Judy Sieck, 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 Nazareth Care Group is responsible for assisting the clergy in meeting members' needs during November. 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 Deb Erwin and Robyn Hales, head ushers, and today's usher team.

Comíng Up

#### TODAY

**The November TOWERS** are ready to be picked up (and in case you are wondering, the next TOWER deadline is November 15).

*The Exploring Membership Class* will meet **today and November 4** at 12:30 pm.

## FHC's Greater Cleveland Congregations Core Team invites you to explore actions for justice. TODAY after worship: 12:15-2 in South Hall

Share your passion for justice Discover others with similar concerns Explore how your passion can become an action that actually makes a difference.

Whether you've been a long-time GCC participant or you are unsure what it's all about, come to this discussion to learn and explore:

- How has community organizing with GCC impacted the greater Cleveland area?
- What methods are being used?
- How can you and other concerned individuals or groups make the world as you hope it will be?

Come because you want the rights of all to be lifted up.

## THIS WEEK

*Bible Study:* The lessons for this week are: Job 42: 1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34: 1-8; Hebrews 7: 23-28; Mark 10: 46-52.

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

*Saturday, October 27:* Fall Work Day, 9-12 Join the Scouts and other intrepid workers to get the building and grounds ready for fall. Trustees will provide lunch. For more information, contact Building Manager Ann Donkin (adonkin@fhcpresb.org).

## NEXT SUNDAY Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall



**The Orcha-Band returns!** If you'd like to join the Orcha-Band next Sunday, let Music Director Anne Wilson know (annew@fhcpresb.org) so she can send music.

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.

#### Vigils at the ICE offices: Stand With Us! Interfaith Prayer Vigil, Thursdays at 4 pm

#### LOOKING AHEAD

**November 3**: FHC Matinee Movie: Pixar's **Coco**. Ages 0-104 are welcome.

**November 4:** The Group and Hilltoppers will go to see Hts. High's production of **Mary Poppins.** Watch for details in the TOWER and via email.

*Mondays in November, 7-8 pm:* The Black History Team will lead a 4-week discussion of *Stand Your Ground,* by Kelly Brown Douglas. The weekly email has information and a sign-up link. For more information, contact Peter Williams (216-789-9247) or Cheryl Anderson (216-407-9103).

## Youth News

- **Every Sunday:** Classes for all youth (gr. 6-12) meet at 10:10 am in the Ruah Room. Come at 9:30 for donuts, music and conversation.
- **Today:** Join us for a trip to the movies to see **The Hate U Give** at Shaker Square at 1 pm. Meet in the Ruah Room directly after worship for lunch and to carpool. See David Wigger for more information.

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"See, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:19

Next Sunday, everyone is invited to the Celebratory Lunch immediately following worship on Recommitment Sunday. A short program will include greetings from FHC friend Cheryl Stephens, Cleveland Heights Council Member and former Mayor. Plan to join us for wonderful food and fellowship - and bring your family! Please indicate on the Friendship Register if you plan to attend (and the number coming).

Thank you for your continuing support of the mission and transformative work of Forest Hill Church.

The Ministry of Stewardship

"God, in My Eyes" a Faith Leader - Small Plate offering centering on photography, focusing on God "Where is God in this image?"

Thursday evenings October 25, November 1 and November 8 from 5:30-7:00 pm

Details were in Thursday's email

Contact Megan Ullom (meganullom@outlook.com) If you are interested in participating



Join the Immigration Book Club November 20, 7 pm at FHC See p. 7 of the TOWER for details Violent Borders: Refugees and the Right to Move, by Reece Jones Books are available for \$16 from Sharon Shumaker

#### Calendar: October 21 -28, 2018

Sunday, October 21			
8:30	Nominating Committee		
9:15	Childcare begins		
9:30	Adult Education		
	Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)		
	Youth Donut Time		
10:10	Pathways (gr. 1-5)		
	Youth Education (gr. 6-12)		
10:30	Chancel Choir		
	Continental Breakfast		
11:00	Children's Worship class (4-kdg)		
	Worship: Swing to the Lord a		
	New Song		
12:15	Coffee and conversation		
	GCC Justice program		
	Blood Pressure check		
	Exploring Membership class		
	Youth – lunch and movie:		
	The Hate U Give		
2:00	Cleveland Messiah Chorus		
3:30	The Group to Suburban		
	Symphony program		
4:00	Reconnecting with God's Creation		
	Class		
Monday, October 22			
6:00 p	om AA: Progress not Perfection		
7:00 p	om Al Anon: Now There's Hope		
7:30 p	om AA: Borton Group		
	Boy Scout Troop #403		
Tuesd	lay, October 23		
12:00	pm Abundance Pantry registration		
1:00 p	om Abundance Pantry food		
	Distribution		
5:00 p	om Fitness Fusion exercise class		
6:30 p	om Cleveland Chamber Music		
	Society concert		
7:00 p	om Long Range Planning meeting		

Wednesday, October 24
7:00 am Bible and Bagels
12:30 p AA: Wednesday Women's Grp
7:00 pm Session meeting GCC Housing mtg

#### Thursday, October 25

4:00 pm ICE vigil5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class5:30 pm Small Plates: Photo class7:15 pm Black History Team meeting

#### Friday, October 26

10:00 am Al Anon 6:00 pm Trunk or Treat (Church of the Covenant)

#### Saturday, October 27

9:00 am Fall Work Day 6:30 pm Unexpected Guest Dinners

#### Sunday, October 28

- 9:15 Childcare begins
- 9:30 Adult Education Descant Choir (gr. 1-5) Youth Donut Time
- 10:10 Pathways (gr. 1-5) Youth Education (gr. 6-12)
- 10:30 Chancel Choir Continental Breakfast
- 11:00 Children's Worship class (4-kdg) Worship: Baptism of Rebecca Dawn Miller
- 12:15 Celebratory Lunch Sine Nomine Choir rehearsal
- 1:30 PRISM meeting
- 2:00 Cleveland Messiah Chorus
- 4:00 Pizza 'n Pumpkins (Fairmount PC) Reconnecting with Creation (Acacia Metropark)