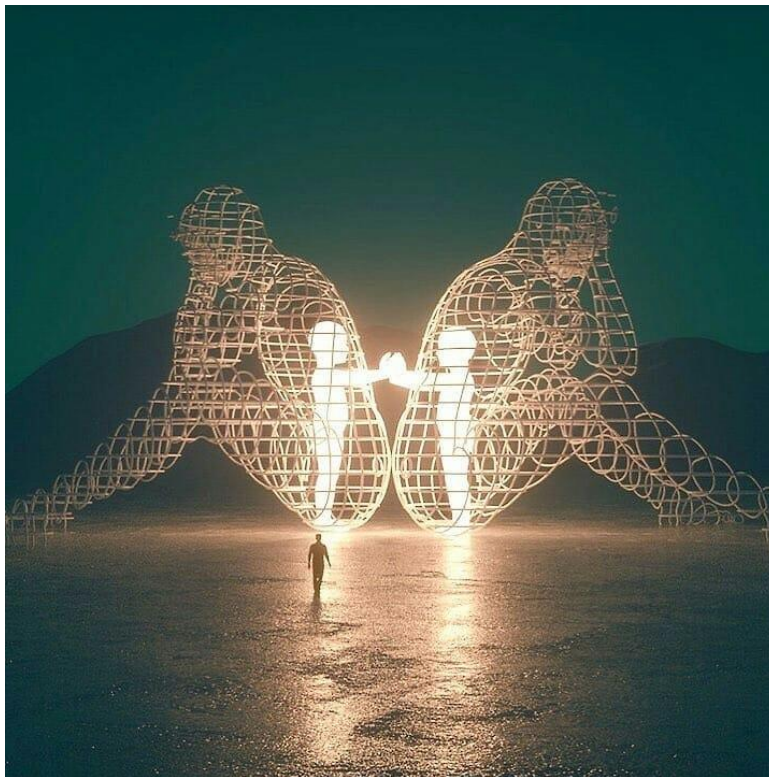


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*Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming*

*Service of Worship*  
*November 11, 2018 at 11:00 am*

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.  
Please join us in wearing a nametag 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.

*Centering Words*

Be aware of your body today. Whose body is next to yours? Breathe deeply...breathe the grace that comes from above. Then, when the moment is right...love fully, as you have been fully loved.

**Welcome**

**Choral Introit**

Traditional

"This is the Day"

Cherub Choir; Lisa Koops, director

**Litany of Parting**

Children: May God be with you here.

**People: May God be with you there.**

*Greeting Our God with Joy*

**Call to Worship**

Madi Moore

Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for God.

**People: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come  
and behold God's face?**

Leader: My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to  
me continually, "Where is your God?"

**People: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted  
within me?**

Leader: I will place my hope in God, my rock and my redeemer.

**People: I will praise the Lord, my help and my salvation.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

*from Psalm 42*

**\* Processional Hymn No. 39**

**“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

*\*please stand if able*

## *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

### **Prayer of Confession**

Elder Ralph Dise

**Gracious God, when we are cautious with our time, we miss the chance to give ourselves to those in need. When we are protective of our hearts, we miss the chance to make meaningful connections with those in pain. Teach us to live truly and to love fully. Let your faith be greater than our fears. Guide us in your way, dear Christ, until we discover the abundant life that you desire for every body, and for every creature of the earth. This we pray in your holy name. AMEN.**

### **Time of Silent Confession**

**Kyrie eleison** *(Lord, have mercy)*

John Merbecke

*A*

## *ffirming the Good News in Our Lives*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: As a loving parent, God loves us completely.

**People: God forgives us entirely.**

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: Glory to God.**

## \* 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.*

5 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## Anthem

Poem: "Pilgrim in the Desert"

Derry Stauffer

*written at Ghost Ranch, May 2008*

## Musical response

"Alleluia"

John Bell

*from the Iona Community, Scotland*

9 Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

# *Opening Our Hearts to God's Word*

## **Children's Moment**

Rev. David Wigger

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

**\* Hymn No. 372**

"O for a World"

**St. 3: High voices**

**St. 4: Low voices**

## **Scripture Lessons**

Madi Moore

### **Ruth 4: 13-17**

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, 'Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.' Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, 'A son has been born to Naomi.' They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

### **Luke 6: 27-36**

But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you

hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

### **John15: 12-14**

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.

### *After the readings*

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

Pastor Lentz

*"Bodies Bending Low"*

### **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

arr. Jason Krug

"O Sanctissima"  
Voices in Bronze

### \* 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*

### \* Hymn No. 749

"Come! Live in the Light!"

### \* 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.

### \* Passing of the Peace

## *Postlude*

C.S. Lang

"Tuba Tune"



## *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](http://www.fhcpresb.org)**, for a list of upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and past sermon texts and audio.

## *Notes & Announcements*

**Chancel Flowers** Today's flowers are given by Anne and Dave Hunter in memory of Gwen Stephenson and Helen Hunter; by Nancy Burcham in honor of Leonor Garcia and her family; and by Bethany, Robert, Jordan and Riley Hsu in honor of Dave and Chris Bell.

**Prayers are requested this week for:** Baldwin Sawyer, Nan Dorer, Dan Fuller, Max Harmon, Mary Hosier, Jane Larsen-Wigger, Elizabeth Shaw, Jimmy Strong, Wesley Washington, and Ollie.

**In Memoriam We Remember**

**Wafa Kuri**

**Who died November 1, 2018**

**I am the resurrection and I am the life, says the Lord**

**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.



**Please remember the Hales family** (Robyn, Ajah, and Jordan Dail) in your prayers; their uncle Paul White died on November 5.

**And remember the Gifford family** in your prayers; Carol's niece Kristin Sacha Roundtree, 26 years old, died on November 1.

**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 Jericho 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.

Members of the Jericho CARE Group are:

<b>Jason Hidek, Deacon Leader</b>	Paula & Tom Harvey
Nick & Phyllis Baumgartner & family	Jason & Christina Hidek
Jennifer Blakeney & Marius Juodisius	Alexander & Nancy Jamieson
Jack & Mary Ann Breisch	Jessica Kelley
Robert & Wendy Brock	Kerri & Sue McCauley
David & Kate Burleigh & family	Twanda Patterson
Joseph & Janet Dauer	Laurie Rose
Larry Dorod	Sarah & Joseph Tan
Marjorie Drollinger	Sharon & Michael Wiggins
Patricia Dunbar	Elizabeth & Chris Wollaeger
Mark & Lisa Gerteis	Katie Zito
Catherine & Don Ghiandoni	

**Thank you** to Deborah Erwin and Robyn Hales, head ushers, and today's usher team.

## *Coming Up*

### **TODAY**

**Compline:** You are invited to attend the ancient monastic service of **Compline tonight at 7:00 PM** in our candlelit sanctuary. The Chancel Choir and the choir from Plymouth Church in Shaker Hts. will sing from the congregational pews and the congregation may sit in the choir pews, transepts or pews in the front of the church. This peaceful, 30-minute service (led by cantors John Lentz and Jack Lentz) will calm your heart and spirit.

**Stewardship Update:** As of Wednesday, we have received 149 pledges for a total of \$604,046, 74% of the aspirational campaign goal. If you have not made a commitment for 2019, please participate by completing the Confirmation of Pledge/Gift card that was in your campaign packet and bringing it to church or sending it to the attention of Delilah Dervic, Financial Administrator. Every pledge is important! Thank you for continuing generosity enabling Forest Hill Church to change lives.

The Ministry of Stewardship

### **THIS WEEK**

**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).

**Tuesday, November 13:** Iris Circle will meet at 11 am in Bodwell Hall to prepare for the Holiday Angels project.

**Bible Study:** The lessons for this week are 1 Samuel 1: 4-20; 1 Samuel 2: 1-10; Hebrews 10: 11-14, 19-25; Mark 13: 1-8

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

**Vigils at the ICE offices:**

***Stand With Us! Interfaith Prayer Vigil, Thursdays at 4 pm***

Contact Sharon Shumaker to carpool:  
(216) 659-4114 or [sms2924@gmail.com](mailto:sms2924@gmail.com)

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

**Adult Education, 9:30** Kerygma classes and "Living the Questions" continue through November. A special Advent series begin December 2.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

**November 20: Join the Immigration Book Club: 7 pm at FHC**

***Violent Borders: Refugees and the Right to Move***, by Reece Jones

Books are available for \$16 from Sharon Shumaker

See p. 7 of the TOWER for details

**November 22, Labre Thanksgiving meal:** FHC will again provide a Thanksgiving meal to guests at Our Family Home Center in East Cleveland. We need volunteers to cook donated turkeys and to prepare mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing and pies. Aluminum cooking pans will be available. To volunteer, please contact Jeff Smith (216-932-2932 or [jeffsmith2756@gmail.com](mailto:jeffsmith2756@gmail.com)).

**Abundance Pantry News:** Abundance Pantry will have a Christmas gift shop (open in December) that allows parents to choose gifts for the children in their lives. There will be a box on the stage between now and December 16 to collect your donations of unwrapped toys, games, puzzles,

children's books, stuffed animals, wrapping paper and decorations. Thank you for your generosity!

**Black Nativity:** Karamu House is once again performing Langston Hughes's well-known work "Black Nativity," a gospel-style retelling of the nativity story. The Black History Education Committee is sponsoring a group trip for members and friends of Forest Hill Church on Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$40 for adults (\$30 if at least 25 of us attend), \$20 for students, and \$35 for seniors (over age 62).

Please reserve your place by December 1 by contacting the office, using the on line form, or at the Black History Education table in Fellowship Hall. **Full payment MUST be made by December 1;** if we get the group rate, refunds will be given or credited to your account.

### *Youth News*

**Every Sunday:** Classes for all youth (gr. 6-12) meet at 10:10 am in the Ruah Room.

**Today** Sine Nomine Choir will rehearse in the Chapel after worship.

**Next Sunday** 3 – 5 pm, visit to MACE Islamic Center in Richmond Heights.

### *Staff Emails*

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Anne Wilson	Music	<a href="mailto:annew@fhcpresb.org">annew@fhcpresb.org</a>

Have you sent a welcome card to Rev. Goines yet? She may be reached at:

**Rev. Veronica Goines  
25 Terrace Drive  
Marin City CA 94965**

**ADVENT FAIR TRADE AND COTTAGE INDUSTRY SALE**

**December 2, 2018 9-1:30**

**gift prices begin at \$4**

**Free and Open to the public**

**Fair trade vendors including**

- **One World Shop and Interreligious Task Force (IRTF) with gifts from around the world including jewelry, winter weather accessories, and home goods**
- **Local cottage industry including Golden Goddess organic skin care, hand knitted items, jewelry and dolls**

**Support the community and the artisans  
by purchasing beautiful gifts from your neighborhood  
and around the world.**

*Cover image: **Love**, by Alexander Milov (2015)*

## Calendar: November 11-18, 2018

### Sunday, November 11

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. 6-8)  
 10:30 Chancel Choir  
     Continental Breakfast  
     Cherub Choir rehearse (sanctuary)  
 11:00 Children's Worship class (4-kdg)  
     Worship  
 12:00 Coffee and Conversation  
     Sine Nomine Choir rehearsal  
 2:00 Pacesetters to Zoma Ethiopian  
                                     Restaurant  
     Cleveland Messiah Chorus  
 7:00 Service of Compline

### Monday, November 12

6:00 pm AA: Progress not Perfection  
     AA: Borton Group Anniversary Dinner  
 7:00 pm Al Anon: Now There's Hope  
 7:00 pm "Stand Your Ground" book study  
 7:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #403

### Tuesday, November 13

11:00 am Iris Circle  
 12:00 pm Abundance Pantry registration  
 1:00 pm Abundance Pantry food  
                                     Distribution  
 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class  
 7:00 pm Endowment Committee mtg

### Wednesday, November 14

7:00 am Bible and Bagels  
 12:30 pm AA: Wednesday Women's Grp  
 1:00 pm Hilltop Garden Club  
 7:00 pm Ministries meet

### Thursday, November 15

#### 7:00 am TOWER deadline

4:00 pm ICE vigil  
 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class  
 6:20 pm Voices in Bronze  
 7:00 pm Long Range Planning mtg  
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

### Friday, November 16

10:00 am Al Anon

### Saturday, November 17

8:00 am Men's Group  
 9:00 am PRISM  
 10:00 am Messiah rehearsal  
 2:00 pm Jenkins family party

### Sunday, November 18

8:30 Nominating Committee mtg  
 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. 6-8)  
 10:30 Chancel Choir  
     Continental Breakfast  
 11:00 Children's Worship class (4-kdg)  
     Worship  
 12:45 Piano recital (Anne Wilson's students)  
 3:00 Youth to MACE Islamic Center  
 4:00 Cleveland Messiah Chorus performance

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## Book Sale

SAMPLE BOOKS AND  
ORDER FORMS AVAILABLE  
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
AFTER WORSHIP



## The Arts of thanksgiving

*The arts of thanksgiving features visual and performing artists from a variety of faiths and cultural backgrounds in a joyous expression of gratitude to God for the many blessings in our lives and the beautiful diversity of our city.*

**Monday, November 19**

5:30-6:30 pm-Interactive Meet the Artists  
6:30-8:30 pm-Performance Showcase

**FREE & OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY**

This program is generously supported by the  
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