

# Forest Hill Church

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*Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming*

*Service of Worship*  
*November 18, 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.

*Centering thoughts*

Breathe deeply. Use God's name "YHWH" as a breath prayer. As you inhale whisper:  
"Yah" as you exhale whisper "Weh." Be still and know that God is God.

**Welcome**

**Choral Introit**

Deborah Holden-Holloway

"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

Sine Nomine Choir

*Greeting Our God with Joy*

**Call to Worship**

Will Burleigh

Leader: Let us proclaim the source of our hope and strength.

**People: Our lives belong to God, the maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Let us rejoice in the foundation of our faith.

**People: There is no rock like our God.**

Leader: Let us put our trust in God alone.

**People: No one shall deceive us.**

Leader: Let us worship the source of our hope and strength.

**People: We will worship the living God.**

**\* Processional Hymn No. 12** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

*\*please stand if able*

*Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**Prayer of Confession, Prayer of Yearning**

Ajah Hales

**Look upon your servants with mercy, O God, for our burdens lay heavy upon us and bring us to our knees. Our hearts are touched by sorrow so deep they seem beyond limit. In our hour of need, we yearn to hear words of comfort and grace. Speak to us now, Holy One, in the silence of our aching hearts, for your servants are listening and longing for your touch.**



**Time of Silent Confession**

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

Estonia

*Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\* 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!

**“The Scottish Penny Song”** and collection for Abundance Pantry

*Congregation, please sing the refrain after stanzas 2 and 3*

3      For    some have great rich - es, and some have few rich - es, and

6      some, sad to say, have-n't an - y. From all of the good-ness that

God has sent our way, it will help if we'll each give a pen - ny!

*Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word*

**Invitation to Children**

*Children are welcome to come up front for the baptism  
and a quiet activity during the sermon.*

**Sacrament of Baptism for Riley Christine Hsu**

**Congregational Welcome**

**Riley Christine, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into the body of Christ. Live as a child of the light and let your light shine before all. Amen.**

**\* Hymn No. 834**

“Precious Lord”

## Scripture Lessons

### 1 Samuel 2: 1-10

Leader: Hannah prayed and said, “My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory.

**People: <sup>2</sup>“There is no Holy One like the LORD, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.**

Leader: <sup>3</sup>Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

**People: <sup>4</sup>The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength.**

Leader: <sup>5</sup>Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn.

**People: <sup>6</sup>The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up.**

Leader: <sup>7</sup>The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts.

**People: <sup>8</sup>He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord’s, and on them he has set the world.**

Leader: <sup>9</sup>“He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail.

**People: <sup>10</sup>The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed.”**

### Mark 13: 1-8

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will

rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.

**Hebrews 10: 23-25**

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

*After the readings*

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Lentz

“A Flower in the Sidewalk”

**Prayers of the People**

**Lord’s Prayer** *(from the New Zealand Prayer Book)*

**Eternal Spirit,**

**Earth-Maker, Pain-Bearer, Life-Giver,**

**Source of all that is and that shall be,**

**Father and Mother of us all,**

**Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!**

**The way of justice be followed by the people of the world!**

**Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!**

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom**

**Sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.**

**In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.**

**In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.**

**From trials too great to endure, spare us.**

**From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,**

**Now and forever. Amen.**

**Ritual of Friendship**

*Children may return to their families*

**Offering**

Offertory

Anne Wilson  
poem by Dan Rourke

“Rainbow” (Whoever You Are)

\* 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 No. 74

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

\* 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*

Henry Purcell

“Rondeau”

Liturgy drawn from B.J. Beu, *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2018*



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## *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 Richard and Elspeth Peterjohn in loving memory of Richard's parents, Ruth and Carl Peterjohn, and Elspeth's parents, Ina and John Barclay; and by Patricia Jenkins in loving memory of her father, Edwin L. Bowman Sr.

**Baptism:** Today we celebrate the baptism of Riley Christine Hsu, daughter of Bethany and Robert Hsu, sister of Jordan and granddaughter of Chris and Dave Bell. Chris Bell is the attending Elder.

**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.

**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.

**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.

<p><b>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.</b></p>
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**Thank you** to Deborah Erwin and Robyn Hales, head ushers, and today's usher team.

## Coming Up

### TODAY

**HOLA's Community Center** located in Painesville, Ohio

Ms. Valerie Huffman will be available today after worship to speak with all who are interested in supporting construction of a HOLA community center. Bring your coffee to South Hall and learn more about this exciting proposal.

From the GoFundMe page for the project [gofundme.com/thanks-and-giving](https://gofundme.com/thanks-and-giving):

*In the spirit of **Thanks** and **Giving** and in appreciation of Veronica Dalberg and **HOLA**, we are seeking to **Match a Grant by the USDA of \$132,500** to secure the funding for **HOLA's Community Center** located in Painesville, Ohio. The positive impact of this community center will extend far beyond Painesville and Lake County. The center will be multipurpose and open to all who would like to attend. A café will feed the community while teaching job skills to employed Latino-Americans. Educational programs will be available, along with trainings in the on-site meeting room and classroom. Programs waiting to expand through the use of the community center include youth-focused workshops, citizenship preparation classes, health and wellness, and legal screenings.*

**The Cleveland Messiah Chorus**, under the direction of Ginie Mast, will perform Handel's **Messiah** TODAY at 4 pm at FHC.

**Stewardship Campaign Update:** As of Wednesday, November 14, we received 157 commitments to the annual stewardship campaign, bringing us to 75.6% of the aspirational goal. If you have not yet made a commitment for 2019, please turn in your Confirmation of Pledge/Gift card today, or mail it to Delilah Dervic, Financial Administrator. Extra cards are available in the pew racks. Your commitment is important to enable FHC to continue changing lives through our ministries and programs. Thank you.

The Ministry of Stewardship

### THIS WEEK

**Mondays in November, 7-8 pm:** The Black History Team is leading a 4-week discussion of **Stand Your Ground**, by Kelly Brown Douglas. For more information, contact Peter Williams (216-789-9247) or Cheryl Anderson (216-407-9103).



**November 22, Labre Thanksgiving meal:** FHC will again provide a Thanksgiving meal to guests at Our Family Home Center in East Cleveland. **Cooks and food donations are still needed.**

They are in need of:

- 2 cooks for turkeys (already purchased) to be cooked and carved,
- 1 donation of 20 servings (1 large pan) of mashed potatoes (white or sweet potato),
- 6 donations of 20 servings of gravy (can be bottled, canned, or gravy packets),
- 5 donations of 20 servings of dressing (homemade or boxed).

Contact Jeff Smith (216-932-2932 or [jeffsmith2756@gmail.com](mailto:jeffsmith2756@gmail.com)) if you can help out. Food may be delivered to the church Thursday morning (he will give you details).

**November 20: Join the Immigration Book Club:** 7 pm at FHC  
***Violent Borders: Refugees and the Right to Move***, by Reece Jones

**Bible Study:** The lessons for this week are: **2 Samuel 23: 1-7; Psalm 132: 1-12; Revelation 1: 4b-8; John 18: 33-37**

***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 (no vigil this Thursday, Thanksgiving)***

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" conclude next Sunday.

**A special Advent series begin December 2:** "A Feast for the Soul and the Senses".

**Dec. 2** An introduction to Advent (Pastor Lentz)

**Dec. 9** Combined class panel discussing different cultures and traditional foods of the holiday season.

**Dec.16** Dale Hilton, Director of Teaching and Learning at The **Cleveland Museum of Art**, speaker

**Dec. 23** David Rothenberg, Associate Professor of Music at Case Western Reserve, speaker

**Dec. 30**    Advent Feast      A chance to celebrate the tastes of the holiday season by preparing and sharing one of your favorite and/or traditional dishes with the congregation.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

***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). Availability is limited; we have also reserved a few seats for the Saturday afternoon performance.

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.

***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!

- We distribute groceries to approximately 150 people per week
- On the first Tuesday of each month we serve lunch to 80-100 people.
- You may make monetary donations to either Abundance Pantry or Abundance Lunch (they have separate funds)

*Youth News*


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

***Today*** 3 – 5 pm, visit to MACE Islamic Center in Richmond Heights. Meet at the church at 2:30 to carpool.

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Calendar: November 18 - 25, 2018

<p><b>Sunday, November 18</b></p> <p>8:30 Nominating Committee mtg</p> <p>9:15 Childcare begins</p> <p>9:30 Adult Education</p> <p>Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)</p> <p>Youth Donut time</p> <p>10:10 Pathways (gr. 1-5)</p> <p>Youth Education (gr. 6-8)</p> <p>10:30 Chancel Choir</p> <p>Continental Breakfast</p> <p>11:00 Children’s Worship class (4-kdg)</p> <p>Worship</p> <p>12:00 Coffee and Conversation</p> <p>Blood pressure check</p> <p>HOLA Community Center informational talk</p> <p>12:45 Piano recital (Anne Wilson’s students)</p> <p>2:30 Youth to MACE Islamic Center</p> <p>4:00 Cleveland Messiah Chorus performance</p> <p><b>Monday, November 19</b></p> <p>6:00 pm AA: Progress not Perfection</p> <p>7:00 pm Al Anon: Now There’s Hope</p> <p>7:30 pm AA: Borton Group</p> <p>7:00 pm “Stand Your Ground” book study</p> <p>7:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #403</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, November 20</b></p> <p>12:00 pm Abundance Pantry registration</p> <p>1:00 pm Abundance Pantry food Distribution</p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class</p> <p>7:00 pm Immigration Justice Book Group</p> <p>GCC Housing meeting</p> <p><b>Wednesday, November 21</b></p> <p>7:00 am Bible and Bagels</p> <p>10:00 am <b>TOWER</b> assembly</p> <p>12:30 pm AA: Wednesday Women’s Grp</p> <p><b>Thursday, November 22</b></p> <p>THANKSGIVING – office closed</p> <p><i>Give thanks with a grateful heart!</i></p>  <p><b>Friday, November 23</b></p> <p>Office closed</p> <p><b>Sunday, November 25: Reign of Christ</b></p> <p>9:15 Childcare begins</p> <p>9:30 Adult Education</p> <p>Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)</p> <p>Youth Donut time</p> <p>10:10 Pathways (gr. 1-5)</p> <p>Youth Education (gr. 6-8)</p> <p>10:30 Chancel Choir</p> <p>Continental Breakfast</p> <p>11:00 Worship</p> <p>12:00 Coffee and Conversation</p> <p>Sine Nomine Choir</p>
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# FAIR TRADE AND COTTAGE INDUSTRY SALE

December 2, 2018 - 9-1:30



gift prices begin at \$4

Free and Open to the public

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- Local cottage industries including Golden Goddess organic skin care, hand knitted items, jewelry, and dolls

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