

# Forest Hill Church

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*Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming*

*Service of Worship*  
*November 25, 2018 at 11:00 am*

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship. Please wear 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*

Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am.  
Be still and know that I.  
Be still and know that.  
Be still and know.  
Be still and.  
Be still  
Be.

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

J. S. Bach

“Fantasy in G Major”

*Greeting Our God with Joy*

**Call to Worship**

Elder Lia Clement

Leader: Let us enter God’s dwelling place.

**People: Let us worship in the house of God!**

Leader: Let us enter with thanksgiving and praise!

**People: Let us worship with the joy of the Lord!**

Leader: Let us worship with our words and our lives.

**People: Let us live as the household of God!**

**\* Processional Hymn No. 367**      “Come Ye Thankful People Come”

*\*please stand if able*

## *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

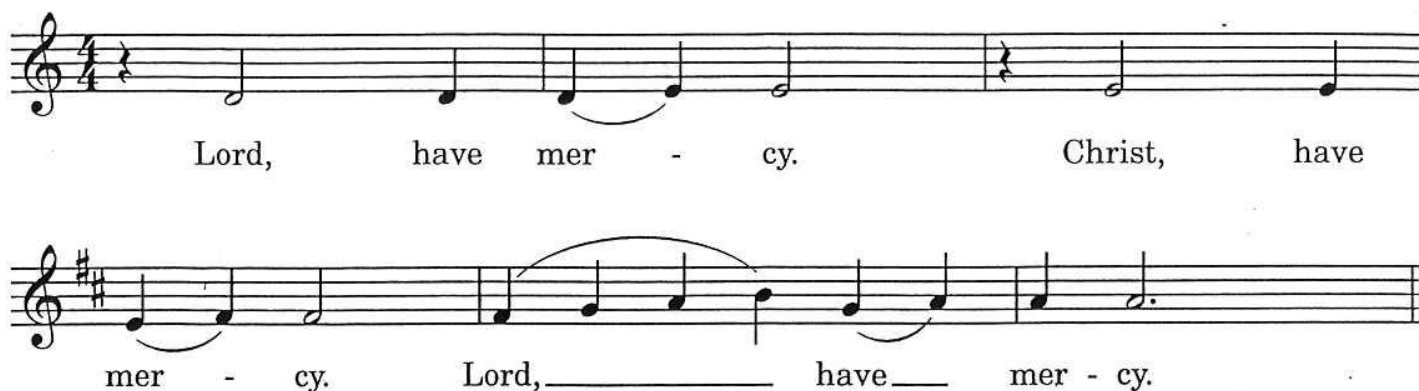
### **Prayer of Confession**

**Mighty God, when we confuse your rule in our lives with our personal power, forgive us. Guide us on paths of humility, remembering that your kingdom is not of this world. Guide us on paths of righteousness, partnering with you to bring your kingdom to this world. Guide us on paths of thanksgiving, recognizing that your gifts and blessings enable us to walk in your ways, partner with you in creation, and love as you taught us to love. In trust of your powerful grace and your mighty love we pray. Amen.**

### **Time of Silent Confession**

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

Craig Phillips



## *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.*



## Anthem

Lim Swee Hong (Singapore)

“May the Love of the Lord”

Henry Dyck, cantor

## *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. 647

“Give Thanks”

## Scripture Lessons

### Psalm 132, responsively

Leader: O LORD, remember in David's favor all the hardships he endured;

**People: how he swore to the LORD and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,**

L: "I will not enter my house or get into my bed;

**P: I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids,**

L: until I find a place for the LORD, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."

**P: We heard of it in Ephrathah; we found it in the fields of Jaar.**

L: "Let us go to his dwelling place; let us worship at his footstool."

**P: Rise up, O LORD, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might.**

L: Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let your faithful shout for joy.

**P: For your servant David's sake do not turn away the face of your anointed one.**

L: The LORD swore to David a sure oath from which he will not turn back: "One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne.

**P: If your sons keep my covenant and my decrees that I shall teach them, their sons also, forevermore, shall sit on your throne."**

### John 18: 33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the

Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

*After the readings*

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Lentz

“Signs of the Kingdom”

**Prayers of the People**

**Lord’s Prayer** (from *The Message*, by Eugene Peterson)

Our Father in heaven

Reveal who you are.

Set the world right;

Do what’s best – As above so below.

Keep us alive with three square meals.

Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.

Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.

You’re in charge! You can do anything you want! You’re ablaze in beauty!

Yes! Yes! Yes!

**Ritual of Friendship**

*Children may return to their families*

**Offering**

**Offertory**

Karl Jenkins

“Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)”

**\* 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. 643**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

**\* 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*

J. S. Bach

"Fugue in E-flat Major"



## *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 Betty Jo Clark in honor of Ray and Irma Clark, Herbert and Betty Fritz, and Donald Clark; and by Barbara Hansen in loving memory of Lamont Hansen.

**Prayers are requested this week for:** Baldwin Sawyer, Nan Dorer, Dan Fuller, Max Harmon, Mary Hosier, David Hunter, Kemp Jaycox, 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.

**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.



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

## *Coming Up*

### **TODAY**

***Holiday Angels:*** Once again we are providing gifts for children at Boulevard School. There are ornaments on the tree in Fellowship Hall; each ornament has a child's name, age and gift request. Take one, sign up with the person monitoring the tree, and shop away! The gifts need to be returned (wrapped, with the original ornament attached on the outside) **by Sunday, December 16.**

### **THIS WEEK**

***Mondays in November, 7-8 pm:*** The Black History Team concludes its discussion of ***Stand Your Ground***, by Kelly Brown Douglas.

***Bible Study:*** The lessons for this week are: **Jeremiah 33: 14-16; Psalm 25: 1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13; Luke 21: 35-36**

***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)

***Join the Choir for Christmas:*** Anyone wishing to sing with the Chancel Choir during Advent and Christmas should begin attending rehearsals on Thursday evening, November 29, from 7:30 to 9:00.

***Christmas Cookie Carnival: Saturday, December 1, 5-8 pm***

Come begin the Advent season with cookie decorating and family fellowship. We will provide pizza and drinks and ask families to bring a salad or side dish. Cookies and decorating supplies will also be provided.

***If you are interested in coming, please RSVP to David Wigger by Wednesday, November 28: [ce@fhcpresb.org](mailto:ce@fhcpresb.org) or 216-702-7845 (cell).***

**The Ministry of Worship appreciates  
help decorating the sanctuary!  
Are you available on Saturday,  
December 1 at 1 pm?  
Please come and lend a hand!**

**NEXT SUNDAY**

***Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall***

**A special Advent series begins 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**

**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)

**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.

## *Youth News*

**Today:** Meet in Rm 106 for donuts at 9:30. Pathways kids will join us at 10:10.

## *Staff Emails*

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

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

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.*

## *Calendar: November 25 – December 2, 2018*

<p><b>Sunday, November 25: Reign of Christ</b>            9:15 Childcare begins            9:30 Adult Education                  Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)                  Youth Donut time            10:10 Pathways and Youth Education            10:30 Chancel Choir                  Continental Breakfast            11:00 Worship            12:00 Coffee and Conversation                  Sine Nomine Choir</p> <p><b>Monday, November 26</b>            5:00 pm PWR meeting at the Jesuit Retreat                      House in Parma            5:30 pm Apollo's Fire rehearsal            6:00 pm AA: Progress not Perfection            7:00 pm Al Anon: Now There's Hope                  "Stand Your Ground" book study            7:30 pm AA: Borton Group            7:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #403</p> <p><b>Tuesday, November 27</b>            12:00 pm Abundance Pantry registration            1:00 pm Abundance Pantry food                      Distribution            5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class            5:30 pm Apollo's Fire rehearsal</p> <p><b>Wednesday, November 28</b>            7:00 am Bible and Bagels            12:30 pm AA: Wednesday Women's Grp            2:00 pm Apollo's Fire rehearsal            7:00 pm Session meeting</p>	<p><b>Thursday, November 29</b>            5:00 pm Fitness Fusion            6:20 pm Voices in Bronze            7:00 pm Black History Team mtg            7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p> <p><b>Friday, November 30</b>            10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand</p> <p><b>Saturday, December 1</b>            8:00 am Men's Group            10:00 am Memorial Service for Wafa Kuri                  Reception following            1:00 pm Sanctuary decorating            2:00 pm Vendors set up for bazaar            5:00 pm Christmas Cookie Carnival</p> <p><b>Sunday, December 2: 1 Advent</b>            9:00 Fair Trade Bazaar opens            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 Worship                  Children's Worship class            12:00 Coffee and Conversation            12:15 Special Session meeting            5:00 Youth: House Church</p>
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**Poinsettia order form – 2018**  
***Orders are due Dec. 10***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or email: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by (if different from your name)

\_\_\_\_\_

Number of poinsettias @ \$15 each \_\_\_\_\_

Donate or take? \_\_\_\_\_

Amount owed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication: in memory of, in honor of, in thanksgiving for, to celebrate  
WHOM or WHAT

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

# FAIR TRADE AND COTTAGE INDUSTRY SALE

December 2, 2018 - 9-1:30



gift prices begin at \$4

Free and Open to the public

Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian  
3031 Monticello Blvd (at Lee), Cleveland Hts  
216-321-2660 [www.fhcpresb.org](http://www.fhcpresb.org)

## 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 industries 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.



## **Advent and Christmas Schedule**

Dec. 1, 5 pm     Christmas Cookie Carnival  
Dec. 2, 9a – 1p   Fair Trade and Cottage Industry Bazaar  
Dec. 8, 6:30 p    The Group Christmas Party  
December Sundays, 9:30 am: Advent Programs (*see p 8*)  
Dec. 15, 7 pm    Pacesetters Christmas Party  
Dec. 16, 11 am   Festival of Lessons and Carols  
Dec. 23, 11 am   Christmas Pageant  
Dec. 24, 10:30 pm Musical Prelude, followed by Candlelight Worship

*Cover image: Thanksgiving bounty; photo by Stan Smith*