

Forest Hill Church

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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Service of Worship
January 13th, 2019 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

*You are my beloved child. With you, I am well pleased
Rest in God's love and know that God is pleased with you.*

Welcome

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Elder Elizabeth Shaw

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters,

People: And in the temple God's people say: Glory!

Leader: the heavens opened, the Spirit descended,

People: and a voice sounded: This is my Beloved Son.

Leader: Do not fear, for the Lord has spoken:

People: I have called you by name; you are mine.

Leader: Let us worship God together this day.

*** Processional Hymn No. 301**

"Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)"

**please stand if able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

J. S. Bach

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.

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!

“As a Child Rests (Psalm 131)”

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Children's Moment

People: In the beginning, darkness covered the deep, and God said: Let there be light.

Children: The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

People: Through the words of the prophet, the Lord said: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

Children: The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

People: Do not fear, says the Lord; I am with you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

Children: The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

People: When Jesus was baptized by John, suddenly the heavens were opened.

Children: The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

People: And as Jesus was coming out of the water, the Spirit of God rested on him like a dove.

Children: The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

People: And a voice said: You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.

Children: The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

*** Hymn No. 475**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

St. 1: Jack Lentz, solo

St. 2: High voices begin: Low voices sing in canon on cue

St. 3: All Sing

Scripture Lessons

Elder Elizabeth Shaw

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

After the readings

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C.

Lentz, Jr.

“Whether you like it or not”

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

Astor Piazzolla

“Invierno (Winter)”

Mari Sato, violin; Ida Mercer, cello

*** 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. 488**

“I Was There to Hear Your Morning Cry”

(You are invited to come forward and anoint yourself)

*** 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

G. F. Handel

“Concerto in F”



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, 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:

- *Patricia Jenkins in memory of her friend Robert Eaton III.*
- *Anne and Jeff Smith in celebration of our love and friendship for Leonor Garcia and her family, and to honor Ansly Dumas in his righteous fight for asylum*
- *Sheryl Dugard in memory of her mother Mildred Sinkler and her sister Kerima Vega.*

Prayers are requested this week for:

Laura Bell, Mark Davidson, Dan Fuller, Max Harmon, David Hunter, Dick and Elspeth Peterjohn, 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, Judy Sieck, Margie Stauffer, Elaine Tapié, Lorian Thomas, and Beryl and Henrietta Williams.

Pantry Prayer Request: During the monthly lunch guest at Abundance Pantry are offered the opportunity to write prayer request. If you would like to be a pray-er please pick up a request as you leave the sanctuary.

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 Mt. Sinai Care Group is responsible for assisting the clergy in meeting members' needs during January. 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

Today's Music: Today we welcome violinist Mari Sato and cellist Ida Mercer. Mari is a member of the esteemed Cavani String Quartet and Ida is on the cello faculty of The Music Settlement and Case/CIM.

Meet & Greet: Please join us for a 15-20 minute Meet & Greet immediately following service. We will tour the church, share some information, and answer any questions you may have. We will meet at the front of the sanctuary.

Concert: Unified Voice: Songs for Social Justice at 3:00 pm. The music will celebrate our diverse cultures through song. Our own Chancel Choir will participate and several well-known area folk singers. This concert is a benefit concert (free will offering) for HOLA OHIO, a grassroots Latino organization based in NE Ohio focusing on community organizing, leadership development, and civic engagement (<http://holatoday.org>).

THIS WEEK

All residents of Cleveland Heights are invited to speak for 5 minutes on the subject of corporate influence in local, state, and national politics. This annual Public Hearing is a requirement of Issue 32, the Citizen Initiative passed in 2013 by 77% of Cleveland Heights

voters. Come and make your voice heard or hear others' concerns and perspectives. Questions? Contact Dean Sieck (17hijinks@gmail.com or 216-932-6120).

Cleveland Heights Democracy Day
Thursday, January 17, 7:00 p.m.
Cleveland Heights Council Chambers

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are: **Isaiah 62:0-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11**

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

"Getting To Know You" Saturday, January 19th, 6-8 pm

In order to help Veronica and our community to get to know one another face-to-face, several informal "Getting To Know You" receptions will be held in members' homes during the months to come. Appetizers and beverages (including wine) will be served. The first of these celebrations will be at the Muller-Girard's in Shaker Heights on Saturday, January 19th, 6-8 PM. Attendance will be limited to the first 30 individuals who reserve their place by email or phone, to Eric & Laurie Muller-Girard at: multimg@wowway.com or 216-402-8814. Directions will then be provided. If you cannot come this month, stay tuned! More "Getting To Know You" receptions will follow.

Honoring the work of Dr. Martin Luther King: North Church together with the Cleveland Non Violence Network will host a talk and discussion by Michael Bibler. Michael is a long time member of Bethany Presbyterian Church. From 1965-1968 Mike was a member of the Field Staff of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), working in Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, and Cleveland on voter registration, school integration, open housing, and economic development.

Where: North Presbyterian Church, 4515 Superior Ave, Cleveland.

When: Saturday, January 19, 4-5 meet and greet

5pm talk and discussion

6pm light supper (soup and bread)

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education in January: The Revelation to John

There are two Sunday classes available for the next Kerygma series, the book of Revelation. Laury Larson and Pat Jenkins' class meets in the Library, and a class with Tom Zych and Kathryn Eloff meets in South Hall. Classes begin last Sunday, but you may still register. Resource books are available for \$24.00. Dr. Timothy Beal, author of *The Book of Revelation: A Biography*, will be a special guest speaker (date to be announced later).

Questions of Faith at 9:30 a.m., led by Pastor Lentz

If you are still looking to find an Adult Education "home," come up to the second floor, to the end of the hallway, and there you will find a small group watching an excellent DVD series entitled "Questions of Faith." This series is made for progressive Christians and seekers who want a deeper journey into matters of faith and belief. Each week presents a new topic. Format is simple: watch the DVD and then talk. Hope to see you there this Sunday!

Youth News

Every Sunday: Classes for all youth (gr. 6-12) meet at 9:30 am in the Ruah Room.

Today: Sine Nomine Choir today after worship.

Youth dinner and game night for all youth, 5:30-8:00 p. See David Wigger if you would like to attend.

Calendar: January 13TH -20TH 2019

Sunday, January 13:

9:15 Childcare begins
9:30 Adult Education
Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)
Youth Education (gr. 6-12)
10:10 Pathways (gr. 1-5)
10:30 Chancel Choir
Continental Breakfast
11:00 Worship

Thursday, January 17

4:00 pm ICE vigil
Ladies in Training
5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise
6:20 pm Voices in Bronze
7:00 pm Black History team meeting

Friday, January 18

10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand

<p>12:00 Coffee and Conversation Sine Nomine Choir Meet and Greet 3:00 Concert: Unified Voice - Songs for Social Justice 5:30 pm Youth Dinner and game night</p> <p>Monday, January 14: 6:00 pm AA: Progress not Perfection 7:00 pm Al Anon: Now There's Hope 7:30 pm AA: Borton Group Boy scouts troop #403</p> <p>Tuesday, January 15: 12:00 pm Abundance Pantry Registration 1:00 pm Abundance Pantry opens 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise</p> <p>Wednesday, January 16 7:30 am Bible and Bagels 12:30 pm AA: Wednesday Women's Group 7:00 pm: Trans. Family East Meeting Session Meeting</p>	<p>Saturday, January 19 9:00 am CEIRS Class: Gospel of Mark 4:00 pm MLK Program at North Church 6:00 pm "Getting to Know You" at Muller-Girard's</p> <p>Sunday, January 20: 9:15 Childcare begins 9:30 Adult Education Descant Choir (gr. 1-5) Youth Education (gr. 6-12) Confirmation Class 10:10 Pathways (gr. 1-5) 10:30 Chancel Choir Continental Breakfast 11:00 Worship 12:00 Coffee and Conversation</p>
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The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on January 27 immediately after worship. All are invited for lunch in Fellowship Hall and all are welcome to attend; members may vote in the course of the meeting. Childcare will be provided.



Save the Dates! Black History Month, February 2019 “They’ll see how beautiful I am” (- Langston Hughes) A Celebration of African American Art	
Fri. 2/2 through Sun. 2/3	Eat at a Black-owned Restaurant Weekend: Our online list will be updated before Black History Month We encourage all members of our church community to eat at or buy takeout from a Black-owned restaurant any time during this weekend.
Sunday, February 3	12:30 PM – Tour of African American Art at the Cleveland Museum of Art. Following Sunday service, we will offer a light lunch and carpool as a group and to meet a docent at the museum for a tour.
Sunday, February 10	5:30 PM – Soul Food Pot Luck , featuring food as Art: Recipes from Black Chefs 7:00 PM – Concert: An Evening of Wonder , featuring the music of Stevie Wonder
Sunday, February 17	12:30 PM – An Overview of African American Art Sandra Noble, Lecturer in Art History at CWRU and a quilt artist
Sunday, February 24	12:30 to 500 PM – Art Show of local contemporary Black artists, organized by Gina Washington, a local artist, photographer, and educator.

More information about the art museum tour on February 3:

We are planning a docent-led trip to see African American art at the Cleveland Museum of Art on Sunday, February 3. We will provide a light lunch right after the service and leave for the museum by 1:00 PM (carpooling encouraged). There is no charge for the museum tour. We will accept donations to cover the cost of lunch. We need to know how many people are planning to come for lunch and the museum tour so we can prepare the right amount of food and provide enough docents.

Please sign up by Sunday, January 20, and indicate how many people from your family are going. You may sign up on line (see the weekly email) in Fellowship Hall -- Look for Ann Williams and the Black History Team.

Unified Voice

Songs for Social Justice

Sunday, January 13

3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

at

Forest Hill Church

3031 Monticello Blvd.

Cleveland Heights, OH 44118

A benefit for HOLA Ohio

Performances by:

Charlie Mosbrook

Christopher Gillespie

Ashley Fulton

Tamar Gray

Michael McDonald

Afi Scruggs

Luke Case

Warren Bandler

and the Forest Hill Chancel Choir

Free Concert

Donations Accepted

or more info: unifiedvoiceconcert@gmail.com

