

Forest Hill Church

presbyterian



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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive and welcoming

Service of Worship
January 6, 2019 at 11:00 am
Celebration of Holy Communion

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.
This morning we celebrate the Eucharist (the sacrament of the Lord's Supper,
or Holy Communion) by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup).
We also provide a gluten-free alternative. After receiving the elements
you may come to the railing to receive a blessing.

Centering Words

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

Welcome

Choral Introit

Luigi Cherubini

"Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come"

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship (Isaiah 60)

Dean Sieck

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come;
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**People: Lift up your eyes and look around;
sons and daughters gather together, they come to you.**

Leader: Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice.

**People: They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

All: Let us worship God!

*** Processional Hymn No. 152** What Star is This, with Beams So Bright

**please stand if able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

God of light, we admit our retreat into the shadows of pretension and exclusion. How often we choose to associate with people who are like us rather than others who differ from us. Yet, you welcome as fellow saints with us many whom we ignore and call us to identify with those in need, that all may prosper together. Save us from our earthbound judgments, that we may look up and be guided by the star that draws all people to you. Awed by your forgiving presence, we fall down to worship you. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison *(Lord, have mercy)*

John Merbecke

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Assurance of Pardon

Through faith in Jesus Christ, we can come to Almighty God in boldness and confidence, assured of the gift of grace and empowerment of the Spirit. Lift up your eyes to see the glory of God. Receive light and healing, for God has come to dwell in us and among us. Let your hearts rejoice and your faces be radiant as we share the abundance of God's love.

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



Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Children's Invitation

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

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian

and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Psalm 72

Leader: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

People: May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

Leader: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

People: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

Leader: May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

People: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

Leader: In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

People: May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

Leader: May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

People: For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.

Leader: He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

People: From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

After the readings

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Veronica R. Goines

"Rise and Shine"

Ritual of Friendship

Children may return to their families

Offering

Offertory

trad., arr. Andre' Thomas

"Walk in the Light"

*** 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**

Eucharist

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

John Merbecke

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.

Communion of the People

Music during Communion

Karl Jenkins

"Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)"

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, thank you for sharing your life with us. Send us forth as a light to the nations. Send us forth as a people with a blessing. Send us forth as disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Going Forth to Live as God's People

Closing Hymn No. 151

"We Three Kings"

Please be seated. Congregation sings refrain.

* Commission and Blessing

* Choral Benediction

"Sanctuary"

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

Paul Manz

“How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”



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.

Please join us in wearing a nametag so that we might greet you. Our ushers have large print editions of the bulletin, activity bags for children staying in worship, and directions to our nursery for babies and young children.

Notes & Announcements

Chancel Flowers: Today's flowers are given by Molly Bergman in memory of Ken Bergman and all others who provide time and effort making our church a better place.

Prayers are requested this week for the following: Mark Davidson, Nan Dorer, Dan Fuller, Max Harmon, David Hunter, Kemp Jaycox, Dick Peterjohn, 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, 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 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. Many thanks to all who helped in December!

Today Is Hunger Sunday. Any cash or checks in envelopes marked Hunger will be used 100% for support of Forest Hill Church's Abundance Pantry, which serves food to over 150 people each week.

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

Coming Up

TODAY

Three Kings: Thanks to Peter Eloff, John Clark and Emily Abel, this year's kings. We are grateful to the Fay/Tapié family for the stunning kings' attire, donated in memory of Bill Tapié.

Epiphany Party: Carolyn Smith's Epiphany Party is this evening from 5-7pm. See page 11.

THIS WEEK

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are: Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30: Kerygma study of The Revelation to John

Classes started today for the study of Revelation. Two groups meet on Sundays. See Pat Seeders for registration; books are still available.

LOOKING AHEAD

Concert, January 13: Unified Voice: Songs for Social Justice. See Page 12.

Youth News

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

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

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Calendar: January 6th-13th 2019

Sunday, January 6: Epiphany

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: Communion
 12:00 Coffee and Conversation
 Sine Nomine Choir

Monday, January 7:

6:00 pm AA: Progress not Perfection
 6:30 pm: FHHO Meeting
 7:00 pm Al Anon: Now There's Hope
 7:30 pm AA: Borton Group
 Boy scouts troop #403

Tuesday, January 8:

12:00 pm Abundance Lunch
 1:00 pm Abundance Pantry opens
 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise
 7:00 pm GCC Housing Meeting
 7:15 pm Black History Team Meeting

Wednesday, January 9

7:30 am Bible and Bagels
 12:30 pm AA: Wednesday Women's
 Group
 7:00 pm: Ministries meet

Thursday, January 10

4:00 pm ICE vigil
 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise
 6:20 pm Voices in Bronze
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts troop #403
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir
 FH Swim Club

Friday, January 11

10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand

Saturday, January 12

9:00 am New Leaders Retreat
 CEIRS Class: Gospel of Mark

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
 12:00 Coffee and Conversation
 Meet and Greet
 3:00 Concert:
 Unified Voice- Songs for Social Justice
 5:00 pm Youth Dinner

EPIPHANY PARTY!



Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019

5:00 - 7:00 PM

hosted by

Carolyn S. Smith

and her students and musical guests

held this year at

Gates Mills Club

Senior Living

6759 Mayfield Road,

Gates Mills, OH 44124

**In the
dining
room**

Since 2004, the Smith family has celebrated the tradition of hosting an Epiphany Party near the the 12th Day of Christmas. A good time is had by all, and more friends join in the fun each year.

Therefore, in the spirit of giving, we ask people to bring appetizers, salads, favorite dishes, desserts or drinks for the food table. I'll brew coffee and make punch. There will be a box for collecting cash (or check) donations for the Abundance Pantry at Forest Hills Church, which serves more than 300 families a month in Cleveland Heights and surrounding communities.

A Jam Session and Singalong always an annual bonus to our party, so feel free to bring your instruments and voices!

We hope that our Jewish friends have a blessed Chanukah, that those celebrating Christmas find Joy, that Kwanzaa is filled with good cheer and that the Winter Solstice will be cold and snowy! We also hope and pray once again that the New Year brings all of us closer to Peace in our troubled world.

Call 216-509-3928 for more information or questions.

Unified Voice

Songs for Social Justice

Sunday, January 13

3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

at

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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**
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