

Forest Hill Church

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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Service of Worship
January 27, 20189 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 Words

As members of Christ's body, we are called to witness to the goodness of God,
the goodness of creation, and the good news that Jesus proclaimed.
Center yourself now.
God loves you.
Breathe!

Welcome

Prelude (Drum Circle)

Descant Choir

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Elder Jean Reinhold

Leader: Holy, loving Creator of all, the heavens declare your goodness
and night proclaims your love.

People: You call us to witness to your power and grace.

Leader: You give us mouths to sing your praises, hands and feet to do
your will.

People: You call us to proclaim the good news of your reign.

Leader: We yearn to become your people, the body of Christ, living for
the sake of the world.

People: Let us worship the God who calls us!

***Processional Hymn No. 39**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

****please stand if able***

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we often forget to rejoice in the gift of each new day. We close our ears to the voices of rivers and streams – voices that sing your praises day and night. We close our eyes to the need of our neighbors, and refuse to see their suffering and pain. We close our hearts to your proclamations of hope and freedom – proclamations of good news and release for all who live in oppression and fear. Forgive us when we keep your good gifts closed tightly in our own fists.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie Eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Gabriel Fauré

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News: God forgives us and loves us, even when we forget that we are meant to be good news for the world. In the name of Christ we are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

* 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.*



Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Children's Moment (Family Meditation)

Pastor Dr. John C.

Lentz

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

*Hymn No. 468

"In My Life Lord, Be Glorified"

From the Living Word

Elder Jean Reinhold

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the Law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he

was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

Luke 4: 14-21

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read,¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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.

"Church Business"

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

Karl Jenkins

"Sanctus"

*Sung in Latin: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

*** 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. 307**

"God of Grace and God of
Glory"

*** 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

J. S. Bach

"Prelude in Bb"



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 Flower Donations:

- *Marge Drollinger and her four sons in loving memory of John Drollinger Jr. (husband and father).*
- *Al and Iris Gilbert in honor of their 68th wedding anniversary*

Prayers are requested this week for: Laura Bell, Mark Davidson, Dan Fuller, David Hunter, Darla Character-Johnson, Dick and Elspeth Peterjohn, Jim Seeders, Elizabeth Shaw, Jimmy Strong, Wesley Washington, and Ollie.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Marge Drollinger, Iris and Al Gilbert, Carol Himmelsteib, 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.

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

Coming Up

TODAY

Welcome baby boy Julian Oliver Jenkins! Adrienne and Joseph (Pat Jenkins as well) are overjoyed and all are well!

February TOWER is ready. Please feel free to pick up your labeled TOWER (see weekly email for online access).

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held immediately after worship. All are invited for lunch in Fellowship Hall and all are welcome to attend; members may vote during the course of the meeting. Childcare provided.

THIS WEEK

The Presbytery of the Western Reserve will meet on Monday, January 28 in Dowd Hall on the lower level of the Church of the Covenant, 11205 Euclid Ave. During this meeting, the Rev. Veronica Goines will be received into Presbytery membership. You are welcome to attend the portion of the meeting when this takes place, at approximately 6:30 pm (or a bit later, depending on the length of the business that precedes it). Visitors may attend all or part of the meeting but only commissioners may vote (should a matter come up for vote while you are present).

The church has a free, attended parking lot next to the building (enter from Euclid Ave).

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are: **Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 and Luke 4:21-30.**

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

Food Not Lawns The local chapter of Food Not Lawns is holding a seed-starting and seed-swapping workshop at FHC on Saturday, February 2 from 11 am – 2 pm. If you are interested in gardening, food security, community, and saving and starting seeds, this is the place for you! More information about the workshop may be found in flyers as well as in the weekly email; you may also contact Mari Keating, foodnotlawnsleveland@gmail.com. More information about the organization may be found at www.foodnotlawns.com. The workshop will conclude with a potluck lunch.

An Update from the Worship Ministry: We are no longer using the online application for Lay Readers to sign-up. We are making direct contact with you to schedule Sunday readers. If you are interested in continuing to be a Lay Reader or if you are interested for the first time, we welcome you. Please contact Linda Martin by email (martin3386@ameritech.net) or phone (216-280-4049) to let her know of your interest, or with any questions.

Pacesetters Planning Party: Saturday, February 2 at 7pm at the Lafferty's.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall

Black History Events: The African American Art Museum tour is scheduled for Sunday, February 3rd at noon.

The Group will host the Super Bowl party at 6:00 pm at the Musick's.

LOOKING AHEAD

Celebrate Black History all month! Please see page 13.

Youth News

Every Sunday:

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

Today:

We will offer a movie for kids and youth in Ruah Room during the Annual Meeting.

The Sine Nomine Choir will rehearse after worship.

Looking ahead for the Youth: Session 1 Confirmation Class scheduled for 02/03/19 –What is confirmation? (Sessions will be held every other Sunday)

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Calendar: January 27th - February 3rd 2019

Sunday, January 27:

9:15 am Childcare begins
 9:30 am Adult Education
 Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)
 Youth Education (gr. 6-12)
 10:10 am Pathways (gr. 1-5)
 10:30 am Chancel Choir
 Continental Breakfast
 11:00 am Worship
 12:00 pm Lunch and Annual Meeting
 Sine Nomine Choir
 5:00 pm Youth House Church

Monday, January 28:

5:00 pm Presbytery Meeting at Church
 of the Covenant
 6:00 pm AA: Progress not Perfection
 7:00 pm Al Anon: Now There's Hope
 7:30 pm AA: Borton Group
 Boy Scout Troop #403

Tuesday, January 29:

12:00 pm Abundance Pantry Registration
 (Doors Open)
 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise
 7:00 pm Stewardship Elders Meeting

Wednesday, January 30:

7:30 am Bible and Bagels
 12:30 pm Staff Meeting
 AA: Wednesday Women's
 Group

Thursday, January 31:

4:00 pm ICE vigil
 Drill Team: Ladies in Training
 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise
 6:20 pm Voices in Bronze
 7:00 pm Black History Team
 Meeting
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, February 1:

10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand

Saturday, February 2:

8:00 am Men's Group Meeting
 9:00 am CEIRS Class: Gospel of Mark
 11:00 am Food not Lawns Seed
 Exchange
 7:00 pm Pacesetters Planning Party

Sunday, February 3:

9:15 am Childcare begins
 9:30 am Adult Education
 Descant Choir (gr. 1-5)
 Youth Education (gr. 6-12)
 Confirmation Session 1
 10:10 am Pathways (gr. 1-5)
 10:30 am Chancel Choir
 Continental Breakfast
 11:00 am Worship
 12:00 pm African American Art Tour
 Coffee and Conversation
 6:00 pm Super Bowl Party with
 The Group

<p align="center">Save the dates and watch for more information! Black History Month, February 2019 <i>"They'll see how beautiful I am"</i> (Langston Hughes) A celebration of African American Art</p>	
Fri. 2/1 through Sun. 2/3	<p>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 or buy takeout from a Black-owned restaurant any time this weekend.</p>
Sunday, February 3	<p>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 to meet a docent at the museum for a tour.</p>
Sunday, February 10	<p>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</p>
Sunday, February 17	<p>12:30 PM-An overview of African American Art Sandra Noble, Lecturer in Art History at CWRU and quilt artist</p>
Sunday, February 24	<p>12:30 PM to 5:00 PM-Art Show of local contemporary Black artists organized by Gina Washington, local artist, photographer, and educator.</p>

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. We still have room for a few more people to join us. Please indicate how many people from your family are going. You may sign up online (see the weekly email) or Fellowship Hall -- Look for Ann Williams and the Black History Team.

Register Today
HCC Workshop:
Recognizing Privilege and Bias
in Your Community

Saturday, February 2, 2019

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

*Location: Heights Library ~ University Heights Branch
13866 Cedar Rd, University Heights, OH 44118*

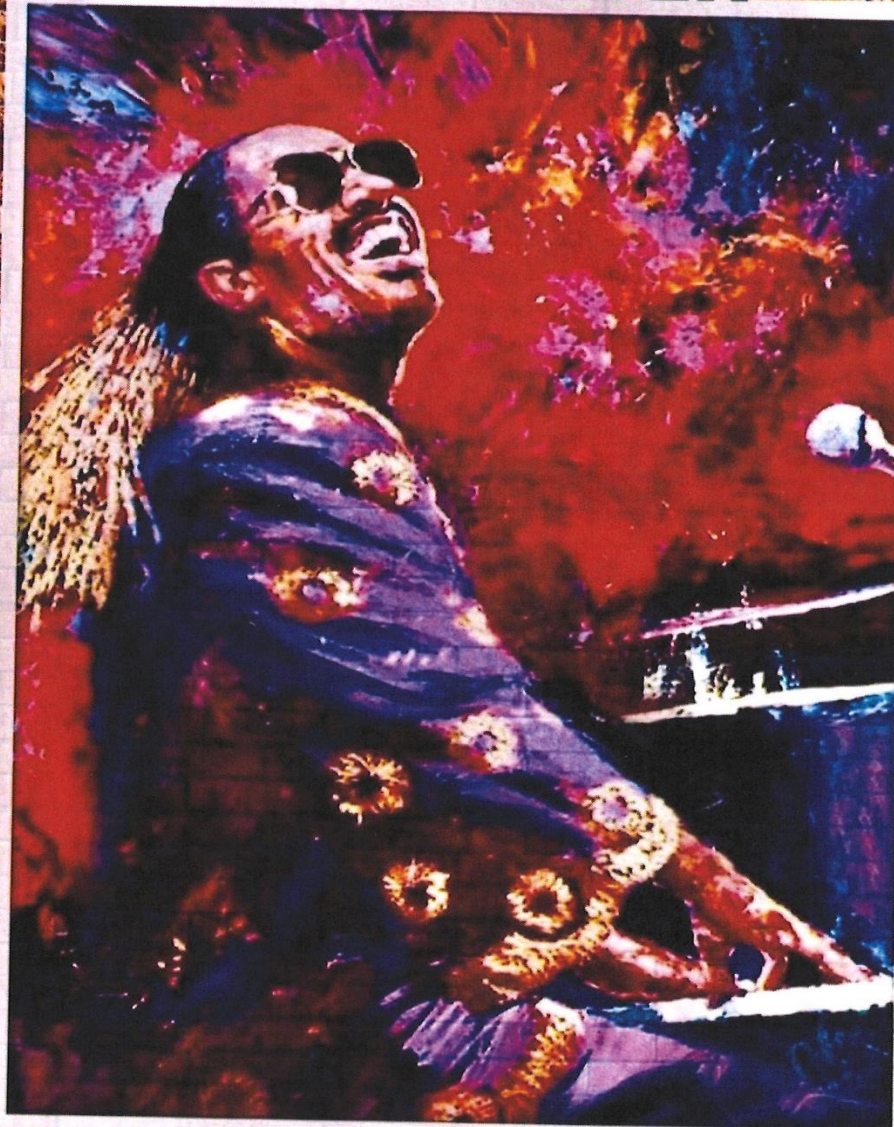
The recent Cleveland Heights branding survey confirmed what Heights Residents have long known to be true, "diversity stands out as the most valued characteristic" of this community.

But what does diversity really mean and how do we embrace this vital characteristic every day?

Join Heights Community Congress and the wider community for this 4-hour workshop during which we will wrestle with these questions and much more. During our time together we will define and differentiate between diversity and inclusion, and discuss privilege and its impact in the community. This workshop, facilitated by our partners at **Compass Consulting**, will involve personal reflection and corporate sharing so that we can identify our social responsibility as it relates to the impacts of privilege in our fair city.

Soup, salad and drinks will be provided for lunch and snacks will be available.

AN EVENING OF WONDER



A CELEBRATION OF THE MUSIC OF
STEVIE WONDER

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10TH, 7:00 PM
FOREST HILL CHURCH PRESBYTERIAN
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CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OH