

Forest Hill Church

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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Service of Worship
May 26, 2019 at 11:00 am
Memorial Day Weekend

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.

Prayer of Preparation

*God makes a home with us. Open the door of your heart and invite God to
come and stay.*

Welcome

Prelude

Irian Jaya melody (Indonesia)
“Bird Calls Announce the Morning”

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Tom Zych

Listen to the voice that shouts:

God’s dwelling is with us now.

In work and in play,

God makes a home with us.

In sorrow and celebration,

God makes a home with us.

Lift your voices in praise for this good news:

God’s dwelling is with us now!

*** Processional Hymn No. 301**

“Let Us Build a House”
(All Are Welcome)

St. 3 High Voices St. 4 Low Voices

**please stand as able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Emmanuel, you promise to dwell with us in all our humanness. We desire to keep your word, yet there are times when we fall short, we lack courage, and our faith falters. Despite your gift of peace, we are troubled and afraid. Forgive us when we close our hearts and shut you out. Save us from the idolatry of self-sufficiency, and be with us as our God.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

John Merbecke

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Words of Assurance

These words are trustworthy and true: God is making all things new, including us. We are God’s beloved children and through Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

All sing first time; 2nd time lower voices begin; upper voices begin 1 measure later

***Gloria**

Taize

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!

Anthem

Anne Wilson

"Blessed are the Clean of Heart"

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Children's Moment/Family Meditation

Rev. David Wigger

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

* Hymn No. 286

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

From the Living Word

Tom Zych

John 14: 23-29 (NRSV) Page 877

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

"The Rhyme of History"

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

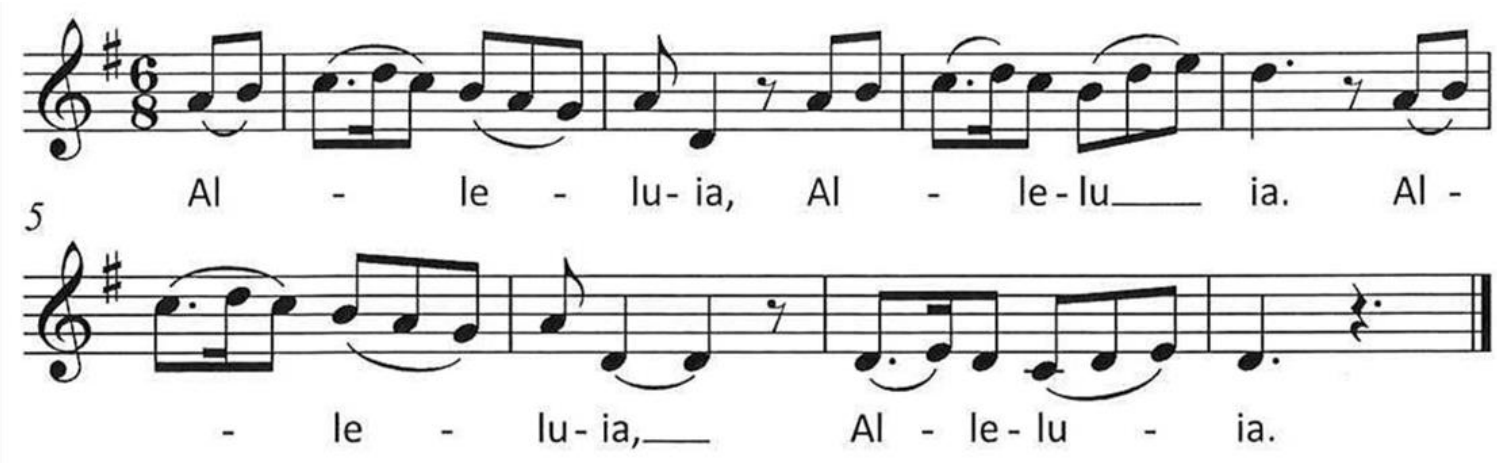
Children may return to their families

Offering

Offertory

Carrie Newcomer

"If Not Now"



5 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Al -
- le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

* Prayer of Dedication

Going Forth to Live as God's People

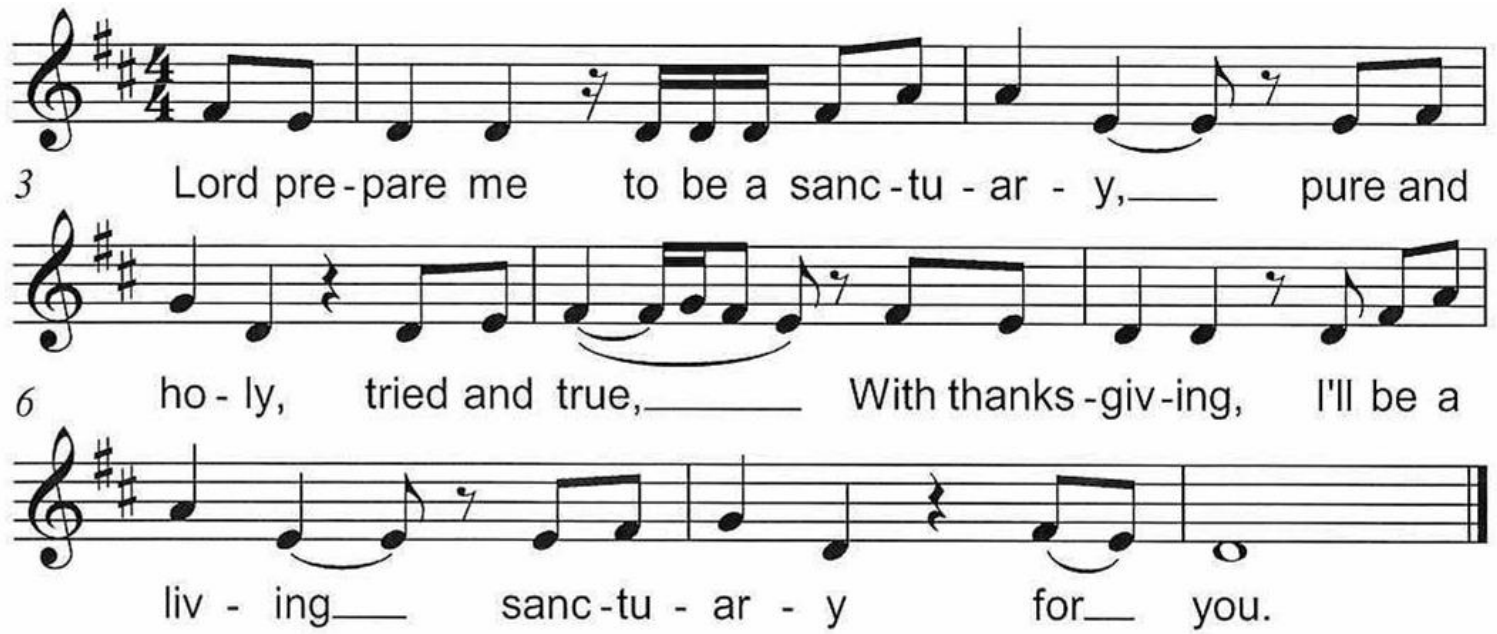
* Closing Hymn No. 769

"For Everyone Born"

* 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

Henry Purcell

"March in C"



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

- Elizabeth Shaw in loving memory of Josephine and Odency Johnson.
- Liz Wollaeger in honor and appreciation of David Wigger and all the teachers, shepherds and child care volunteers who gave their time and energy for our children in the youth Christian Education programs.

Two types of Prayer Requests:

- **If you would like to request prayers** for a personal concern, please use one of the slips of paper in the pew rack. Ushers will collect the requests during the middle hymn and pastors will include them in the congregational prayer.
- **Guests who attend the monthly Abundance Pantry Luncheon** are offered prayer request forms which they turn in if they would like a member of the congregation to pray for them. The following Sunday a member of the church will stand at each exit from the sanctuary after worship to distribute those requests to people who would like to connect with the guests in prayer.

Prayers are requested this week for the following: Barb Cloud, Mark Davidson, Nan Dorer, Dan Fuller, Grace Glaros, Robyn Hales, David Hunter, Darla Character-Johnson, Wanda Nelson, Ron Register, Elizabeth Shaw, Jimmy Strong, Wesley Washington, Ann Williams 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 Jordan Care Group will assist our pastors in meeting members' needs during May. 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 leader (Bader Boland).

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

Thank You to all office volunteers (Nancy, Ellen, Cathy, Jane, Chuck and Anne). You are appreciated!

Flower donations are needed! Are you interested in donating a flower arrangement in honor or in memory of someone? The arrangements are \$45 each and you may donate the flowers (the deacons will find a recipient) or you may take them home. **Please email office@fhcpresb.org if you would like to take this opportunity to help beautify the sanctuary.**

Abundance Pantry News: On May 21, the pantry provided an average of 50 pounds of groceries for 180 families. Monetary donations to the pantry ministry may be made to Forest Hill Church; in the memo line, please write Abundance Pantry or Abundance Lunch. Abundance Pantry is open every Tuesday from 12-3 pm. Volunteers are needed. The next pantry lunch is June 4. **Email Paul Jennings (jennings_paul@att.net) for more info.**

Communion Volunteers Needed! Anyone who is an active member of FHC may serve communion. **If you are willing to add your name to the list of servers please email worship@fhcpresb.org.**

The deadline for the bulletin or weekly email is Tuesday of each week at 5 pm. **The next TOWER deadline** is 06/13/19 at 8:00 am (for the July TOWER). You may submit your written request to office@fhcpresb.org.

Coming Up

TODAY

Do you know a student that is graduating this year? If so, please fill out the below information and place the information in the collection plate (or give information to the office).

Name: _____

School: _____

All FHC members and friends! You are invited to the Ron Register Scholarship Awards at 12:30 pm in the sanctuary. Reception will follow.

THIS WEEK

Bible and Bagels (Bible Study) discusses next Sunday's texts on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 to 8:30. The lessons for this week are **Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22-22.5; John 5:1-9.**

Come join us.....Our Boy Scout troop would like to invite you to join us at our annual Strawberry Festival on May 31 in the courtyard here at the church at 6 pm. Cost is \$4 and all proceeds help our scouts go to summer camp. Scouts are selling tickets after church for your convenience or you may buy them at the door. **Please contact Edie for more information (216-990-8426).**

Calling all PACESETTERS and friends! Saturday, June 1st is Transplant House of Cleveland Spring Clean Up Day and Picnic Lunch. The Pacesetters are partnering with Transplant House of Cleveland (THOC) again this year for a Spring Cleanup Project and Potluck Lunch from 9:00-12:00. **Please RSVP to Sue Lafferty (salaff@sbcglobal.net or 440-669-4885).**

NEXT SUNDAY

June 2 through the month of July at 8:45 am Adult Ed will be doing a video study from "Living the Question 2.0" in South Hall.

On June 2, there will be a Meet and Greet following worship service. Members of the Church Growth committee will be on hand to answer questions you have about Forest Hill Church. We will gather near the front of the Sanctuary. Feel free to stop by.

The Summer Choir begins next Sunday and continues through July with rehearsals in the choir room (underneath Fellowship Hall) at 9:30 am before the 10:00 am worship service. The music is easy to learn, and singers of all ages (even babes-in-arms) are most welcome to participate. No hot choir robes--just come as you are. Bring the whole family and experience the worship service from *the other side*!

LOOKING AHEAD

Are you interested in joining Forest Hill Church? Please reach out to the Church Growth Team (churchgrowth@fhcpresb.org) for more information!

The Black History Education committee invites everyone to come and enjoy the Celebration of Juneteenth - Independence Day, following worship on Sunday, June 23, 2019. Juneteenth celebrates the events of June 19, 1865, when Union Troops came to Galveston, Texas, to inform the slaves in Texas of their freedom, almost two years after Emancipation. This date is now a State Holiday in Texas and marked in many communities around the country. Come and enjoy a day of fun, food, information and entertainment. We will offer music, African dance, a presentation about Juneteenth from Pastor Goines and hopefully quilts! This is a joyful time of food, music, and fellowship. All ages are invited! Our menu includes burgers, hot dogs, popcorn and drinks. All pot luck food will be welcomed! Watch for more details.

Say YES to the GCC Housing Team WALK! We are still in need of volunteers for Saturday, June 8 from 1:00 to 4:00. The purpose of the walk is to identify the most blighted properties in the Noble neighborhood, bring them to the attention of the City and get them on the road to recovery. Our GCC Housing Team has made considerable progress in our work toward neighborhood sustainability. This is our next step. Training will be provided at 1:00 on the day of the walk. Please consider joining us. For details and to say YES, contact Kay Dunlap, 216 308 0327, susan.dunlap@sbcglobal.net or Diana Woodridge, 216 291 3745, diana@ninthrung.com.

Your help is needed for a Nicaraguan asylum seeker: Many of you know about Ansly Damus, an asylum seeker from Haiti who was finally granted release with community support and the housing sponsorship from a local couple. Another urgent need has been presented for a Nicaraguan man who has been held at NEOCC (North East Ohio Correctional Center) for six months. His asylum case is progressing but he was denied bond due to lack of community ties. The social worker who is preparing his psychological evaluation for his attorney wrote "His story is very tragic. His prolonged detention is unjust". As people continue to seek asylum this is a concrete way we can respond and make a difference. **Contact Sharon Shumaker (216-659-4114 or sms2924@gmail.com) for more information.**

Youth News

Sun, June 2: Confirmation Service and Reception
(Sign-up for youth news at: bit.ly/FHCyouth)

Alisha Fiddler, Mark Trammell
and Boy Scout Troop 403
cordially invite you to attend the

Eagle Court of Honor

for

ROWAN G. TRAMMELL

Sunday, June 2, 2019

4:00 pm

Forest Hill Church Presbyterian
3031 Monticello Blvd.
Cleveland Heights, OH 44118

Please RSVP by May 30, 2019 to
fidtram@hotmail.com



Calendar: May 26-June 2

<p>Sunday, May 26:</p> <p>9:15 am Childcare begins</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Education</p> <p> Youth Education</p> <p> (gr. 6-12)</p> <p> Continental Breakfast</p> <p>10:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>11:00 am Worship and Children’s</p> <p> Worship Class</p> <p>12:00 pm Coffee and Conversation</p> <p>12:30 pm Ron Register Reception</p> <p>4:00 pm Wedding Ceremony</p> <p>Monday, May 27: Office Closed</p> <p>6:00 pm AA: Progress not Perfection</p> <p>7:00 pm Al Anon: Now There’s Hope</p> <p> Big book: OA Meeting</p> <p>7:30 pm AA: Borton Group</p> <p> Boy Scout Troop #403</p> <p>Tuesday May 28:</p> <p>12:00 pm Abundance Pantry</p> <p> Registration</p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise</p> <p> Bulletin and Email Deadline</p> <p>Wednesday, May 29:</p> <p>7:30 am Bible and Bagels</p> <p>12:00 pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>12:30 pm Wednesday Women's</p> <p> Group</p>	<p>Thursday, May 30:</p> <p>1:30 pm English Country Dance</p> <p>4:00 pm ICE vigil</p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise</p> <p>5:30 pm Ladies in Training (Drill</p> <p> Team Practice)</p> <p>Friday, May 31:</p> <p>10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand</p> <p>4:00 pm Strawberry Festival</p> <p>Saturday, June 1:</p> <p>8:00 am Men’s Group</p> <p>Sunday, June 2: Summer Hours</p> <p>8:45 am Adult Education</p> <p>9:30 am Childcare begins</p> <p> Summer Choir Rehearsal</p> <p> Continental Breakfast</p> <p>10:00 am Worship</p> <p>11:00 am Coffee and Conversation</p> <p> GCC Meeting</p> <p>4:00 pm Eagle Scout Court of</p> <p> Honor</p>
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SUNDAY, JUNE 2

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

Then you will let your children know:
"Israel **crossed over** the Jordan here"
-Joshua 4:22

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