

*Forest Hill Church*  
*Service of Worship*  
*September 8, 2019 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 directions to our nursery for babies and young children.

*Centering Words*

Come, be reshaped and recreated by the hands of the Potter. Come, be your true self, wonderfully made by God. Come, that you may hear the spirit calling.

**Welcome**

**Choral Introit**

African American spiritual, arr. Melva Costen

“My Lord! What a Morning”

*Greeting Our God with Joy*

**Call to Worship**

Leslie Clement

This is the day that the Lord has made!

**We shall rejoice and be glad in it!**

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness.**

Come into God’s presence with singing!

**Let us worship God!**

**\* Opening Hymn No. 1**

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

*\*please stand as able*

*Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**Prayer of Confession (from Psalm 139)**

**O Lord, you have searched us and known us. You know when we sit down and when we rise up. You discern our thoughts from far away. Forgive us Lord, for our thoughts that are fretful and mistrusting. Forgive us when we sit down in fear and rise up in suspicion. We often make our bed in Sheol and cover ourselves with self-pity. We try to run away from your Spirit and flee from your presence. But as much as we try, you are present with us, loving us, calling us, hemming us within the boundaries of grace, binding us by the chords of love that cannot be broken. How weighty to us are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! We are still with you.**

**Time of Silent Confession**

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

Betty Pulkingham

*Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

**Words of Assurance**

**\*Response**

Paul Vasil

3 Glo-ry to God, whose good-ness shines on me, and to the  
6 Son, whose grace has par-doned me, and to the Spir-it, whose love has  
8 set me free. As it was in the be-gin-ning, is  
now and ev-er shall be. A-men.

*Opening Our Hearts to God's Word*

**Commissioning our Christian Education Volunteers**

Rev. David Wigger  
Tara Beverly

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

**Scripture Passages**

Leslie Clement

Jeremiah 18:1-11, Luke 14:25-33

*After the readings*

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Hymn No. 699 (gospel song)**

"Fill My Cup"

*Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn*

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

"On The Potter's Wheel"

**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/ Offering**

**Offertory**

Keith Hampton

"Praise His Holy Name"  
(Contemporary gospel song)

**\*Response**

South Africa

Ha - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our  
 hearts with glad - ness are filled. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your  
 prais - es, all our hearts with glad - ness are filled. Now he  
 sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong of  
 faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful Good News.

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

*Going Forth to Live as God's People*

**\* Closing Hymn No. 301**

“Let Us Build a House”

*We will be moving outside singing during this hymn*

**\* Commission and Blessing**

**\* Choral Benediction No. 701**

Randy Scruggs

“Sanctuary”

Lord pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and  
 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*

Louis Vierne

“Symphony No. 1 (Finale)”



## *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:**

- Bo Shiverick in memory of the band members no longer with us and in honor of Anne Wilson.
- The Harmons In anticipation of becoming the beloved community!

### **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.

**Prayers are requested this week for the following:** Mark Davidson, Robyn Hales, Steve Hoiser, David Hunter, Allan Khoury, David Sicking, Elizabeth Shaw, Beverly and Harold Thomas, and Wesley Washington.

**Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:** Nan Dorer, 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 Nazareth Care Group*** will assist our pastors in meeting members' needs during **September**. 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 (Chris Bell)**.

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

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

**The deadline for the bulletin or weekly email** is Tuesday of each week at 5 pm. **The next TOWER deadline** is 09/12/19 at 8:00 am. You may submit your written request to [office@fhcpresb.org](mailto:office@fhcpresb.org).

**To stay up to date on family programming**, please subscribe to the Christian Education Newsletter: [bit.ly/ceNewsletter](http://bit.ly/ceNewsletter).

## *Coming Up*

### **TODAY**

**Please start saving your egg cartons again!** Place all donated egg cartons in the pantry shopping cart.

**Welcome back to the Chancel Choir and the Descant Choir**, groups that resumed rehearsals this week (Chancel Choir on Thursday, Descant Choir on Sunday). The Sine Nomine Choir and Voices in Bronze handbell Choir will resume the following week. Would you like to join? Please contact Anne Wilson: [annew@fhcpresb.org](mailto:annew@fhcpresb.org) or 216-870-2729.

**Many thanks to** Ahren Stock, this morning's trumpeter.

## 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: **Jer. 4:11-12,22-28, Psalm 14, Luke 15:1-10 and 1 Tim. 1:12-17.**

**Would you be interested in a knitting or quilting group? Would you be a learner or just sharpening your skills?** We would SEW love for you to join us as we start a Knit and Stitch Fellowship on **September 21!** All are welcome at all skill levels. Come to help us make quilts and knitted blankets for local charity. Bring your sewing supplies (machine, thread, scissors and cutting supplies) to quilt, your favorite needles if you knit, enthusiasm if you do neither, and we will do our best to get you started! Young sewers are welcome with parental ok! **Call Carol Gifford 216-598-9730 for more information.**

## NEXT WEEK

**Fall Family Bash! - Saturday, September 14 – 4 pm.** Families, youth, children, and the adults who love them...join us for an evening of food and family fellowship at the Horseshoe Lake Pavilion in Shaker Heights. Food will be provided. Please RSVP to David Wigger: [ce@fhcpresb.org](mailto:ce@fhcpresb.org) by **September 9.**

**Adult Education with Pastor Lentz-starting September 15 at 9:30 in the Chapel:** "Saving Jesus," a video series listening to scholars talk about the relevance of Jesus for the 21st century. If you liked "Living the Questions," you will like this!

**Adult Ed classes will start September 15 at 9:30 am.** Those who registered for Tom Zych and Kathryn Eloff's class will meet in South Hall and those who registered for Laury Larson and Pat Jenkin's class will meet in Bodwell Hall. The classes will be studying the book of Job and everyone is welcome.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Are you interested in becoming part of our Forest Hill Church Community?** If so, our next Exploring Membership Classes will be offered: **Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> & Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup>.** Both classes will be in Bodwell Hall from 12:30 to 2:00 pm. A lite lunch will be provided. Childcare can be available, if needed. Those who decide to join will do so in October. **If/when you know you want to attend, email [Diana@ninthrung.com](mailto:Diana@ninthrung.com).**



Family, Youth, Children  
ministries

# FAMILY BASH!



Join us **Saturday, September 14 • 4 PM**  
at the Horseshoe Lake Pavilion  
(2701 Park Dr, Shaker Heights)

RSVP to [ce@fhcpresb.org](mailto:ce@fhcpresb.org)  
by **Monday, September 9**

## Calendar: September 8-15

### Sunday, September 8: Fall Kick-Off

9:15 am Childcare begins  
 9:30 am Adult Education  
 Youth Education  
 Descant Choir  
 10:10 am Pathways  
 10:30 pm Continental Breakfast  
 Chancel Choir  
 11:00 am Worship and Children's  
 Worship  
 12:00 pm Fall Kick-Off with the dunk  
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### Monday, September 9:

6:00 pm AA: Progress not Perfection  
 7:00 pm Al Anon: Now There's Hope  
 OA Big Book Meeting  
 7:30 pm AA: Borton Group

### Tuesday September 10:

12:00 pm Abundance Pantry  
 Registration  
 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise  
 Bulletin and Email Deadline  
 6:30 pm Nominating Committee  
 7:00 pm Endowment Committee

### Wednesday, September 11:

7:30 am Bible and Bagels  
 12:00 pm Staff Meeting  
 12:30 pm Wednesday Women's Group  
 7:00 pm Ministry Meetings  
 Speak Life Bible Study

### Thursday, September 12: TOWER

#### Deadline

9:00 am Immigration Task Force  
 1:30 pm English Country Dance  
 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise  
 6:40 pm Chancel Choir Potluck  
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, September 13:

10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand

### Saturday, September 14:

4:00 pm Family Bash

### Sunday, September 15:

9:15 am Childcare begins  
 9:30 am Adult Education  
 Youth Education  
 Descant Choir  
 10:10 am Pathways  
 10:30 pm Continental Breakfast  
 Chancel Choir  
 11:00 am Worship and Children's  
 Worship with Pastor Goines  
 12:00 pm Coffee and Conversation  
 Black Caucus meeting  
 12:15 pm Sine Nomine

### Staff Emails

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**BELOVED COMMUNITY** manifests and protects agape love as guiding principle and expresses in the following ways:

1. Offers radical hospitality to everyone, an inclusive family rather than exclusive club.
2. Recognizes and honors the image of God in every human being.
3. Exhibits personal authenticity, true respect, and validation of others.
4. Recognizes and affirms, not eradicates, differences.
5. Listens emotionally (with the heart); fosters empathy and compassion for others.
6. Tolerates ambiguity; realizes that sometimes a clear-cut answer is not readily available.
7. Builds increasing levels of trust and works to avoid fear of difference and others.
8. Acknowledges limitations, lack of knowledge or understanding, and seeks to learn.
9. Acknowledges conflict or pain in order to work on difficult issues.
10. Speaks truth in love, always considering ways to be compassionate with one another.
11. Avoids physical aggression and verbal abuse.
12. Resolves conflicts peacefully, without violence, recognizing that peacefully doesn't always mean comfortably for everybody.
13. Releases resentment and bitterness through self-purification (avoiding internal violence through spiritual, physical, and psychological care).
14. Focuses energy on removing evil forces (unjust systems), not destroying persons.
15. Persists unyieldingly and unwaveringly committed to justice.
16. Achieves friendship and understanding through negotiation, compromise, or consensus, considering each circumstance to discern which will be most helpful.
17. Righteously opposes and takes direct action against poverty, hunger, and homelessness.
18. Advocates thoroughgoing, extensive neighborhood revitalization without displacement (this also applies to the Church, working toward responsible and equitable growth, discipleship, and worship).
19. Blends faith and action to generate a commitment to defeating injustice (not forgetting that injustice can also be found *within* the Church).
20. Encourages and embraces artistic expressions of faith from diverse perspectives.
21. Fosters dynamic and active spirituality; recognizes that we serve a dynamic God who is not left behind by a changing world or people, and that a passive approach will not work.
22. Gathers together regularly for table fellowship and meets the needs of everyone in the community.
23. Relies on scripture reading, prayer, and corporate worship for inner strength.
24. Promotes human rights and works to create a non-racist society.
25. Shares power and acknowledges the inescapable network of mutuality among the human family.

Dear Church Family,

Greetings from Washington D.C! Thank you for the beautiful blessing I received the Sunday before I left! Until July 2020, I will be living in intentional community with 5 other Young Adult Volunteers (YAVs), and working as a "Street Outreach Specialist" with the non-profit Everyone Home DC (focuses on the homeless population). This YAV year is a program of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

I am not the first person from Forest Hill to be a YAV. As you may or may not know, Sophie Beal, David Wigger and Amy Wadsworth were all YAVs.

One of my responsibilities is to raise \$4,000 to help offset the cost of the year long program. Your support will help cover housing, medical insurance and a small monthly stipend. If you wish to make a contribution go to:

- <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/yav/yav-new/jack-lentz/>
- Once you are there, click on the blue button that says "SUPPORT JACK"
- You will then be taken to a green page with a yellow button that says "GIVE". Click on it.
- On the next page, you will be asked how much you would like to give. When you have decided, click "NEXT".
- Follow the instructions on the next page and in the section where you are asked to give your billing instructions, under the COMMENTS section at the bottom of the page, type my name (Jack Lentz) and "E 051477". This number is very important to make sure your donation goes straight to me.

To give by phone, call 800-872-3283 and say that you would like to donate money for Jack Lentz and give them the number "E 051477."

If you would rather send a check, please write my name "Jack Lentz" and "E 051477" on the memo line and mail the check to:

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Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

Thank you very much. Keep praying for me. See you at Christmas!

-Jack

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