

Forest Hill Church
Service of Worship
September 29, 2019 at 11:00 am

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.
Please sign in and 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 (1 Tim. 6)

In this moment, in this space, focus on God. May faith take hold of us so completely that we begin to live as Christ calls us to live.

Welcome

Prelude

Anne Wilson

“Meditation on Ab and Bb”
Voices in Bronze

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship (Excerpt from Psalm 91)

John Dugard

You who live in the shelter of the Most High will say, “My God in whom I trust.”

No evil shall befall those who make the Lord their refuge, the Most High their dwelling place.

God will deliver those who love the Lord and call on God's name.

When they call, God will answer, be with them in trouble, and show them salvation.

Let us worship God!

*** Opening Hymn No. 366**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

**please stand as able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Unison prayer of confession (Jer. 32, Luke 16)

God, you are the stronghold of our lives.

When life takes us to places we never imagined, you provide hope and bring us back to you.

Forgive the times when we abandon your ways.

Forgive us when we hurt ourselves and one another.

Forgive our fear of those who are different, and our failure to care for one another.

Gracious God, forgive and heal us. Help us return to you in faithfulness and trust. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Simeí Monteiro (Brazil)

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

The Assurance of Pardon

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!

Anthem

Bill Staines

“All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir”

Soloists: Pastor Goines, Sadie Castillo-Keefe, Julia Koops, Margaret Dyck, Capri Gerteis
Children are welcome to stay up front for a quiet activity during the sermon

Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word

Minute for Mission

Jennifer Blakeney

Peace and Global Witness Offering of PCUSA

Scripture Passages

Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15 (page 643)

John Dugard

After the readings

Leader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God’s people.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn No. 452

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Veronica R. Goines

“Investing by Faith: The Upside of Downturn”

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

Kathy Galloway (New Zealand)

“The Spirit is Moving in My Heart”

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. 772

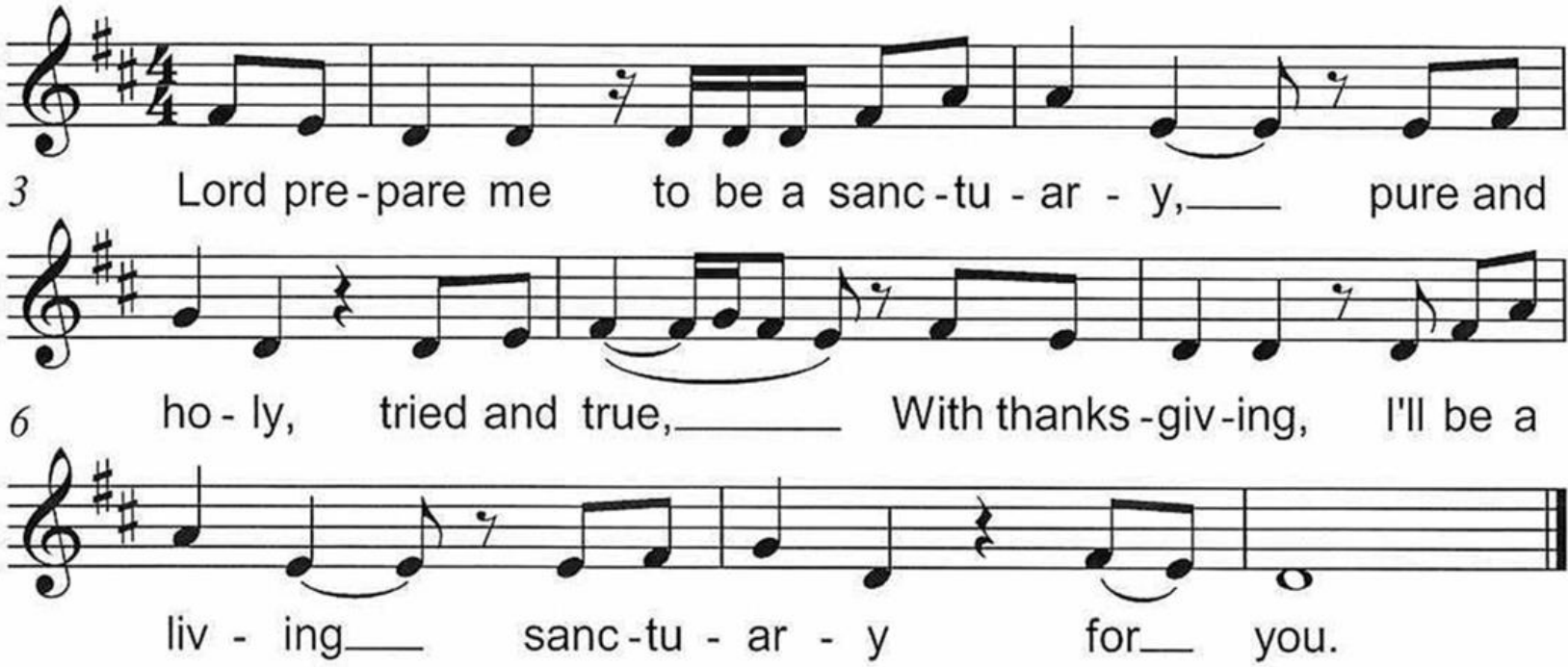
“Live Into Hope”

St. 2 Low voices
St. 3 High voices

* Commission and Blessing

* Choral Benediction No. 701

“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

“We All Believe in One True God”



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:

Marina Grant in celebration of a new beginning!

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: Cheryl Anderson, Mark Davidson, the family of Peter Van Dijk, David Hunter, Allan Khoury, Joanna Klingenstein, David Sicking, Elizabeth Shaw, Beverly and Harold Thomas.

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 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 (Kathy Hanna- Stauffer, Ellen McChesney, Cathy Ghiandoni, Pat Jenkins, Lynda Bernays and Anne Smith). You are appreciated!

The deadline for the bulletin or weekly email is Tuesday of each week at 5 pm. **The next TOWER deadline** is 10/17/19 at 8:00 am. You may submit your written request to office@fhcpresb.org.

To stay up to date on family programming, please subscribe to the Christian Education Newsletter: bit.ly/ceNewsletter.

Happy Wedding Anniversary to Pastor John Lentz and Deanne Lentz!

The Trustees are pleased to announce that Genetha (Nita) Clark has joined the Forest Hill Church staff as our bookkeeper starting on August 16. Nita has 29 years of financial experience (retired from Medical Mutual financial office), and we are very excited to have her here at Forest Hill Church!

Coming Up

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

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

We rejoice that Elizabeth Shaw has made possible the addition of two new handbells to our collection: Ab7 and Bb7. And we also thank Derry Stauffer for covering the cost of a replacement bell (F4) which had suffered a little injury.

Build relationships and learn about GCC (Greater Cleveland Congregations) criminal justice reform! Today at the South Euclid United Church of Christ-4217 Bluestone Road, South Euclid, Ohio 44121, GCC members from Forest Hill Church & South Euclid UCC are partnering to present an inside look at GCC's ongoing criminal justice reform work. Presenters: Donna Weinberger, LISW, GCC Criminal Justice Coordinator, and Marcia Levine, LISW and GCC leader. Lunch will be provided. Rides will be provided, if needed. **For more information, feel free to contact Scott Lafferty (swlaff@sbcglobal.net) or Diana Woodbridge (diana@ninthrung.com).**

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING: Christ invites, and we also offer ourselves in the pursuit to end violence and bring about reconciliation through the Peace and Global Witness Offering of PCUSA. Our giving offers a word of peace to those incarcerated here and those crushed by civil war in places like the Democratic Republic of the Congo. 25% of the collection for this offering will stay in our community for a related project. Please give generously using the envelope or your usual method of giving. Mark it "Peace Offering." Thank you, Ministry of Justice and Mission.

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: **Lam. 1:1-6, Lam. 3:19-26, Psalm 137, Luke 17:5-10 and 2 Tim. 1:1-14.**

Heights Friends of Immigrants will meet Tuesday, October 1 at 7pm at St Dominic Church; 19000 Van Aken Blvd, Shaker Hts. Come to hear Dr. Arthur Lavin from Doctors Organized for Health Care Solution (DOCS). He will talk about working with attorneys to assist immigrants who are in jail and those facing bond hearings.

The next Immigration Prayer Vigil will be Thursday, October 3 at 4:00 p.m. at the Celebreeze Federal Building on the corner of E. 9th St. and Lakeside Ave. There is parking in the Willard garage which you can enter off of E. 9th St. or Lakeside Ave. Rev. Lisa O'Rear from St. Andrew Episcopal Church in Mentor will be our lead.

NEXT WEEK

Adult Education at 9:30 am located in Bodwell and South Hall: "Job And The Life Of Faith." Please contact Pat Seeders (plseeders@gmail.com) if you still need to purchase a resource book.

Adult Education with Pastor Lentz 9:30 am 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!

Attention all Bread Bakers! October 6 is World Communion Sunday. We use a variety of breads on the Communion Table to commemorate the day. Rather than purchase breads this year, we invite you to bake and share a loaf of Bread of the World. It can be from your heritage or a favorite you like to bake. Please let me know your willingness to participate and the type of bread you plan to bake. We will arrange for you to get them to church to be a part of the celebration. **Contact Linda Martin (216) 280-4049 or martin3386@ameritech.net.**

On Sunday, October 6, immediately following our worship service, the Black History Education Committee is sponsoring a special guest speaker – Margaret Mwale, from the Presbyterian Church USA national office. She is the Associate for Community Development and Constituent Relations of the Committee of Self-Development of People.

LOOKING AHEAD

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES OCTOBER 26 AT 7 PM! The October Pacesetters event is a movie night at the home of Mark & Carol Wedell (5645 Hartshire Dr, Willoughby) also hosted by Leslie Clement. Bring a snack to share. Some beverages will be available, but if you have a favorite, bring it along. Visitors and those new to the church are particularly encouraged to come. **Questions? Contact Leslie at 216-702-9444 or clemscomet@sbcglobal.net or Carol at 216-470-0152 or carolwedell@gmail.com.**

Calendar: September 29- October 6

<p>Sunday, September 29: 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 Coffee and Conversation Sine Nomine Choir 12:30 pm Exploring Membership 2:00 pm Messiah Chorus Rehearsal</p> <p>Monday, September 30: 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</p> <p>Tuesday October 1: 12:00 pm Abundance Pantry Registration and lunch 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise Bulletin and Email Deadline</p> <p>Wednesday, October 2: 7:30 am Bible and Bagels 12:00 pm Staff Meeting 12:30 pm Wednesday Women's Group 7:00 pm Speak Life Bible Study</p>	<p>Thursday, October 3: 1:30 pm English Country Dance 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise 6:20 pm Voices in Bronze 7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>Friday, October 4: 10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand</p> <p>Saturday, October 5: 8:00 am Men’s Group 9:00 am CEIRS 3:00 pm Blake-Smith Baby Shower 4:00 pm Blessing of the Animals</p> <p>Sunday, October 6: World Communion 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 Coffee and Conversation 2:00 pm Messiah Chorus Rehearsal 7:00 pm Promises on Sunday</p>
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Get ready for BREEZE!

Over the last year or so, you may have heard about something called “Breeze.” You may even have received an invitation to use Breeze. But you may still be wondering, “What *is* Breeze?”

Breeze is an Internet-based, password-protected, online directory and database system, with multiple security levels.

In other word, it’s your new church directory.

Breeze provides you with online access to our directory of members and friends, as well as offering an online record of your financial pledges and donations. It’s part of our goal of being the beloved community by helping us stay coordinated, connected, and informed as a congregation.

All the data stored in Breeze is secure and password protected. Only those ***in our congregation*** who have received an invitation with a username and password may log on.

Some of Breeze’s features include:

- Unique login for each member, with web and app access
- Always-available and up-to-date member directory
- Always-available and up-to-date confidential giving records

What can you do with it?

With Breeze you can quickly and easily see (and in some cases edit):

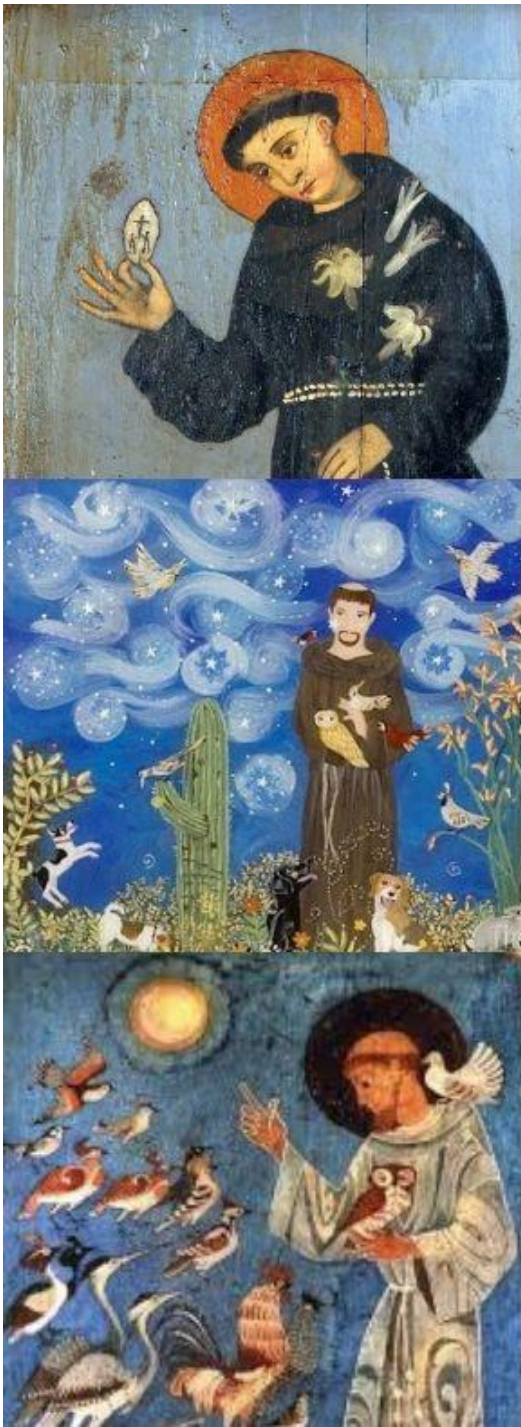
- Your own personal & family information
- Your attendance records
- Your own pledge and giving history
- Our entire online Church Directory

Contacting other FHC members couldn’t be easier. You can find phone and email information in our Breeze database. Once you’ve logged on, type the person’s name into the search bar at the top left side of the screen. Not sure who you’re looking for? See the entire list of FHC congregants in Breeze by clicking on the “People” link at the top of the screen.

Take Breeze everywhere you go.

Once you have a Breeze account, you can download the Breeze app to your cellphone or other mobile device and have your church directory with you wherever you go. When you’re driving to a meeting at a church member’s house and you’ve forgotten the address, Breeze can not only provide the address but map it for you as well. If you can't make it to a Ministry meeting and want to text the Elder, you can text them directly from Breeze. Or if you're trying to describe a member of the congregation to someone who’s never met them, with Breeze you can pull up the directory on your smart phone and show them a picture.

Breeze is easy to learn and easy to use. To receive an invitation to join Breeze or to learn more about taking advantage of this new technology, contact our primary Breeze point person Peg Weissbrod.



4PM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

blessing of the animals

Front Steps of
Forest Hill Church

3031 Monticello Blvd
Cleveland Hts. OH



"I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord."

Let us continue to hold in prayer the family of Nan Dorer, who died on Wednesday, September 18. She is survived by her son David. Nan was a leader in our Presbytery, serving as the Moderator. She was an avid reader of theology. A former member of Noble Road Presbyterian Church. Nan moved her membership to Forest Hill in 2015. Nan was funny but tough, sharp yet soft, petite but super-sized when it came to justice and compassion. She was a friend to all. Thanks be to God for Nan Dorer!

A memorial service (celebration) for Nan will be held at Forest Hill Church **Saturday, October 26 at 10:30 am.** There will be a lunch reception in Fellowship Hall following the service.

**"For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure."
2 Corinthians 4:17**

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Rev. David Wigger, Interim Dir. of Family, Youth & Children's Ministries
Tara Beverly, Youth Leader
Anne Wilson, Director of Music**

Exciting News for Greater Cleveland Congregations!

Keisha Krumm, an IAF (Industrial Areas Foundation) Organizer for more than 17 years will become GCC's new Lead Organizer on November 1st. We can't wait! John Lentz and I were privileged to be part of the interview/selection process, and I know I speak for both of us in saying how thrilled we are that Keisha said an enthusiastic *Yes!* to GCC's invitation. To play on Dr. Seuss, "Oh the places you will go," GCC. Keisha is a strong and proven leader and community-builder; she has committed her life to seeking justice where injustice reigns and to empowering others – individuals and congregations – to be part of this important work.



Keisha has a master's degree from the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary in Christian Community Development. She and her husband Stuart have a daughter, Olivia. Keisha comes to us from our sister IAF organization, Common Ground Milwaukee, where she has been Lead Organizer for the past 8½ years. Prior to that she was an IAF Organizer in Los Angeles and Seattle/Tacoma.

I had the opportunity to represent GCC at Keisha's farewell party. About 80 leaders gathered from multiple congregations, Black, White and Latino – and impressively, they seemed to all know each other. The program was chock full of memories and appreciations that characterized Keisha as a caring friend, a devoted mother and a leader passionate about injustice, full of the cold anger that stands firm in the face of power. Though I didn't think it possible, I came home even more excited about the gifts Keisha will bring to Cleveland and the work we will do together as GCC.

-Diana Woodbridge



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.