

*Forest Hill Church*  
*Service of Worship*  
*August 18, 2019 at 10:00 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 hymns and directions to our nursery for babies and young children.

*Centering Words (from Hebrews 11-12)*

"Let us lay aside all that weighs us down and fills us with doubts so we can give attention to our calling and God's message." Lord, meet us here, we pray.

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

arr. Chuck Marohnic

“Amazing Grace”  
Grant Heineman, piano

**Choral Introit**

Sally Ann Morris

“Walk in Peace”

*Greeting Our God with Joy*

***Call to Worship (from Proper 15)***

Deanne Lentz

Return, beloved of God, to the fold. God welcomes you to this hour of prayer.

**God calls us by name and awaits our coming. God summons us out of hiding.**

God is like a shepherd, caring for her flocks. God is like a gardener, carefully tending his vines.

**Surely God has provided richly for us. Our lives are sustained by God’s good gifts.**

Worship the one who longs for our coming. Sing praise to the one who expects our faithfulness.

**We call on God, who gives us life. May God’s face shine on us to save us.**

**\* Opening Hymn No. 749**

“Come, Live in the Light”

*\*please stand as able*

*Renewing Our Relationship with God*

***Prayer of Confession (in unison)***

**God of abundant grace, whose judgment is a part of your love for humankind, bring fire among us that we may be united in faithfulness rather than divided by competing interpretations of your Word and our present times. Make us not so much predictors of the future as practitioners of faithfulness in this present moment. Lift us from the shadows of our own deceits and let your face shine on us so we may walk once more in your truth. Hear us now in silence...**

**Time of Silent Confession**

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

Russian Orthodox Chant

*Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

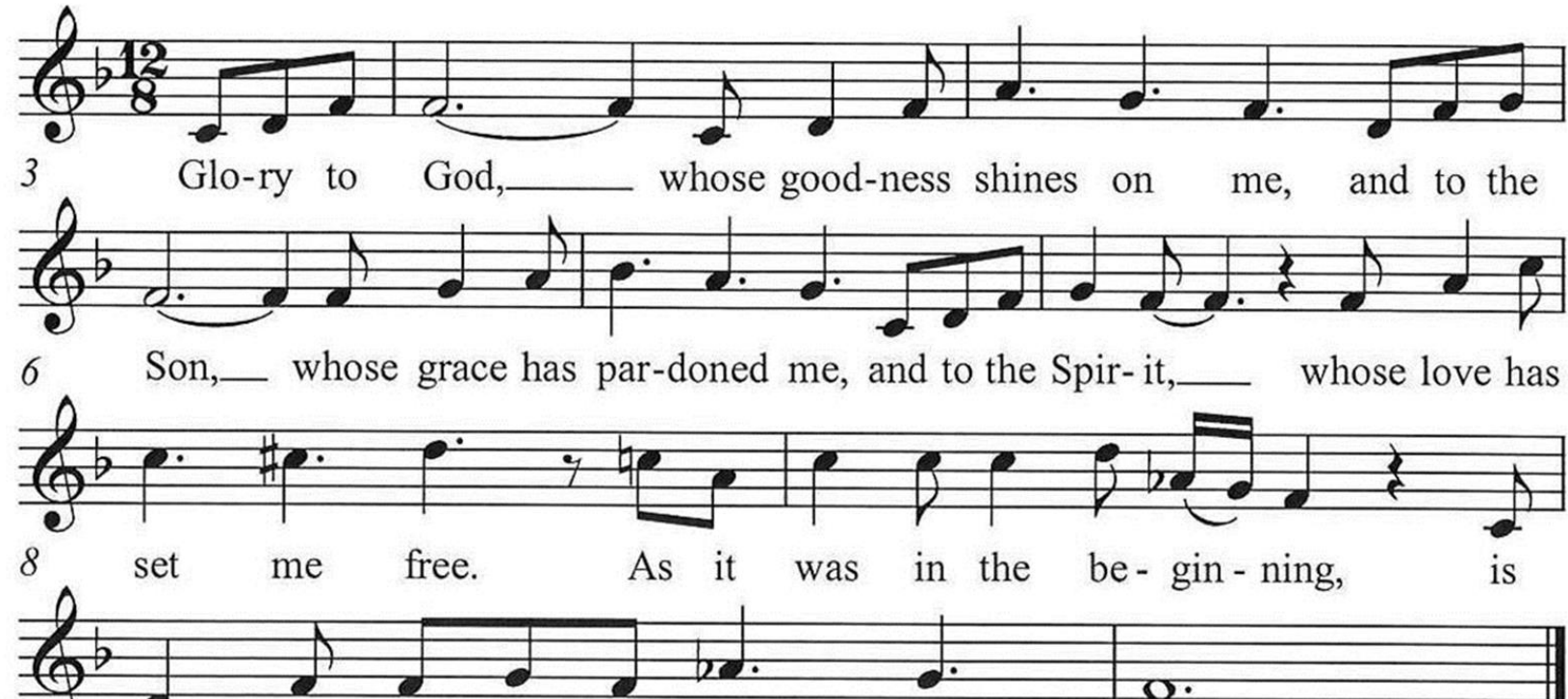
***Words of Assurance (in unison)***

**When we are penitent, God restores us to our rightful identity as children of the Most High.**

**God lights a fire within us so we can change our world for the better in the name of Jesus**

**Christ, who endured the cross for us, we dare to come out of hiding to speak up for justice and peace.**

*Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming*



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*

Baptism of Emmett Stock

Rev. Dr. Veronica R. Goines

Scripture Passages

Hebrews 11:29-12:2 and Luke 12:49-56

Deanne Lentz

After the readings

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

People: Thanks be to God.

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

\*Response

South Africa

Ha - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais-es, all our  
3 hearts with glad-ness are filled. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your  
6 prais-es, all our hearts with glad-ness are filled. Now he  
9 sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong of  
13 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. 741

“Guide My Feet”

Celebrating Transitions

Rev. David Wigger

\* 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  
9 liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for you.

\* Passing of the Peace

*Postlude*

arr. chuck Marohnic

“This Little Light of Mine”

Grant Heineman and Anne Wilson, piano duet



## *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:**

- Suzanne Marcy in memory of loved ones.
- Rachel Martinez-Finn in memory of loved ones.
- Carolyn Vrtunski in celebration of Alexandra's (Sasha) birthday which was August 11.

### **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, 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 Bethlehem Care Group*** will assist our pastors in meeting members' needs during **August**. 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 (Sally Davis)**.

**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).

## *Coming Up*

### **TODAY**

**This morning we have** the Baptism of Emmett J. Stock (son of Ahren and Charity Stock).

**The Adult Ed class** will kick off the fall with a Kerygma study of the book of Job with a combined class led by Rev. Goines on **September 8 at 9:30 am** in South Hall. On **September 15** there are two classes that will meet (both Bodwell and South hall). You can register for class and purchase a resource book after service at the entrance of South Hall. The cost is \$18.00. Buying the book is optional.

**If you play an orchestra or band instrument** and you would like to join the Orcha-Band on Sunday, **September 1**, let Anne Wilson ([annew@fhcpresb.org](mailto:annew@fhcpresb.org)) know and she will send you the music. Children who can play a hymn melody are most welcome.

**Many thanks to today's music leaders:** Grant Heineman, Jed Koops, Seth Ungemach and Carl Jenks.

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

**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. 1:4-10, Psalm 71: 1-6, Luke 71:1-6 and Hebrew 12:18-29.**

**IRIS CIRCLE (all women of the church):** Join us for a potluck and afternoon by the lake at Kathy Hanna-Stauffer's cottage, **Thursday, August 22.** Bring a dish to share. Lunch at noon; stay as long as you like. **RSVP to Kathy at khannas@sbcglobal.net or 216 544-0916.** Let her know if you need directions, or need to arrange a carpool.

**NEXT WEEK**

**Blessing of the Backpacks: Sunday, August 25:** Next Sunday please bring your backpacks to worship to be blessed for the new school year.

**“God Before Guns” on August 25 after service in South Hall:** This is a coalition consisting of persons of faith from a variety of faith communities in N.E. Ohio. It was created in the wake of the terrible shootings at Sandy Hook elementary school in Newtown Ct. Members of their leadership along with Forest Hill Church will be in attendance. Justice and Mission will also explain their work with GCC on their project “Do Not Stand Idly By”. Don’t miss this opportunity to educate yourself on the largest problem this country faces.

**Christian Education Volunteer Trainings in Bodwell Hall: 9 am - August 25:** All volunteers thinking about working with the children and youth programming this year are asked to attend training on Sunday, **August 25** at 9 am. If you cannot make the training, but would still like to volunteer, **please contact David (ce@fhcpresb.org).**

**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.**

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Calendar: August 18-25

<p><b>Sunday, August 18:</b> 9:00 am    Childcare begins               Adult Education               Christian Education 9:30 am    Continental Breakfast 10:00 am    Worship (Baptism) 11:00 pm    Coffee and Conversation</p> <p><b>Monday, August 19:</b> 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><b>Tuesday August 20:</b> 12:00 pm    Abundance Pantry               Registration 5:00 pm    Fitness Fusion Exercise               Bulletin and Email Deadline</p> <p><b>Wednesday, August 21:</b> 7:30 am    Bible and Bagels 12:00 pm    Staff Meeting 12:30 pm    Wednesday Women's Group 7:00 pm    TransFamily East Meeting</p>	<p><b>Thursday, August 22:</b> 1:30 pm    English Country Dance 5:00 pm    Fitness Fusion Exercise</p> <p><b>Friday, August 23:</b> 10:00 am    Al Anon: Hand in Hand</p> <p><b>Saturday, August 25:</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, August 25:</b> 9:00 am    Childcare begins               Adult Education               Christian Education 9:30 pm    Continental Breakfast 10:00 am    Worship               Pick up TOWER 11:00 pm    Coffee and Conversation 12:00 pm    God Before Guns</p>
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NEW COLLEGE STUDENTS SEND OFF

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

AUG 25

SEPT 8

PROGRAM YEAR KICKOFF SUNDAY

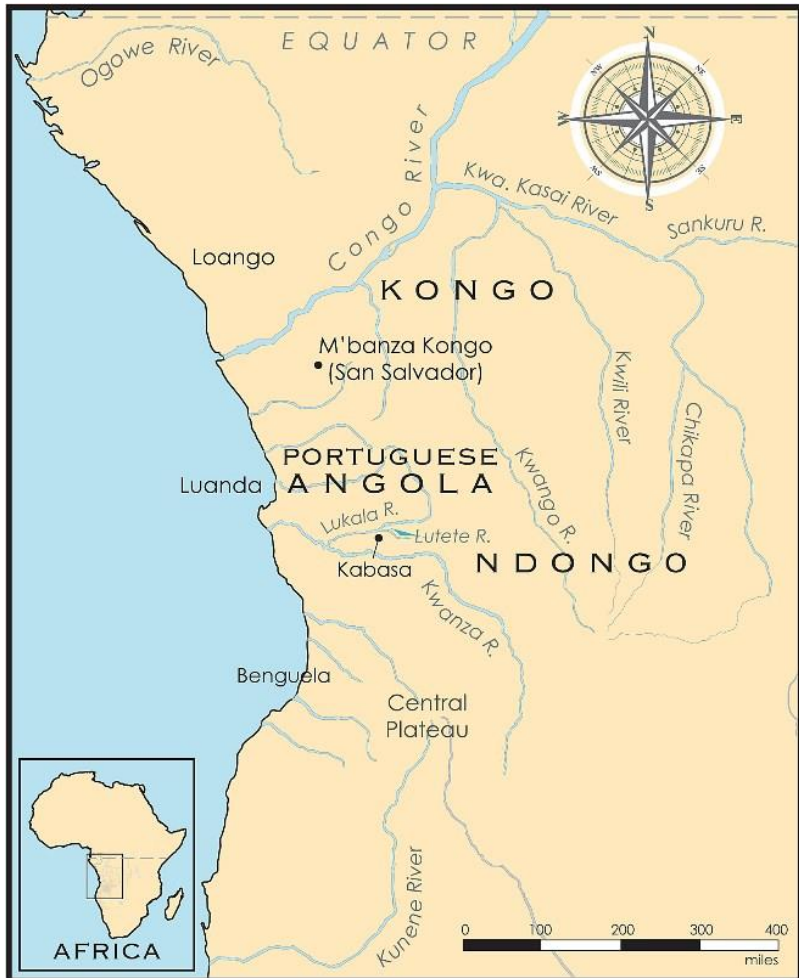
 register for the new program year: [bit.ly/Registration2019-20](https://bit.ly/Registration2019-20)



## A DATE THAT LIVES IN INFAMY – END OF AUGUST 1619

### THE FIRST AFRICANS ARRIVED AND FORCED TO ENDURE SLAVERY IN COLONIAL BRITISH AMERICA

The first Africans arrived in Virginia because of the transatlantic slave trade. Across three and a half centuries—from 1501 to 1867—more than 12.5 million Africans were captured, sold, and transported to the Americas. While Portugal and Spain were the first European powers engaged in this trade, eventually most of the European powers would get involved. It was as profitable as it was brutal.



The Africans who came to Virginia in 1619 had been taken from Angola in West Central Africa. They were captured in a series of wars as part of the much broader Portuguese hostilities against the Kongo and Ndongo kingdoms. These captives were forced to march 100-200 miles to the coast and major slave-trade port of Luanda. They were put on board the slave ship *San Juan Bautista*, which carried 350 captives bound to Vera Cruz, on the coast of Spanish Mexico, in the summer of 1619.

Nearing its destination, the slave ship was attacked by two English privateers, the *White Lion* and the *Treasurer*, in the Gulf of Mexico and robbed of 50 to 60 Africans. The two privateers then sailed to Virginia where the *White Lion* arrived at Point Comfort, present-day Hampton Virginia, toward the end of August. John Rolfe, prominent planter and merchant (and formerly husband of Pocahontas), reported that “20 and odd Negroes” were “bought for victuals.” The majority of the Angolans were acquired by wealthy and well-connected English planters including Governor Sir George Yeardley and the cape (or head) merchant, Abraham Piersey. The Africans were sold into bondage despite Virginia having no clear-cut laws sanctioning slavery.

The *Treasurer* arrived at Point Comfort a few days after the *White Lion* but did not stay long, quickly setting sail for the British colony of Bermuda. Prior to leaving port, possibly 7 to 9 Africans were sold, including a woman named “Angelo” who was taken to Lieutenant William Pierce’s Jamestown property. By March 1620, 32 Africans were recorded in a muster as living in Virginia but by 1625 only 23 were recorded. These Africans, scattered throughout homes and farms of the James River Valley, were the first of hundreds of thousands of Africans forced to endure slavery in colonial British America.

**This is the fast I choose: to loosen the chains of injustice, to undo heavy burdens, to set free the oppressed, and to break every yoke**

*Isaiah 58:6*

### Presenters for Aug 25 – God Before Guns

Rev. Kristine Eggert and David Eggert are the co-founders of God Before Guns, a multi-faith coalition of individuals and faith communities working to reduce gun violence, based in Cleveland. Rev. Eggert is ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and served as Senior Pastor at Disciples Christian Church in Cleveland Heights until her retirement. She is a frequent guest preacher.

David Eggert is a retired public school teacher and union staff director, who now works to heighten awareness of gun violence among persons and communities of faith. David also serves on the leadership team of Ohioans for Gun Safety, working to bring common sense background checks to Ohio.

Cynthia Lehman, a member of FHC, moved to Cleveland after retiring from a varied career in nursing, teaching, and non-profit programs. She now cares for her 4 year old granddaughter and volunteers at Forest Hill Church, Metro Health as a baby comforter, and Black on Black Crime. She serves on the Board of Directors of God Before Guns.



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