

*Forest Hill Church*  
*Service of Worship*  
*August 25, 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*

Pay attention: God is still speaking wisdom, still revealing truth, and still breathing new life in our world.

**Welcome**

**Choral Introit**

Anon.

“Come into God’s Presence”

*Greeting Our God with Joy*

**Call to Worship**

Barb Hansen

Come to Christ....

**Our refuge and our strength.**

Come to listen for God...

**Our wisdom and our truth.**

Come to receive the Spirit...

**The breath of life itself.**

**\* Opening Hymn No. 273**

“He Is King of Kings”

*\*please stand as able*

*Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, you know us. You know when we struggle to hear your voice, and when we yearn to know your grace. Speak to us with wisdom and love, and protect us with mercy and grace. Heal us and set us free, that we may recognize your presence, heed your call, and celebrate your loving acceptance.

**Time of Silent Confession**

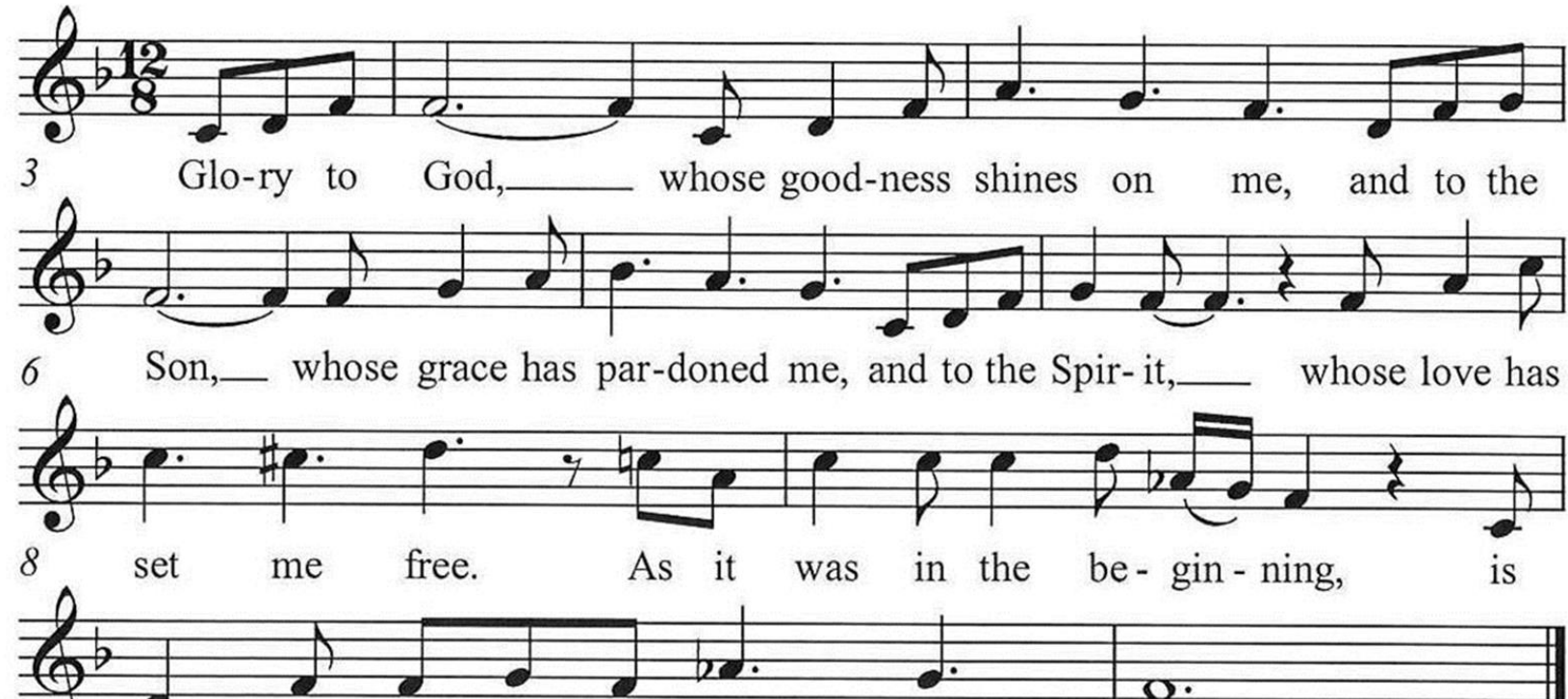
**Kyrie eleison** (*Lord, have mercy*)

Alice Parker

*Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

**Words of Assurance**

**We will believe the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. We will walk in the light of the Lord rejoicing: Thanks be to God!**



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.

Anthem

Charles Tindley

"The Storm is Passing Over"

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Blessing of the Backpacks

Rev. David Wigger

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

Scripture Passages

Barb Hansen

Jeremiah 1:4-10 and Luke 13:10-17

After the readings

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

People: Thanks be to God.

\*Hymn No. 792

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

"Believing is Seeing"

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

Andrea Ramsey

"We Are Blessed"

\*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. 307

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

St. 2 Low voices  
St. 3 High voices

\* Commission and Blessing

\* Choral Benediction No. 701

“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*

George Frederic Handel

“Allegro maestoso (Water Music)”



## *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:**

- Rachel Martinez-Finn in memory of loved ones.
- Kathryn McWilliams in honor of her mother, Rev. Natalie McWilliams.

### **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**

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

**Many thanks to today's music leaders:** Virginia Weiss, Lisa Koops, Laura Minder and Patty Console.

**Come explore together with leaders from “God Before Guns”** on how people of faith can work to reduce the number of deaths and injuries from gun violence. We will meet in South Hall immediately following the service.

#### **Presenters for “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.

### **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. 2:4-13, Psalm 81: 1,10-16, Luke 14:1,7-14 and Heb. 13:1-8.**

### **NEXT WEEK**

**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) know and she will send you the music. Children who can play a hymn melody are most welcome.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**Pastor Goines will kick off the Adult Education study with the book of Job.** There will be a combined class in South Hall at 9:30 am. There was never a time when the book of Job was not relevant, but it is especially relevant in this post “9/11 world”. Come join us as we challenge ourselves to understand one of the most difficult books of the Bible and wrestle with life’s most perplexing questions!

**Adult Education with Pastor Lentz-starting September 15 at 9:30 in 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!

**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.**

Calendar: August 18-25

<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 your TOWER 11:00 pm    Coffee and Conversation 12:00 pm    God Before Guns</p> <p><b>Monday, August 26:</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 27:</b> 12:00 pm    Abundance Pantry               Registration 5:00 pm    Fitness Fusion Exercise               Bulletin and Email Deadline</p> <p><b>Wednesday, August 28:</b> 7:30 am    Bible and Bagels 12:00 pm    Staff Meeting 12:30 pm    Wednesday Women's Group 7:00 pm    Session Meeting</p>	<p><b>Thursday, August 29:</b> 1:30 pm    English Country Dance 5:00 pm    Fitness Fusion Exercise</p> <p><b>Friday, August 30:</b> 10:00 am    Al Anon: Hand in Hand</p> <p><b>Saturday, August 31:</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, September 1: Last summer service</b>  9:00 am    Childcare begins               Adult Education 9:30 pm    Continental Breakfast 10:00 am    Worship service in               Fellowship Hall 11:00 pm    Coffee and Conversation</p>
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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*



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



*Fall Kick-off is September 8 right after service  
(service returns to the 11:00 am timeframe).*