

Forest Hill Church
Service of Worship
October 27, 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.

Centering Words

Take three deep breaths. . .
Trust that you are in the arms of God who will not let you go!

Welcome

Prelude

J. S. Bach

“Prelude in D Minor”

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship:

Linda Martin

The Spirit is here,

Bringing vision and hope for our world.

Christ lifts us up,

Welcoming us with loving arms.

God showers the earth,

Nourishing all creation with grace.

Sense the Spirit moving within and among us.

Feel Christ’s presence healing and blessing us.

As we gather in worship this day,

We receive the showering love of God.

*** Opening Hymn No. 317**

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

**please stand as able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

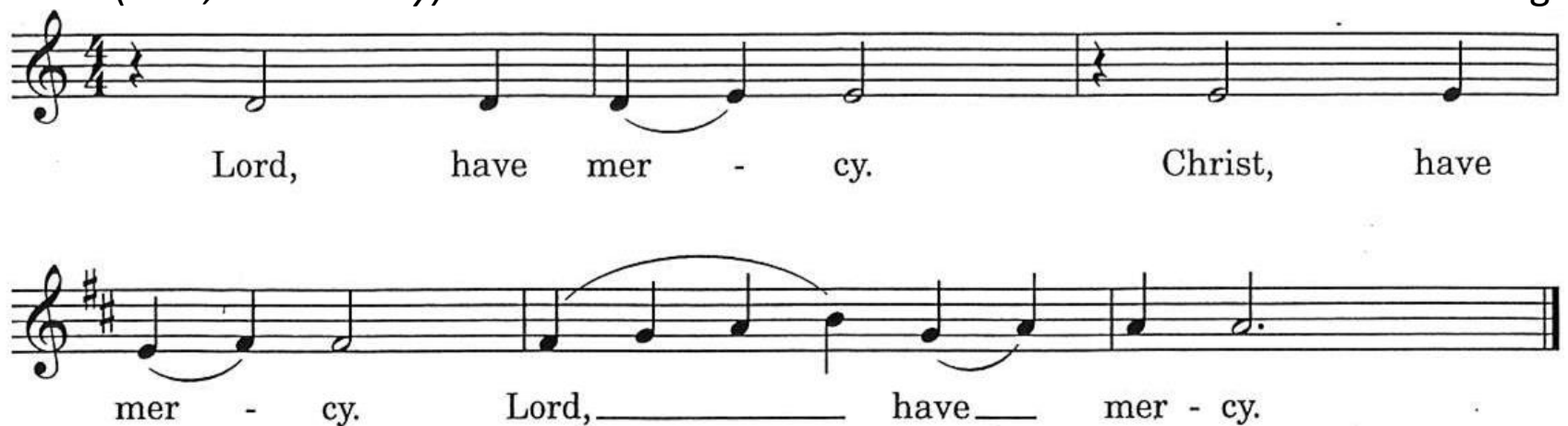
Prayer of Confession (*in unison*):

Gracious God, have mercy on us in our times of sin and pride. Pour out your forgiveness, and shower us with the blessings of your guidance and grace. Stand by us in our times of weakness, and strengthen us to move forward in faith. Help us finish this race with gratitude and joy that others may receive the blessings of all you are doing through us and all you have yet to do.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Craig Phillips




Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

The Assurance of Pardon

We who have been brought low are lifted high in the saving grace of Christ. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven!

***Gloria** **Taizé**

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 **Albert Goodson**

“We've Come This Far By Faith”
(African American gospel song)

Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word

Minute for Mission **Racial Equity Buddies**

***Hymn No. 708** **“We Give Thee but Thine Own”**

During the hymn, children are welcome to come up front for a quiet activity during the sermon.

Scripture Passages

Psalm 65 (read responsively); Luke 18:9-14 (page 853) **Linda Martin**

Psalm 65

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed,
O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.
When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.
Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.
By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.
By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.
You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.
Those who live at earth’s farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.
You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.
You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.
You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness. The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,
The meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

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 Jr.

“Feeling Generous”

Prayers of the People /The 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

Anne Wilson (poem by Sandra Fox)

“Holy Ground”

(Readers: Emily Abel and John Clark)

*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

* Sending Hymn No. 700

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

* Commission and Blessing

* Choral Benediction No. 701

“Sanctuary”

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Sanctuary" (Choral Benediction No. 701). It is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "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." The score is divided into three systems, with measure numbers 3, 6, and 9 indicated at the beginning of each system. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words spanning across measures.

* Passing of the Peace

Postlude

J. S. Bach

“Toccata in D Minor”



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:

Today's arrangements will be donated to those in need.

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, Barb Cloud, David Dorer, David Hunter, Joanna Klingenstein, David Sicking, Elizabeth Shaw, Beverly and Harold Thomas, Grace Uhle.

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 Jericho Care Group* will assist our pastors in meeting members' needs during **October**. 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, Sue McCauley**.

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 **11/14/19 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.

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

2020 Stewardship Campaign: We are off to a great start! We are happy to share that 100% of the church leadership have submitted their pledges. We are also starting to receive pledges from the members. Our church has ministered faithfully for more than 100 years in this corner of Monticello and Lee because our members have given year after year not out of duty, obligation, guilt or fear but because our members have counted themselves blessed for God Has Smiled on them and therefore on the Church. If you have not turned in your pledge card, please consider how God has smiled at you and give generously and joyfully in support of our ministries and their works.

Coming Up

TODAY

Stewardship 2020-October 27: Recommitment Sunday and Celebration Lunch. Turn in your pledge cards during service then meet us in Fellowship Hall for lunch and to celebrate the generosity of the FHC family. There will be fun Stewardship activities and the FHC “swag” winners will be announced.

Special thanks to the Orcha-band players: Lisa Koops, flute; Jed Koops, bassoon; Ginie Mast, French horn; Scott Lafferty and Ahren Stock, trumpets; Seth Ungemach, euphonium; Linnea Koops and Garrett Vandall, violins; Anne Hunter and Julia Koops, violas; Ralph Dise, guitar; Carolyn Smith, percussion.

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: **Joel 2:23-32, Psalm 65, Luke 18:9-14 and 2 Tim.4:6-8, 16-18.**

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women on Saturday, November 2 at The Church of the Covenant, 11205 Euclid Avenue. Cost is \$10 – make check out to PW-PWR and send to Suzan Plautz, 7295 Connie Dr., Mentor, OH 44060. **If you need more information, please contact Gladys Kershaw at 440-238-2363.**

NEXT WEEK

Adult Education at 9:30 am located in Bodwell and South Hall through November: “Job and the Life of Faith.” If you would like more information or if you would like to purchase a copy of the book, please contact **Pat Seeders (plseeders@gmail.com).**

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.

InterReligious Task Force On Sunday, November 3, 2019, IRTF will commemorate the 39th anniversary of the sacrifice of these Cleveland missionaries at its annual Human Rights Banquet, being held at Beaumont School in Cleveland Heights, 4-8 pm. The guest speaker from Bogotá, Columbia, is Natalia Garcia Cortés of War Resisters International. Tables of 8 are being formed for Forest Hill Church congregants and their friends. The price of admission is \$35 in advance or \$31 each for 8 or more. **Please contact Jeff Smith (jeffsmith2756@gmail.com, 216-932-2932) by October 31** if you would like to attend this important event. Let Jeff know how many tickets you want and if any of the meals should be vegan or vegetarian.

Group/Hilltoppers-We will be attending the Cleveland Heights musical "Damn Yankees" on **Sunday, November 3 at 4:00 pm.** There are five students from FHC Choir in starring roles!! **For tickets, please call 216-320-3105 or go to ClevelandHeightsChoirs.com.** Each person is responsible for purchasing their own ticket, \$12, \$10, or \$8. We will have dinner at Boss Dog on Lee Road after the show. **Please contact Nancy Burcham (216-233-8864 or burcham@roadrunner.com) by Friday, November 1 for all dinner reservations.**

Formerly known as Sew and Knit-“Fiber and Fellowship” -Our first meeting was a wonderful success with 4 knitters and 3 quilters attending. We had a stitchin’ good time! Next meeting is **November 9 at 9 am.** Please contact **Carol (216-598-9730) or Chris (chris3040@aol.com)** for more details.

LOOKING AHEAD

Exploring the racial equity buddy concept! Please join us on **November 10** at 12:30 pm in Bodwell Hall. Dr. Mark Joseph will lead the workshop that will focus on exploring and encouraging racial equity throughout the church. Want to help? We need table facilitators who will help lead a brief reflective conversation at the start of our session. If you are interested in assisting, join us **November 3** after church for a brief training (we'll share conversation prompts and handouts!). **You may pre-register at <http://bit.ly/RacialEquityBuddiesRegistrationForm>.** We look forward to working with you!


EASING BURDENS OFFERING HOPE

A FUNDRAISER EVENT
Saturday, November 16, 2019; 5 – 7 p.m.

Chagrin Valley Athletic Club
17260 Snyder Road, Chagrin Falls

INFO amisohio.org

Your donation to this event will help to inspire hope and contribute to the well-being of immigrants and their families as they seek legal status in the U.S.



A Latino mother of four whose needs are critical since the children’s father, the family bread winner, was recently deported. Your donation to this event will help to inspire hope and contribute to the well-being of immigrants and their families as they seek legal status in the U.S. A fundraising event hosted by Americans Making Immigrants Safe (AMIS). Send a check to:

AMIS, P.O. Box 18558, Cleveland Heights, OH 44118
or

Register online at AmisOhio.org
RSVP by Monday, November 11, 2019

“God before Guns”-Come hear The Rev. Sharon Risher and enjoy lunch prepared by Morag at 11 am on **Saturday, November 16** in Fellowship Hall. Sponsored by God Before Guns and FHC Ministry for Justice and Mission. On June 17, 2015, a White Supremacist opened fire during bible study at Mother Emanuel Church in Charleston, SC. killing 9 people. Rev. Risher’s mother, two cousins, and a lifelong friend were among the dead. We invite you to join us for a luncheon where we will hear the compelling story that led her to activism. It is a message of hope and challenge. Tickets are \$25 and a copy of her book is included. Reserve your seat by Friday, November 1. **Please register for the luncheon on the website (<https://www.godbeforeguns.org/>).**

Small Plates

Bread Making: The Spiritual Practice of Gratitude, Presence, and Care

This class will be led by Deanne Lentz, Chris Henry and a few special guests in our main kitchen! Come share stories, faith, and recipes as we bake bread together! We’ll explore breads from different cultures and even try our hand at making bread for our own Forest Hill communion service. Each class is \$5. Limit of eight participants in each class. Registration is for one class at a time, so as many people as possible can enjoy the communal bread making experience. **To register email Chris Henry at cehenry@ameritech.net or Deanne Lentz at Lentz.Deanne@gmail.com.**

10/26	3:00--5:00 pm	Basic Yeast Bread
11/2	10:00 – noon	Bread for Communion
11/9	10:00 -- noon	Hot Water Cornbread, with guest chef Robin Hales
11/16	10:00 – noon	Irish Soda Bread with guest chef Bill Finn
11/23	10:00 – noon	Thanksgiving Bread, TBD

Yoga for People of Color

For a variety of reasons, the spiritual practice of Yoga has not been fully accessible to people of color in American society. This class offers a place for women of color to learn and explore this spiritual practice. While the class - lead by Dawn Rivers of Daybreak Yoga – this is specifically designed for new practitioners and all skill levels are welcome. Five Sessions are offered on **November 16, 23, 30, and December 14, 21 at 1:30 pm in Bodwell Hall**. Cost is \$12 per session. Spread the word! This small plate is intended for women of color, whether they attend Forest Hill Church or not. **For more information, contact Marcie Denton at marciedenton70@gmail.com.**

“White Fragility” Book Discussion Group:

Come explore the book "White Fragility: Why it's so hard for white people to talk about racism" by Robin DiAngelo. This small group will read together and uncover the issues that make racism such a challenging topic for white people to deeply engage. Through study and conversation, become more aware of the barriers that prevent each of us from becoming active allies in the work of racial justice and reconciliation. **Beginning on October 20, we will meet weekly on Sunday afternoons from 5 – 6 in the Faith Leader Room (next to the Chapel). The class will conclude on November 24. COST: \$15** will cover the cost of the text and supporting materials. **Email Todd Webster with any questions toddwebster1967@gmail.com.**

*****Forest Hill is a community, and we are here to help each other out. If the cost for any of these Small Plates could be a barrier to your participation, please contact one of the organizers. *****

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 1**. 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

Calendar: October 27-November 3

<p>Sunday, October 27: 12:00 pm Coffee and Conversation Sine Nomine Choir Rehearsal Stewardship Lunch Black Caucus Meeting 2:00 pm Messiah Chorus Rehearsal 5:00 pm Small Plates Discussion 7:00 pm Promises on Sunday</p> <p>Monday, October 28: 4:00 pm Al-Anon Dinner 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 29: 12:00 pm Abundance Pantry Registration 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise Bulletin and Email Deadline 6:30 pm Nominating Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday, October 30: 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 31: 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, November 1: 10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand 12:00 pm AMIS Meeting</p> <p>Saturday, November 2: 10:00 am Bread Making with Small Plates 1:00 pm PEO Author Event Fall Workday</p> <p>Sunday, November 3: Daylight Saving 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 Racial Equity Buddy Training 2:00 pm Messiah Chorus Rehearsal 4:00 pm Group/Hilltoppers outing IRTF Banquet 5:00 pm Small Plates Discussion House Church 7:00 pm Promises on Sunday</p>
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Tara Beverly, Youth Leader
Anne Wilson, Director of Music