

*Forest Hill Church
Service of Worship*

November 10, 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/ Prayer of Preparation

Focused on Christ, our center, we find faith, hope, life and love.
Anticipating these gifts, we bring our hearts of praise to worship.

Welcome

Choral Introit

Ban-Bin Ah (Turkey)

“Let All Nations Praise the Lord”

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship:

Mary Ball

Children of the living God, why have you come to this house of worship?

We come to worship the God of the living.

Children of the loving God, what do you bring to honor the Holy One?

We bring our hearts of hope and love.

Children of the faithful God, how will you worship our God on high?

We will worship in trust and faith this day.

*** Processional Hymn No. 837**

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

**please stand as able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession:

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored the truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sins. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie Eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Ban-Bin Ah (Turkey)

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

The Assurance of Pardon:

The steadfastness of the Lord never fails. God’s love has been poured into our hearts. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! AMEN.

All sing first time. Second time: low voices, begin; high voices enter two measures later; children and youth enter two measures after that.



Anthem

African American spirituals

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot/All Night, All Day”
Descant Choir

Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word

Children’s Moment

Rev. David Wigger

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

***Hymn No. 621**

“I Will Call upon the Lord”

Part one: Choir// Part two: Congregation and Pastors

Scripture Passages

Luke 20:27-40 (page 855)

Mary Ball

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.

“Questions and Answers”

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

Tom Trenney

“Love Can Mend a Broken World”

***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. 822

"When We Are Living"

First time: Carl Jenks will sing in Spanish. Then all sing in English.

* 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

C. S. Lang

"Tuba Tune"



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:

Liz Wollaeger in honor of the children, youth and families of FHC.

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, Mark Davidson, 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 Mt. Sinai Care Group* will assist our pastors in meeting members' needs during **November**. 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, Tish Van Beers-Klein**.

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

Thank you, all office volunteers: Kathy Hanna-Stauffer, Ellen McChesney, Cathy Ghiandoni, Pat Jenkins, Lynda Bernays and Anne Smith. You are appreciated!

Thank you, sound board team: David Bell, Bader Boland, Alex Heston, and Steve Marunowski.

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.

Coming Up

TODAY

Tonight at 7 pm, please join us for a serene *Compline* service honoring the memory of poet Dan Rourke. The sanctuary will be illumined by candles, and the cantor (Pastor Lentz) and choir will sing from the congregational pews, allowing the congregation to sit in the choir pews, transepts or front of the church. It's particularly peaceful to be in church at night.

Exploring the racial equity buddy concept! Please join us today 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.

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: **Isa. 65:17-25 and Isa. 12; Luke 21:5-19 and 2 Thess. 3:6-13**.

"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 12 at 10 am**. Please contact **Carol (216-598-9730)** or **Chris (chris3040@aol.com)** for more details.

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.

Small Plates

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

Join us to explore breads from different cultures and even try your hand at making bread for our own Forest Hill communion service. **To register email Chris Henry at cehenry@ameritech.net, or Deanne Lentz at Lentz.Deanne@gmail.com.**

11/16 10:00 – noon Irish Soda Bread with guest chef Bill Finn

11/23 10:00 – noon 200 Dinner Rolls for the Labre Thanksgiving dinner meal. Guest bakers include Lara Troyer and daughter Margaret!

Yoga for Women of Color

This class offers a place for women of color to learn and explore this spiritual practice, whether they attend Forest Hill Church or not. Class is led by Dawn Rivers of Daybreak Yoga and is specifically designed for all skill levels! 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! **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 in. 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. **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.** The cost is \$15 and covers the text and supporting materials. **Please contact Todd Webster (toddwebster1967@gmail.com) for more information.**

*****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. *****

Forest Hill Church Labre Ministry-Our Family Home Center

Thanksgiving Hot Meal – November 28 – 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Forest Hill Church will again be providing a Thanksgiving meal to our homeless and economically marginalized friends in East Cleveland. Cooked foods (turkeys, potatoes, dressing) should be dropped at the church kitchen on **Thanksgiving morning between 9:00 am and 10:00 am or at the Center (14681 Euclid Avenue) by 10:30 am**. Large and medium size aluminum cooking pans will be provided for anyone who would like one in the church kitchen the Sunday before. Non-perishables and pies can be dropped off to the church kitchen before Thanksgiving. Any items dropped off early should be marked "Labre". If perishable, please put in the kitchen cooler. **Please contact Jeff Smith at 216-932-2932 or anneandjeffsmith@gmail.com if you can supply any of the following items that are still needed, or sign up on line at signupgenius.com (Labre/OFHC Thanksgiving Meal 2019).** Thank you for your generosity!

Turkeys, Cooked (approximately 18# each) – Need 9 more cooked. Please carve before dropping off. Turkeys have been donated and will be distributed the Sunday before Thanksgiving in the church kitchen. **Mashed Potatoes, Cooked** – Need 6 more servings of 20. **Turkey Gravy Mix** – Like McCormack's .87 oz. packet (each makes 4 servings) or 12 oz. bottle (6 servings each), this will be prepared at the Center. Need 4 more people to provide 20 servings. **Green Beans**, 38 oz. can (9 servings per can), this will be prepared at the Center. Need 1 more person to supply 5 cans. **Dressing, cooked** (homemade or boxed) – Need 9 more servings of 20. **Juice (lemonade, Kool Aid etc.)** – Need 3 people to provide 2 gallons each. **Pies**, fruit or sweet potato, 8 slices – Need 9 more people to supply 2 pies each.

PACESETTERS KARAOKE PARTY ---The Dugards and Heinemans will host a karaoke party at the home of Roger and Consuelo Heineman, 2446 Kenilworth Rd., on **Saturday, November 16, at 7 pm – 11 pm**. Come and enjoy a fun-filled evening of fellowship and music. We'll sing our favorite pop and rock songs of the 60s, 70s and 80s as John Dugard spins all the hits on his karaoke machine. If you missed our first one, you don't want to miss this one. We'll have some new tunes too. We'll have lots of snacks but feel free to bring your favorite one! We encourage new members to join in the fun too. **Please RSVP in person, text or email by 11-15-19.**

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Consuelo Heineman 216-215-6764 cheineman@Intellicorp.net

John Dugard 216-371-7747 romans.chap8@gmail.com

Pantry Request for Gift Items and Reusable Bags

The Abundance Food Pantry here at our church would like some help in setting up a holiday gift shop again this year. This will enable our pantry guests to give gifts to the youngsters in their lives. Please help us gather things like toys, games, puzzles, stuffed animals, children's books, crayons, wrapping paper, and Christmas decorations. These can be your own used items, goodwill items, or dollar store items. We will let our pantry guests do the wrapping. From now until Christmas, please put your items in the box marked "Pantry Gift Items" on the stage in Fellowship Hall. We also need reusable bags. If you prefer to give a donation, please write a check to Forest Hill Church and put "Food Pantry" in the memo line. **Contact Paul at jennings_paul@att.net or 440-570-6736, if you are interested in volunteering for the pantry.**

The first half of the 2020 Stewardship Campaign has come to an end. As of Recommitment Sunday, there were 122 pledges received totaling \$456,137.00. This takes us to 56% of our goal. Thank you to all who have demonstrated their support of Forest Hill Church during the 2020 Stewardship Campaign. We still have work to do to reach our goal. If you have not submitted your pledge, please prayerfully consider lending your financial support to Forest Hill Church which enables us to do the necessary work of building the Beloved Community. **The Forest Hill Church "Swag" winners are:** *Dene Young- First Pledge Card received (not from church leadership), Patricia Jenkins Bowman- submitted a pledge card with a Gold Leaf by Recommitment Sunday, Melissa Baumgartner- submitted pledge card with Gold Leaf by Recommitment Sunday, Susan Way- submitted a pledge card obtained when she visited the Stewardship table at the Mission Fair.* **Congratulations and thank you for your commitment to Forest Hill Church! - The Ministry of Stewardship.**

Kids' Movie Night/Grown-ups' Evening Out-Saturday, November 16 from 4:00-7:30 pm: Drop off your kids at Forest Hill Church and enjoy an evening out. We will have pizza, watch a movie, and play some games. Nursery care will also be available. The event is free, but we will have a free-will donation as a fundraiser for the youth group. **Families must sign up by November 14:** bit.ly/kidsmovienight.

Americans Making Immigrants Safe (AMIS) Fundraiser

The AMIS mission is to inspire hope and contribute to the well-being of immigrants and their families as they seek legal status in the U.S. by providing financial resources for legal services, education, basic living expenses and self-sufficiency.

Please support AMIS by attending the “Easing Burdens, Offering Hope” fundraising event:

Saturday, November 16, 2019 – 5 to 7 pm
Chagrin Valley Athletic Club
17260 Snyder Road, Chagrin Falls
\$75/person (\$60.00 tax deductible)
Free parking, heavy hors d’oeuvres, cash bar
Music by Cleveland Institute of Music

Program includes:

- **Brian Hoffman**, an attorney with Catholic Charities, will describe the struggles immigrant families face as they deal with the chaotic U.S. immigration system.
- **A Latino mother** of four whose needs are critical since the children’s father, the family breadwinner, was recently deported. Forest Hill Church knows this woman well!
- **Celebration** of Latino artistic expression by showcasing beautifully painted doors on loan from the Julia De Borges Cultural Center.

RSVP to amisohio.org; or send checks to AMIS, P.O. Box 18558, Cleveland Heights, OH 44118; or contact Steve Sedam: goldens101@aol.com (614) 783-4467; or Jeff Smith: jeffsmith2756@gmail.com (216) 312-6989.

Adult Education’s Advent Program

Advent: It’s not just a WREATH; what are you waiting for?

December 1: What are we waiting for? The History and Significance of Advent.

December 8: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”: Depression, Generalized Anxiety, and Seasonal Affective Disorder: Exploring the spiritual and psychological implications of Advent.

December 15: Advent in the Bible: A panel discussion of the lectionary texts.

December 22: Music of Advent, both old and new.

December 29: Christmas Celebration! A breakfast for the entire church family at 9:30 am. Main entrée will be provided. Bring a sweet treat to share with your church family.

Please contact Pat Seeders (216-832-7915 or @plseeders@gmail.com) for more information.

Calendar: November 3-10

Sunday, November 10:

12:00 pm Coffee and Conversation
Black Caucus Meeting
Sine Nomine Choir Rehearsal
2:00 pm Messiah Chorus Rehearsal
4:00 pm Group/Hilltoppers outing
5:00 pm Small Plates Book Discussion
7:00 pm Promises on Sunday
Compline Service

Monday, November 11:

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 November 12:

10:00 am Fiber and Fellowship
12:00 pm Abundance Pantry
Registration
5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise
Bulletin and Email Deadline
6:30 pm Nominating Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 13:

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
Ministry Meetings

Thursday, November 14: Tower Deadline

1:30 pm English Country Dance
5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise
International Partners in Mission
6:20 pm Voices in Bronze
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, November 15:

8:00 am International Partners in Mission
10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand

Saturday, November 16:

10:00 am For a Time Such as This
Bread making (Small Plates)
1:30 pm Yoga (Small Plates)
4:00 pm Kids' movie night
5:00 pm AMIS Fundraiser
7:00 pm Karaoke Party

Sunday, November 17:

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 Rehearsal
2:00 pm Messiah Chorus Rehearsal
5:00 pm Book Discussion (Small Plates)
7:00 pm Promises on Sunday

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Anne Wilson, Director of Music**