

*Forest Hill Church*  
*Service of Worship*  
*November 17, 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*

Dickens wrote: “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.” Even still, through it all, we are called to be faithful, for we have this promise: “By your endurance you will gain your souls.”  
—Luke 21:18-19

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

Michael Helman

“When the Saints Go Marching In”  
Voices in Bronze

**Choral Introit**

Alexander Gondo

“Uyai Mose/Come All You People”  
Cherub Choir

*Greeting Our God with Joy*

**Call to Worship:**

Noel Ullom

Sing praises to God, for the Lord has done gloriously. Let it be known in all the earth.

**Surely God is my salvation, for the Lord is my strength and has become my salvation.**

Let us worship God!

**\* Processional Hymn No. 826**

“Lift High the Cross”

*\*please stand as able*

*Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**Prayer of Confession:**

Eternal God, your anger may last for a moment, but your mercy endures for a lifetime. We come before you with joyful hearts, longing to draw living water from the well of your salvation. We come this day to worship with thankful spirits, yearning to abide in the new earth you are creating in our midst. As we sing your praises, touch us with the love of your new heaven that we may be fit to dwell in your peaceable kingdom. Amen.

**Time of Silent Confession**

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

Ukraine

*Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

**The Assurance of Pardon:**

Through Christ, the wellspring of our salvation, we are washed in the waters of forgiveness and grace. Through your endurance, you will gain your souls.

\*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

Anton Bruckner

“Christus Factus Est”

Case Trombone Ensemble; Paul Ferguson, director

*Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word*

\*Hymn No. 240

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

Scripture Passages

Isa. 65:17-25 (page 607); Luke 21:5-19 (page 856)

Noel Ullom

*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.

“Construction and Destruction”

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

Joe Utterback

“Requiem Aeternam”

Sidney Ball and Charlotte Pizel, soloists

*Written in memory of the loved ones of Sandy Hook Elementary School*

\*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. 726

“Will You Come and Follow Me”
- \* 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

Franz Joseph Haydn

“Achieved is the Glorious Work”  
Case Trombone Ensemble  
*Please remain seated for the postlude*



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:

- Bill Finn and Rachel Martinez-Finn in memory of their loved ones.
- Linda and David Rainey in celebration of their 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary!
- David and Anne Hunter in memory of their mothers, Helen Hunter and Gwen Stephenson.

Two types of 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.
- **Guests who attend the monthly Abundance Pantry Luncheon** are offered prayer request forms which they turn in if they would like a member of the congregation to pray for them. The following Sunday a member of the church will stand at each exit from the sanctuary after worship to distribute those requests to people who would like to connect with the guests in prayer.

**Prayers are requested this week for the following:** Cheryl Anderson, Barb Cloud, Mark Davidson, David Dorer, Rev. Dr. Veronica R. Goines, 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 **12/12/19 at 8:00 am**. You may submit your written request to [office@fhcpresb.org](mailto:office@fhcpresb.org).

**To stay up to date on family programming,** please subscribe to the Christian Education Newsletter: [bit.ly/ceNewsletter](http://bit.ly/ceNewsletter).

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

*Coming Up*

**TODAY**  
**Today we welcome** the Case Western Reserve University Trombone Ensemble under the direction of Paul Ferguson. The trombonists are Chris Brosius, Nicholas Pogharion, Jakob Wegmuller, and Joshua Adams.

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

**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. 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Luke 23:33-43 and Col. 1:11-20**.  
**Iris Circle/ Women of FHC** will decorate ornaments for Boulevard School’s Angel tree on **Tuesday, November 19 at 11:00 am**. Please join us in Bodwell Hall. There will be a pot luck lunch. Please bring a special dish. **Contact Cathy Ghiandoni (216 691-1905) for more information.**

**Bread Making: The Spiritual Practice of Gratitude, Presence, and Care: Join us on November 23,** from 10 am- 12:00 pm in the main kitchen, for the final Bread Making Class. We are making 200 dinner rolls for the Labre Thanksgiving Meal. Bread enthusiast Lara Troyer and daughter Margaret will lend their expertise (Lara makes ALL the bread for the family). **Contact Chris Henry [cehenry@ameritech.net](mailto:cehenry@ameritech.net) to register.**

**NEXT WEEK**  
**Adult Education at 9:30 am** located in Bodwell and South Hall concludes November 24: “Job and the Life of Faith.”

**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.

**The registration for the upcoming** Adult Education class, studying 1 Samuel, begins November 24. Register with Pat Seeders before or after service in South Hall. Class will begin January 5.

**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 designed for all skill levels! Five Sessions are offered on **November 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](mailto: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 pm – 6 pm 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](mailto: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. \*\****

**From Grace Uhle:**

Your prayers, calls, cards, visits, Meal Train meals, audio CDs have lightened my heart and made me feel part of our Beloved Community although I am absent from worship. Thank you. I am getting better--but slowly. Bless you all.

**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](mailto:jennings_paul@att.net) or 440-570-6736, if you are interested in volunteering for the pantry.**

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

**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!

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**Turkeys, Cooked** (approximately 18# each) – Need 7 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 4 more servings of 20.  
**Dressing, cooked** (homemade or boxed) – Need 4 more servings of 20.

**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.**

**Cookie Carnival and Parenting Musically Event:**  
**Saturday, December 7 from 5:00 pm-7:30 pm**

Join us for a family Christmas party led by Dr. Lisa Koops in celebration of her new book: *Parenting Musically*. Come decorate cookies, sing, dance, and make a joyful noise! Families will receive music bags to take home. All are welcome! We will provide pizza and cookie supplies and ask families, as they are able, to bring some kind of side dish to share. **Please RSVP to David Wigger by Wednesday, December 4: CE@fhcpresb.org.**

### Group/Hilltoppers

We are having a CHRISTMAS PARTY at the home of Diana Woodbridge. On **Saturday, December 14, at 6:30 pm**. We will enjoy appetizers, desserts (please bring your own beverages) and celebrate our Boulevard family that we are supporting for Christmas this year. This year we will help a great-grandmother raising four children attending Boulevard School, two girls and two boys, ages 5 to 13. We will buy clothes and toys for the children and gift certificates for the great-grandmother and the family. **Specific purchase information will be given when you RSVP to Cathy Ghiandoni at ghiandoni.c@gmail.com or 216 691-1905.** Help us give this family a blessed Christmas and join the holiday festivities with Forest Hill Church friends.

**“Reconnecting with God’s Creation”** is back for a third year! The course is one of several “small plates” offerings by the Ministry of Education and Spiritual Formation. Classes consist of readings, mixed media presentations, small group discussion, adoption of a place for nature observation, and field trips. Through the course, you will more clearly understand the deep connections between humans and nature and explore how you can act on your responsibility as a Christian for stewardship of the natural world.

The 10 classes are focused around 4 themes: preservation and protection, stewardship, wonder and magic, and restoration. Environmental justice and climate change will be emphasized throughout the course. By the end of the course, you will draw closer to, learn from, and be empowered to serve God’s creation. A suggested \$10 donation by participants would be appreciated to offset the cost of class materials and facility rental fee at one of the field trip locations. Please sign up soon as the course is limited to 12 people.

Classes will take place on Sundays from 4-6 pm March 15 to June 7, 2020 *excluding* Easter (April 12), Mother’s Day (May 10) and Memorial Day (May 24). They will be held at FHC in **South Hall or will include field trips to nearby parks/nature preserves. If you have any questions and/or are interested in participating please contact Kemp Jaycox (kempjaycox@yahoo.com; 216-785-5375) or Steve Sedam (Goldens101@aol.com; 614-783-4467).**

### American Red Cross Blood Drive

Did you know, every 2 minutes someone needs blood and just 1 pint of blood can help up to 3 people in need? FHC will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on **Sunday, December 22 from 12:15 pm – 5:15 pm** in South Hall. The FHC Blood Drive will be in memory of Connie Reynolds, FHC Member Rob Reynolds’ mother. Connie received blood from the kindness of strangers during her 5-year battle with cancer, which she lost 3 years ago. Everyone in good health is encouraged to donate; online appointments are encouraged. You can make your life-saving appointment at RedCrossBlood.org and typing in the Sponsor Code – FHC. **If you have questions about making your appointment, or about the blood donation process, please contact Rob Reynolds (robert.reynolds@redcross.org).**

Calendar: November 17-24

<p><b>Sunday, November 17:</b> 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</p> <p><b>Monday, November 18:</b> 11:00 am Iris Circle Ornament Decorating 4:00 pm Borton Group Dinner 6:00 pm AA: Progress not Perfection Recording Session 7:00 pm Al Anon: Now There’s Hope OA Big Book Meeting 7:30 pm AA: Borton Group</p> <p><b>Tuesday November 19:</b> 11:00 am Iris Circle Meeting 12:00 pm Abundance Pantry Registration 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise Bulletin and Email Deadline 6:30 pm Black History Meeting FHHO Members Meeting</p> <p><b>Wednesday, November 20:</b> 7:30 am Bible and Bagels 12:30 pm Staff Meeting 12:30 pm Wednesday Women's Group 7:00 pm Speak Life Bible Study Session Meeting TransFamily East Meeting</p>	<p><b>Thursday, November 21:</b> 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><b>Friday, November 22:</b> 10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand 5:00 pm University of Pikeville Party</p> <p><b>Saturday, November 23:</b> 10:00 am Messiah Chorus Rehearsal Bread making (Small Plates) 1:30 pm Yoga (Small Plates)</p> <p><b>Sunday, November 24:</b> 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 4:00 pm Messiah Chorus Concert 5:00 pm Book Discussion (Small Plates) 7:00 pm Promises on Sunday</p>
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