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Forest Hill Church
Service of Worship
 December 8, 2019 at 11:00 am
 Advent 2

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.

Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Centering Words/ Prayer of Preparation

*Come, our Light, and illumine our darkness. Come, our Life, and revive us from death.
Come, our Physician, and heal our wounds. Come, Flame of divine love, and burn up the thorns of our
sin, kindle our hearts with the flame of your love. --Dimitri of Rostov*

Welcome

Choral Introit

“Away in a Manger”
Cherub Choir; Lisa Koops, director

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship (Isa. 11:1-9): Peg Weissbrod

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
And a branch shall grow out his roots.
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
The spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The spirit of counsel and might,
The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
With righteousness he shall judge the poor
And decide with equity for the meek of the earth.
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
And the leopard shall lie down with the kid.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
Their young shall lie down together;
**And the lion shall eat straw like the ox, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the
waters cover the sea.**

*** Processional Hymn No. 92** “While We Are Waiting, Come”
**please stand as able*

Lighting of the Advent Candle 2 Jessica Kelley and Madi Moore
"Let us walk in the light of the Lord"

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession:
**We thank you, O God, for bearers of hope and peace in all times and all places— for those who
govern, when they set things right for the poor, meek and needy; for anointed prophets, who
speak and act in your spirit—in wisdom, understanding, and equity. And we thank you for
reminders, gentle or urgent, that we, too, should be agents of harmony, reconciliation, peace,
justice, and righteousness. Make us advocates of your vision for the world. Amen.**

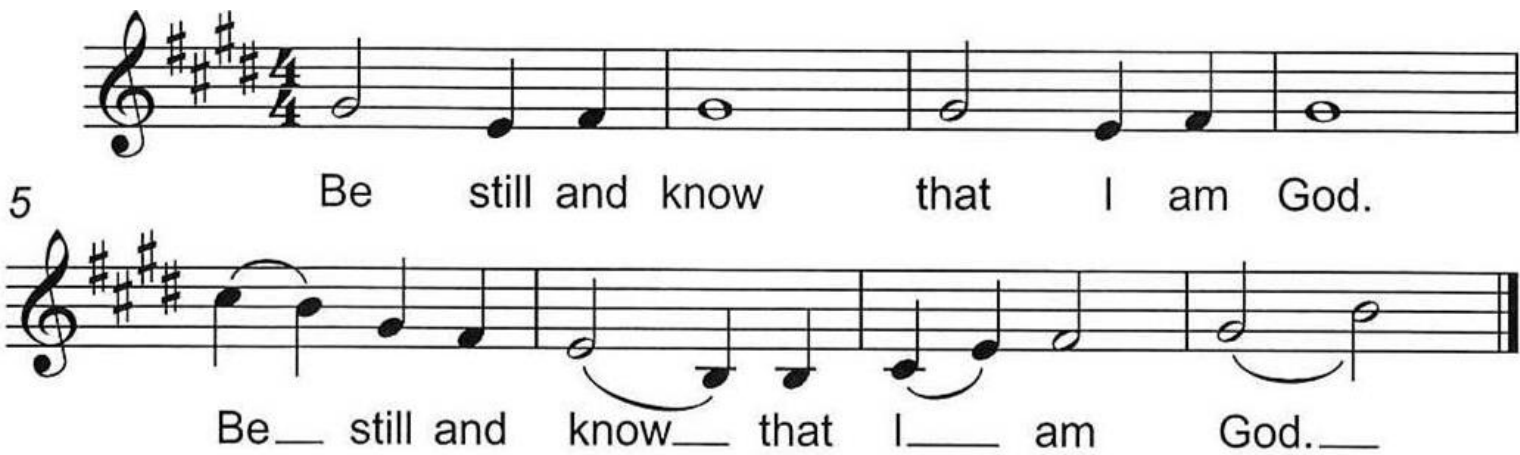
Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie Eleison (Lord, have mercy) Todd Wilson

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

The Assurance of Pardon:
**As the prophet Isaiah proclaims, “The earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the
waters cover the sea.” This sure vision is ours. Let us embrace God’s promise. Amen.**

All sing first time. Second time: low voices, begin; upper voices begin 1 measure later.



Anthem

G. F. Handel (from *Messiah*)

“Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion!”
Lara Troyer, soprano

Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word

Children’s Moment

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

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

* Hymn No. 106

“Prepare the Way, O Zion”

Scripture Passages

Isaiah 11:1-10 (page 558); Matthew 3:1-12 (page 784)

Peg Weissbrod

After the readings

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Veronica R. Goines

“God’s Stump Children: A Message of Hope”

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

G. F. Handel (from *Messiah*)

“And the Glory of the Lord”

*Response

We give thee but thine own, whate’er the gift may be,
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

* Prayer of Dedication

Going Forth to Live as God’s People

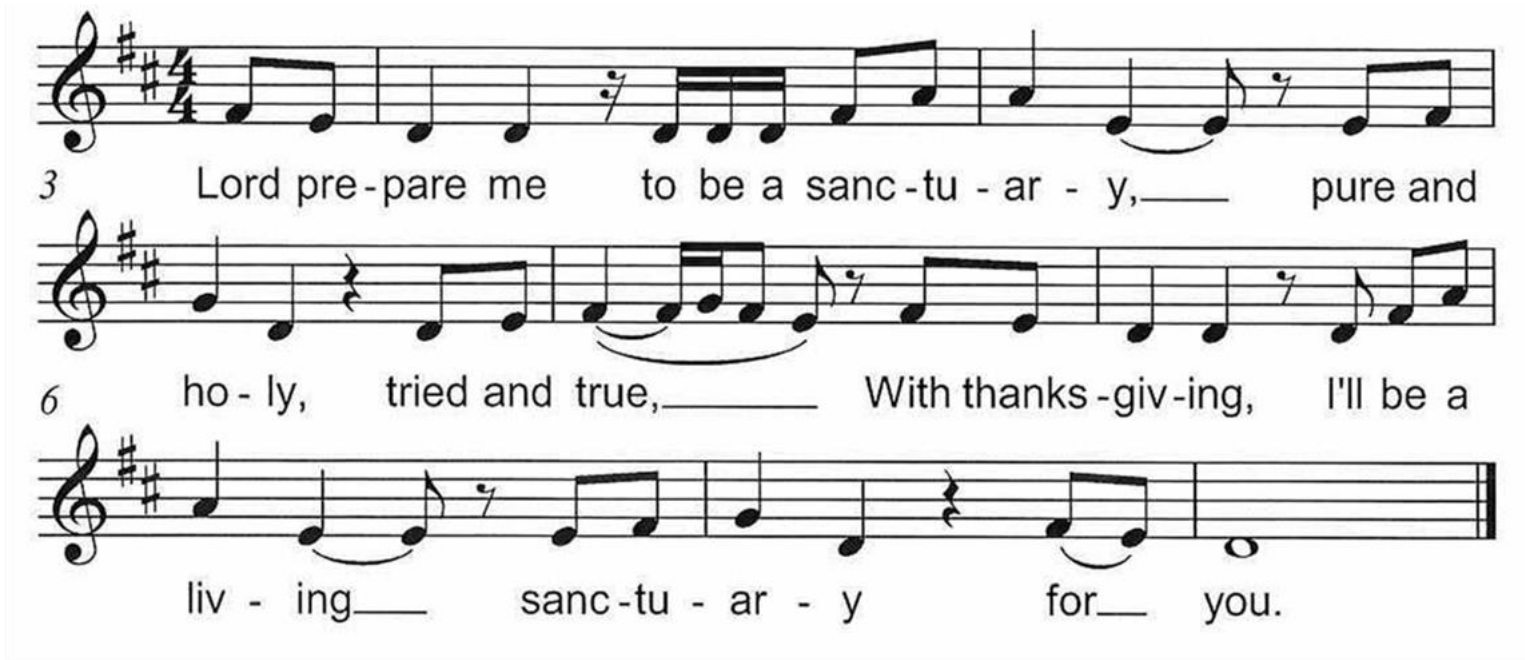
* Closing Hymn No. 76

“Do Not Be Afraid”

* 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

J. S. Bach

“Come, Savior of the Gentiles”

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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:

Paula and husband Tom Harvey in loving memory of Paula’s parents George and Ginny Bodwell, Tom’s parents Mary and Robert Harvey and Paula’s sister Julie Bodwell Welsh.

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, Mary Ann Breisch, Kathy Carr, Mark Davidson, David Hunter, Joanna Klingenstein, Keith Logan, the Loughridge family, Grace Uhle, and Carolyn Vrtunski.

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: All Church Care Group will assist our pastors in meeting members’ needs during **December**. 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, Elaine Turley**.

Thank you, Deborah Erwin and Robyn Hales, head ushers, along with Mark Wedell and the rest of today’s usher team.

Thank you, all office volunteers: Ellen McChesney, Cathy Ghiandoni, Lynda Bernays and Anne Smith. You are appreciated!

Thank you, sound board team: David Bell, Bader Boland 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.

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

Register for the upcoming Adult Education class, studying 1 Samuel, today with Pat Seeders before or after service in South Hall. Class will begin January 5.

Christmas Angels for Boulevard School: There were some ornaments that were taken but not signed out. **If you took one of these ornaments please see Barb Hansen by the Christmas tree after church.** We need to know that all the gifts will be purchased, wrapped and returned to church by **December 15** at the latest. Thank you for supporting the Boulevard Angels.

The Sine Nomine Choir will rehearse after worship.

Happy Birthday, Pastor Veronica R. Goines!

THIS WEEK

Bible and Bagels (Bible Study) discusses next Sunday’s texts on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 am to 8:30 am The lessons for this week are: **Isa. 35:1-10; Ps. 146: 5-10; Luke 1:46b-55; James 5:7-10 and Matt. 11:2-11.**

NEXT WEEK

Adult Education (Advent 3) at 9:30 am located in South Hall. Pastor Goines, Pastor Lentz, Pat Jenkins and Tom Zych will lead a panel discussion on the lectionary text for Advent. Audience participation is always encouraged and everyone is welcome!

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! Classes are offered on **December 14 and 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.**

*****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. *****

The memorial service for Clyde Loughridge will be held today at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow.

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.**

Our Family Home Center/ Labre Gifts and Gloves

The ministry of Justice and Mission is looking to raise \$550 to give presents to 57 children at Our Family Home Center in East Cleveland, Ohio. Your financial support will allow us to provide gloves and a small gift for our friends and neighbors at OFHC. With your help, we can reach our goal of distributing over 100 gifts for families in need this Christmas. Please visit our table located in Fellowship Hall before or after service to place your donation in the box. **For more information please contact Jennifer Blakeney (216-526-8744), Ajah Hales (216-401-3412) or Jessica Kelley (410-562-1797).**

Adult Education's Advent Program

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

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.

Pacesetter Christmas Party -All are welcome!

Saturday, December 14 – 7:00 pm at the Bell's (3040 Scarborough Rd., Cleveland Hts.)

Join with friends (old and new) as we welcome the season, sharing food and fellowship. No gifts. Please bring: an appetizer, beverage, or a dessert to share, along with an item or two for the food pantry donation box. Some soft drinks will be provided. RSVPs are not necessary (because this group is just that good!) **Questions? Call Chris or Dave Bell at 216-932-6992.**

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 and 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.

Please join our knitting, sewing and crocheting group, "Fiber and Fellowship". The next meeting dates are: **December 10 at 10 am and December 14 at 9 am.** Please contact **Carol (216-598-9730)** or **Chris (chris3040@aol.com)** for more details.

Youth Christmas Party

Joy to the World! Please mark your calendars for our upcoming FHC Youth Christmas Party on Sunday, **December 15 from 5 pm - 7:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall. We will celebrate the birth of our Heavenly Father with decorations, dinner, cake, eggnog, fellowship, music and karaoke, and more games! Happy Birthday, Jesus!

Poinsettia Order form – 2019

Orders are due by December 20 at 8 am

Once again we will be adorning the sanctuary with poinsettias during Advent. The cost is \$15.00 each and you can purchase one or more to take home with you after Christmas Eve Candlelight service, or leave them to be delivered to our home bound members.

If you wish to contribute, Please let Antoinette Richardson know and forward your payment to the Church office.

Linda Martin

Worship Ministry

Name: _____

Phone or email: _____

Number of poinsettias @ \$15 each _____

Would you like to donate or take the arrangement? _____

Dedication: in memory of, in honor of, in thanksgiving for, to celebrate WHOM or WHAT.

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).**

Volunteer Opportunities

The following are ways in which you can help Leonor and her family as needed:

1. Picking up Leonor and/or the boys when they need to come to Cleveland from Akron
2. Taking Leonor and the boys back to Akron
3. Providing meals when the family is in Cleveland
4. Providing activities for Luis Mario (8) and Adan (6) during the day and evenings when they are in Cleveland
5. Overnight stays with the family at the church
6. Food preparation with Leonor for special events (she is trying to earn money by cooking and selling her food and by catering events)
7. Transport of food from our food pantry to Leonor every week

If you are interested in becoming a part of this effort, please contact Charity Stock at charityrmcdonald@gmail.com. Your name will be added to the Sign up Genius list and you will be contacted as needed. Thank you for your continued support! -FHC Immigration Task Force

The 2020 Homeless Stand Down is scheduled for **Saturday, January 11** and once again FHC will field a team of personal shoppers for the morning shift. **If you want to join our team, simply email Jack Breisch at jackbreisch@gmail.com.** Come and take part in a very gratifying experience!

“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).**

Calendar: December 8-15

<p>Sunday, December 8: Advent 2-Happy Birthday Pastor Goines 11:00 am Worship and Children’s Worship 12:00 pm Coffee and Conversation Fair Trade Bazaar Sine Nomine Rehearsal 3:00 pm Memorial Service for Clyde Loughridge (reception will follow) 7:00 pm Promises on Sunday</p> <p>Monday, December 9: 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 December 10: 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</p> <p>Wednesday, December 11: 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</p>	<p>Thursday, December 12: 8:00 am TOWER submission deadline 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, December 13: 10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand</p> <p>Saturday, December 14: 9:00 am Fiber and Fellowship 12:00 am VA Anniversary 1:30 pm Yoga (Small Plates) 6:30 pm Group/Hilltoppers Party 7:00 pm Pacesetters Party</p> <p>Sunday, December 15: Advent 3-Lessons and Carols 9:15 am Childcare begins 9:30 am Adult Education-Panel Discussion 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 Lisa Koops Book Discussion Pageant Dress Rehearsal 5:00 pm Youth Christmas Party 7:00 pm Promises on Sunday</p>
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Rev. David Wigger, Interim Dir. of Family, Youth & Children’s Ministries
Tara Beverly, Youth Leader
Anne Wilson, Director of Music

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"PARENTING MUSICALLY"

BOOK TALK

DR. LISA KOOPS

After worship on Sunday, December 15,
come hear Dr. Lisa Huisman Koops
(FHC Elder and Professor of Music Education
at Case Western Reserve University)
speak about her newly published book:
"Parenting Musically"

This book serves to highlight the multi-
faceted nature of families' engagement in
music, and shares implications for families,
and community members.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

12:30PM • FHC SOUTH HALL

light refreshments provided

Donate Blood in memory of



The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.™

Connie Reynolds

Connie Reynolds was a giving person who always helped others. During her five-year battle with cancer she received several blood products. Her family wants to honor her by giving back to those in need. They invite the community to give blood in memory of Connie and help ensure blood is available for patients in need this holiday season.

Blood Drive **Reynolds Family Drive** **Forest Hill Church**

South Hall
3031 Monticello Blvd.
Cleveland, OH 44118

Sunday, December 22, 2019
12:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

To make your life saving appointment, please call 1-800 RED-CROSS
or go to RedCrossBlood.org today.



Give a gift, get a gift. Come to give Dec. 19-Jan. 5 for an
exclusive Red Cross long-sleeved T-shirt, while supplies last!

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