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Name: Violet mae majot Age: Six



Name: Lucas Age: 9



Name: Lillian Age:

Forest Hill Church Service of Worship

December 15, 2019 at 11:00 am

Advent 3-Lessons and Carols

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

Prayer of Preparation

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, yet in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Lord enters in.

Welcome

* Processional Hymn No. 140 “Once in Royal David’s City”
St. 1 Julia Koops, soloist
St. 2 choir
* St. 3 and 4—all stand and sing
**please stand as able*

Lighting of the Advent Candle 3 Charity, Ahren, and Emmett Stock
"Let us walk in the light of the Lord"

Lesson 1: *The Lamb*, by William Blake read by Gavin Webster
Carol: Polish carol
“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”
St. 1 Descant and Sine Nomine choirs; St. 2 congregation, seated

Lesson 2: *Luke 1: 26-38* read by Carolyn Smith
Carol: “The Seven Joys of Mary”
English Carol

Lesson 3: *Luke 2: 8-20* read by Marina Grant
Carol: “Gloria”
Spanish Carol, arr. Pablo Sosa

Lesson 4: *Mary, Pondering* (from the Iona Community) read by Sydney Ball
Carol: “The Annunciation”
John Bertalot

Lesson 5: *Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7* read by Vaughn Ullom
*Carol No. 141: “On This Day Earth Shall Ring”

Lesson 6: *O Lord, You Were Born*, by Ann Weems read by Ralph Dise
Carol: “The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy”
African/Caribbean spiritual, arr. David Blackwell

Lesson 7: *John 1: 1-5, 9-14* read by Rev. Dr. Veronica R. Goines
Carol: “Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree”
Elizabeth Poston

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 Jason Krug
“In Dulcijubilo”

*Prayer of Dedication

Benediction Tara Beverly
On the eve of Christmas hatred will vanish;
On the eve of Christmas the earth will flourish;
On the eve of Christmas war will be gone;
On the eve of Christmas love will be born.
When we offer a glass of water to a thirsty person,
It is Christmas.
When we clothe a naked person with a gown of love,
It is Christmas.
When we wipe the tears from weeping eyes,
It is Christmas.
When in my heart I no longer want to stay apart,
It is Christmas.
When I am buried in the being of God,
It is Christmas.
Sabeel Liberation Theology Center, Jerusalem

* Carol No. 119
“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

* The Commission and Blessing Rev. David Wigger

* Passing of the Peace

Postlude J. S. Bach
“In Dulcijubilo”



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:

David and Anne Hunter in memory of their mothers, Helen Hunter and Gwen Stephenson.

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, and the Loughridge family.

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 head ushers, Deborah Erwin and Robyn Hales, along with 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.

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.

We thank our Advent trumpeters, Ahren Stock and Scott Lafferty.

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. 7:10-16; Ps. 80: 1-7,17-19; Rom. 1:1-7; Matt. 1:18-25.**

NEXT WEEK

Adult Education (Advent 3) at 9:30 am located in South Hall. Mr. Lavert Stuart, who has been a guest organist at our church, will share his knowledge of music for the Advent season. All are 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! Last class to join: **December 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. *****

Stewardship Campaign Update:

As of December 9, 2019, we received 184 pledges for a total amount of \$707,915.00. This represents approximately 87% of our 2020 budget of \$810,000. We are almost there! If you have not yet submitted your pledge or would like to increase your pledge, there is still time to do so. You can bring your pledge card to church and submit it during Offertory. If you can't find your pledge card, there are extra pledge cards in the pews. Finally, you can mail your pledge card to:

Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian
3031 Monticello Blvd,
Cleveland Heights, OH 44118

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).**

Mark Chupp, Sharon Shumaker and family are going to be volunteering at the Arizona/Mexico border with Frontera de Cristo, a Presbyterian Border Mission Project the week of **December 16.** There is a need for winter clothing such as coats, scarves, mittens and hats. The desert is quite cold at night this time of year and many people do not have adequate outerwear. If you have gently used items you would like to donate please let Sharon know soon (they leave on the 14th). **You can contact Sharon: sms2924@gmail.com to make arrangements to get the items from you.** They could also use four suitcases that you do not want back.

America's Vigil to #EndGunViolence

This December Americans across the nation will commemorate more than 700,000 Americans killed or wounded by guns. This December Americans across the nation will commemorate more than 700,000 Americans killed or wounded by guns since the Sandy Hook shooting tragedy. Under the leadership of The Newtown Foundation and co-sponsored by nearly all of America's gun violence prevention organizations, more than 90 vigils are scheduled so far. The Cleveland area vigil is presented by “God Before Guns” at:

7:00 pm, Tuesday, December 17
St. Mark’s Presbyterian Church
22111 Chagrin Boulevard
Beachwood, OH 44122

This event is free and all are welcome! We will remember and we will act.

Poinsettia Order form – 2019

Orders are due by December 20 at 8 am

Once again we will be adorning the sanctuary with poinsettias. 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).**

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

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.

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

Please join our knitting, sewing and crocheting group, "Fiber and Fellowship". The next meeting: **December 24 at 9 am.** Please contact **Carol (216-598-9730) or Chris (chris3040@aol.com)** for more details.

Longest Night Service - in the Great Hall of Church of the Saviour, 2537 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights, on Saturday, **December 21 at 5 pm.** People experiencing any kind of loss or difficulty during the holidays are most welcome. The planning team has woven comforting, healing elements into a beautiful liturgy that includes communion. All are welcome.

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!

CALLING ALL PACESETTERS! IT IS TIME TO PLAN FOR 2020!

What is a Pacesetter? Pacesetters began 35 years ago (or so) as a social group of 20-30 year olds at Forest Hill. Pacesetters, (now 50 -70 somethings) includes a mix of long-time and brand-new members and visitors, singles and couples, folks with kids or not who gather throughout the year for a variety of activities, both social and service-related.

All are Welcome to the 2020 Pacesetters Planning Party, hosted by Scott and Sue Lafferty.

When: Saturday, January 25 at 7 pm

Where: 1969 Bromton Drive, Lyndhurst

Bring along your ideas of activities you would like to join in with the Pacesetters along with an appetizer, salad, beverage or dessert to share. Some soft drinks and juices will be provided. No RSVP necessary! As we seek to be the Welcoming Community, we encourage long time Pacesetters to greet a new member or visitor and bring them along with you on January 25. AND new members or visitors to Forest Hill to take a chance and Come and See what the fellowship of this group looks like! You won't be disappointed! **Questions or directions, call Sue 440-669-4885 or Scott @ 440-429-2937 or email swlaff@sbcglobal.net.**

“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 15-22

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| <p>Sunday, December 15: Advent 3-Lessons and Carols</p> <p>9:15 am Childcare begins</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Education</p> <p> Youth Education</p> <p> Pageant Dress Rehearsal</p> <p> Descant Choir</p> <p>10:10 am Pathways</p> <p>10:30 pm Continental Breakfast</p> <p> Chancel Choir</p> <p>11:00 am Worship and Children's</p> <p> Worship</p> <p>12:00 pm Coffee and Conversation</p> <p> Lisa Koops Book Discussion</p> <p> Pageant Dress Rehearsal</p> <p>5:00 pm Youth Christmas Party</p> <p>7:00 pm Promises on Sunday</p> <p>Monday, December 16:</p> <p>6:00 pm AA: Progress not Perfection</p> <p>7:00 pm Al Anon: Now There's Hope</p> <p> OA Big Book Meeting</p> <p>7:30 pm AA: Borton Group</p> <p>Tuesday December 17:</p> <p>10:00 am Fiber and Fellowship</p> <p>12:00 pm Abundance Pantry</p> <p> Registration</p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise</p> <p> Bulletin and Email Deadline</p> <p>7:00 pm Black History Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday, December 18:</p> <p>7:30 am Bible and Bagels</p> <p>12:00 pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>12:30 pm Wednesday Women's Group</p> <p>7:00 pm Speak Life Bible Study</p> <p> Session Meeting</p> <p> TransFamily East Meeting</p> | <p>Thursday, December 19:</p> <p>1:30 pm English Country Dance</p> <p>5:00 pm Fitness Fusion Exercise</p> <p>6:20 pm —Voices in Bronze</p> <p>7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>Friday, December 20:</p> <p>10:00 am Al Anon: Hand in Hand</p> <p>5:00 pm Last day to order Poinsettias</p> <p>Saturday, December 21:</p> <p>1:30 pm Yoga (Small Plates)</p> <p>Sunday, December 22: Advent 4</p> <p>9:15 am Childcare begins</p> <p>9:30 am Adult Education</p> <p> Youth Education</p> <p> Pageant Dress Rehearsal</p> <p> Descant Choir</p> <p>10:10 am Pathways</p> <p>10:30 pm Continental Breakfast</p> <p> Chancel Choir</p> <p>11:00 am Worship and Children's</p> <p> Worship</p> <p>12:00 pm Coffee and Conversation</p> <p> Blood Drive</p> <p> Pick up your TOWER</p> <p>7:00 pm Promises on Sunday</p> |
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Rev. Dr. Veronica R. Goines, Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr., Co-Pastors
Rev. David Wigger, Interim Dir. of Family, Youth & Children's Ministries
Tara Beverly, Youth Leader
Anne Wilson, Director of Music

Worship Notes

Lined area for writing notes.

Donate Blood in memory of **Connie Reynolds**



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

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!

American Red Cross

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

The Labre Thanksgiving Meal at Our Family Home Center was a great success thanks to the following people who paid for the turkeys, cooked the turkeys, provided all the sides and desserts, served the meal, and worked the kitchen. Our neighbors in East Cleveland were most appreciative of the work and generosity. Many remarked how grateful they were not only for the delicious meal but also for our presence. Whatever wasn't served on Thanksgiving was served the following Thursday at the weekly meal. Over 250 meals in total were provided. Thank you all!!

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| Melanie Alban | Betsy Andrews |
| Scott Berry | Jennifer Blakeney |
| Ben Breisch | Jack Breisch |
| Mary Ann Breisch | Sarah Breisch |
| Kay Dunlap | Henry Dyke |
| Jeff Dyke | Margaret Dyke |
| Kathryn Eloff | Cindy Fink |
| Suzanne Fitzpatrick | Anna Marie Geiger |
| Margy Glaros | Mike Glaros |
| Mariana Grant | Lil Hauser |
| Chris Henry | Mary Hosier |
| Kate Jaycox | Kemp Jaycox |
| Morag Keefe | Judy Killea |
| Scott Lafferty | Sue Lafferty |
| Linda Ryan | Sandy Schultz |
| Bob Scott | Frederica Scott |
| Holly Scott | Steve Sedam |
| Debbie Smith | Jeff Smith |
| Jenny Smith | Nonie Stack |
| Lara Troyer | Lisa Vahey |
| Sally Wile | Ann Williams |
| Diane Woodbridge | Tom Zych |