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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive and welcoming

Service of Worship
May 7, 2017 at 11:00 am
Celebration of Holy Communion

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.

This morning we celebrate the Eucharist (the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion) by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup).

We also provide a gluten-free alternative. After receiving the elements you may come to the railing to receive a blessing from the pastors.

Prayer of Preparation

God, Beloved Shepherd, Guardian of our souls, we come to listen for your familiar voice. Call to us above the noise of our lives. Gather us in from our comings and goings. Feed us in the pastures of your love and lead us to abundant life. Amen.

Welcome

Prelude

arr. Sondra Tucker

"O Come, Little Children"

Voices in Bronze

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Elder Scott Lafferty

Leader: Come in, all who are tired and thirsty.

People: The Good Shepherd leads us to grassy meadows and restful waters.

Leader: Come in, all who are anxious and afraid.

People: The Good Shepherd protects us and leads us through dark valleys.

Leader: Come in, all who are empty and exhausted.

People: The Good Shepherd fills our lives with goodness and faithful love.

Leader: Come in, to be refreshed, to rest, and to receive.

People: The Good Shepherd has brought us here.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*** Processional Hymn No. 401**

“Gather Us In”

**please stand if able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Loving Shepherd, you lead us along right paths and give us abundant life. Still, we resist your call. We want to be in control; we wish to determine our own direction. Forgive us when we ignore your voice and turn away. Bring us back into your fold through the gates of your redeeming love.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

John Merbecke

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Assurance of Pardon

*** Alleluia**

Jeannette Sorrell

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Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

John 10: 1-10

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

After the reading

Leader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

"A Dinna Ken"

*** Hymn No. 507**

"Come to the Table of Grace"

Ritual of Friendship

Offering

Offertory

Graham Kendrick

"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"

Chris Vandall, steel drums

*** 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**

Eucharist

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayers of the People

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.

Communion of the People

Music during Communion

Jonathan Moyer

“Open My Eyes”

Prayer after Communion

Thank you for sharing your life and love with us. Now strengthen us to be your lively and loving people. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit to bring good news to the poor and lift blind eyes to sight, to loose the chains that bind and claim your blessing for all people. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.

Going Forth to Live as God's People

*** Closing Hymn No. 515**

“I Come with Joy”

*** Commission and Blessing**

*** Choral Benediction**

Cambodia

“Now I Know”

Descant Choir; Linnea Koops, cantor

*** Passing of the Peace**

“Crown Imperial March”



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.

Please join us in wearing a name tag so that we might greet you. Our ushers have hearing devices, large print editions of the bulletin, activity bags for children staying in worship, and directions to our nursery for babies and young children.

Notes & Announcements

Chancel Flowers: Today’s flowers are given by Charlotte McCumber, Susan Morehouse and Gregory Currie in loving memory of their parents, Bill and Kay Currie, on their wedding anniversary; and by the Koops family in honor of their grandparents.

Prayers are requested this week for: Melanie Alban, Max Harmon, Patricia Jenkins, Florence Klein, Wafa Kuri, Tracy Long, Robert Ruggeri, George Sentell, Dorothy Turick and Pat Weissbrod.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Marge Drollinger, Emma Jane Gibbs, Iris and Al Gilbert, Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Margie Stauffer, Elaine Tapié, and Lorian Thomas.

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.

Welcome to the newest members of the FHC family – Mavis Gantner, daughter of Brynn Keefe and George Gantner and sister of Lillian, born April 28, 2017; and **Lucas Roberto Waynik,** son David and Amy Fuller Waynick, also born April 28. Mavis is the granddaughter of Morag and Tom Keefe, and Lucas is the grandson of Chris and Dan Fuller.

Today Is Hunger Sunday: Any cash or checks in envelopes marked Hunger will be used 100% for support of hunger programs. Each month we send the money to the Hts. Emergency Food Cupboard (Disciples Church, Cleveland Hts.), the New Covenant Lutheran Church Hunger Center (East Cleveland), the Presbyterian Hunger Program in Haiti, and Forest Hill Church's Abundance Pantry.

Care Group: The Jordan Care Group is responsible for assisting the clergy in meeting members' needs during May. 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 leaders.

Coming Up

TODAY

What Makes Forest Hill Church Tick?: Visitors and anyone else who would like to learn more about FHC are invited to meet with Pastor Lentz and the Church Growth Team in the transept (the pews facing into the center of the sanctuary) on the Lee Blvd side after worship for an introduction to the ministry and mission of Forest Hill Church.

Softball: Today we play New Life at 3:15 on FH Park Field #5.

It's the May Cabaret! All are invited to a fun-filled evening of intergenerational entertainment this evening – supper (prepared by Morag Keefe) at 6:15, show at 7, in Fellowship Hall. Highlights will include “Be Kind to Your Parents” (Descant Choir), “The Blue Danube” (Voices in Bronze), the debut of the Heineman/ Vandall/ Reinhardt jazz trio, and a “Songs of Favorite Places” contest. Bring the family, bring a friend!

THIS WEEK

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are: **Acts 7: 55-60; Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2: 2-10; John 14: 1-14.**

Bible and Bagels discusses next Sunday's text(s) on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 to 8:30. All are welcome!

Leadership Retreat, May 13: All leaders of the church – staff, ministry members, elders, deacons, group-conveners, committee chairs, anyone who leads anything at FHC – are invited and encouraged to attend an All-Leadership Planning and Review Retreat on May 13 from 9 am-12 pm in Fellowship Hall. We will share and celebrate what we have done over the past year as well as look ahead toward what comes next.

The Group, May 13: Planning Dinner at the Khourys', 6:30 pm. See the **TOWER** for details and RSVP to Zivile Khoury (440-461-8235 or zivile@gmail.com)

Iris Circle, May 16: Potluck Lunch and Bible study, 11:30 am. See the **TOWER** for details.

Pacesetters, May 20: Work Day at Transplant House of Cleveland. See the **TOWER** for details.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education, 9:30 in South Hall Tom Zych and Kathryn Eloff will begin a 3-week series on "How Christians Disagree."

Labre Project

Warm, gently-used clothing and accessories – coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, blankets for men, women and children – are appreciated for the Labre Project in East Cleveland. Please leave donations in the bin in Fellowship Hall.

LOOKING AHEAD

Pilgrimage to Washington D.C., July 22-24: Information has been emailed and is available in the foyer about this trip to tour the Smithsonian's new National Museum of African American History and Culture. **Reservations are due May 15.** Go to <https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/db5775> for an on-line registration form. More information is on p. 16-17.

Habitat for Humanity: Apostles Build Project – For the 3rd year, Forest Hill Church will working with other area churches to fund the rehabilitation of a house in the Stockyards area on the west side. We have committed to providing volunteers on 3 days – June 10, Neighborhood spruce up day; July 22, Build Day; and August 10, Build Day. Please contact Nathan Baldwin ([330-705-7904](tel:330-705-7904) or n.baldwin.usaf@gmail.com) for more information, or look for the Habitat bulletin board in the foyer near the sanctuary.

Graduations: Is someone in your family graduating this spring? Please let the office know who is graduating from where; notes about future plans are welcome.

Youth News

Every Sunday Mid and Sr High classes meet from 9:30 – 10:30 am.

Today Discussion in the Ruah Rm: Dating and Relationships, 12:15 - 2 pm.

Calendar: May 7-14, 2017

Sunday, May 7

9:00 am Child care begins
9:30 am Adult Education
Youth Education
Descant Choir
10:15 am Descant Choir activity
10:30 am Continental Breakfast
Chancel Choir
11:00 am WORSHIP: Communion
Children's Worship class
*Pathways children will attend church
with their families*
12:15 pm Coffee and Conversation
Visitors' Q&A
Youth: Dating & Relationships
6:15 pm May Cabaret – supper
7:00 pm May Cabaret - Show

Monday, May 8

6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)
7:00 pm Al Anon
7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)
Boy Scout Troop 403

Tuesday, May 9

1:00 pm Abundance Pantry
5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class

Wednesday, May 10

7:30 am Bible & Bagels
12:30 pm Wed. Women's AA
7:00 pm Ministries meet

Thursday, May 11

5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, May 12

7:00 am TOWER deadline

Saturday, May 13

9:00 am Leadership Retreat
6:30 pm The Group: Khourys'

Sunday, May 14

9:00 am Child care begins
9:30 am Adult Education
Youth Education
Descant Choir
10:15 am Descant Choir activity
Session mtg
10:30 am Continental Breakfast
Chancel Choir
11:00 am WORSHIP: Baptism
Children's Worship class
11:15 am Pathways to the Promise Land
12:15 pm Coffee and Conversation

Staff Emails

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From the Rev. Rachel McDonald:

Thank you to all who have recently celebrated with me, either through attending my ordination or blessing me with such generous financial gifts. I am grateful for the FHC community and all you offer! I have learned how to serve God better through you. May you continue to abound in showing hospitality and God's love to others.

July 22-24th

Join us on a trip to Washington DC!

The Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture opened last year and we have tickets for July 23. We will leave on Saturday, July 22 and return on Monday, July 24.

The cost per person is \$376.00. This includes bus fare, tickets to the museum, hotel for 2 nights at the Hampton Inn in Alexandria VA (double occupancy; adjustments will be made for single or more than 2 people per room), and most meals (2 breakfasts, 2 dinners and 1 lunch).

**NOTE: If the bus is not full, the price will increase to \$400
The additional cost will be collected
after reservations are received.**

To make a reservation:

- Fill out a registration form: Paper copies are available in the foyers and on the back of the bulletin; it is also available on line (<https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/db5775>). This link has been in several recent emails.
- Make your checks payable to Forest Hill Church (\$100 deposit per person, or full payment)
- Put *Washington Trip* on the memo line
- Mail or otherwise deliver to the church office
- Your registration is confirmed when we have both the form and payment (partial or full)

We have ordered several children's tickets (17 and under) – now would be a great time to take the kids or grandchildren.

A tour of Frederick Douglas' home is included in the trip.

If you have any questions, please contact Barb Cloud (216-321-9112 or faithleader52@yahoo.com).

More information about the museum is available at <https://nmaahc.si.edu/>

**RESERVATIONS with form plus full payment or deposit
ARE DUE MAY 15 ~~ FULL PAYMENT IS DUE JUNE 1**

Washington trip reservation form: July 22-24, 2017

Name of person making reservations _____

Cell phone _____

Email _____

Names of additional people (if any) included in this reservation (age if under 17):

Roommate information

All people on this form will share a room

I will room with _____

I don't have a roommate. If there is another person who needs a roommate, please put me in touch with that person.

I'd like a single room (up to \$150 additional cost).

Number of reservations @ \$376 per person: _____

Total amount due: _____

Amount enclosed (\$100/person or full payment): _____

I understand that the trip may be cancelled if not enough reservations are received by May 15. I also agree to pay the additional cost of \$25/person if the bus is not completely filled.

Signature of person responsible for reservation(s) on this form.

This page, **with payment**, confirms your reservation(s).