

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, July 20:

- Tech Table at 11 am.

Thursday, July 24:

- University Heights Symphonic Band Concert at 7:00 pm.

Sunday, July 27:

- Summer Choir rehearsal at 9:15 am.
- Labre Ministry Serving at North Church at 10:15 am.
- Exploring Membership at 11:00 am.

Friday, August 8:

- Pacesetters – Sunset and Socialize at 3:00 pm.

Information on all events are listed on the church website (www.fhcpresb.org), monthly TOWER located on the church information tables in the church hallways, and our digital and paper bulletin boards located outside of the sanctuary. You may also scan the QR code below.



Special thanks to Dean Sieck for his help in worship today.

Prayer Requests: To request prayers for a personal concern, please email the church office (office@fhcpresb.org).

Prayers are requested this week for: Jennifer Blakeney, Elsie Boyd, Janet Daur, Bob Dawson, Diane Doyle, Sheryl Dugard, Deborah Howard, Chuck and Jane Ishler, Kemp Jaycox (recent hospitalization), Jessica Owusu, Roz Peters, Ron Register, Joyce Senger, and Amy Wheatley.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Ron Klein, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Pat Musick, Grace Uhle and Warren Young.

Care Groups will assist our pastor with members' needs. Please call the church office to report an illness, hospitalization, family emergency, birth or death. Information will be passed on to the head of the Deacons.

The Deacon Card Ministry, with cards for all occasions, is available in Fellowship Hall most Sundays after worship. Deacon Nathaniel Martin will be happy to help you pick a card for someone who needs to hear from you and our church. Brighten someone's day with a reminder of our care.

Thank you, office volunteers: Joan Bacon, Lynda Bernays, Cathy Ghiandoni, Nancy Grube, and Kim Hill.

Thank you, Stream Team Volunteers! Anyone interested in helping stream Sunday services should contact Kurt Haas at kurt@dangereddy.com.

Please remember to leave your name tag in the appropriate column on the magnetic board outside Fellowship Hall before you leave today. You want it to be waiting for you next week!

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FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 20, 2025 – 10:00 AM



You may also join worship online using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DFslrXlu6yU>

****Please stand in body and/or spirit.***

Childcare is provided for children ages birth to five years from 9:45 am – 11:15 am in Rooms 201/203. Older children (ages 6+) join their families for summer worship in the sanctuary.

CENTERING WORDS

*“Perfection is the booby prize of life.”
– Rachel Naomi Remen, M.D.*

CENTERING MUSIC “Prelude” Henry Coleman

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP Dean Sieck

Come, all who hear God’s call – wanderers, seekers, pilgrims on the journey.

We come, trusting the One who calls us to go, not knowing the full path ahead.

God called Abraham and Sarah with a promise: “I will bless you... and you shall be a blessing.”

We are heirs of that promise, blessed so that we may bless others.

Let us follow in faith, responding to grace with grace.

We come to worship the God of all nations and those without nations.

Come, let us worship the God who calls, blesses, and sends!

*HYMN NO. 401 “Here in This Place/Gather Us In”
(vv. 1, 2, 4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the ceaseless call, we confess our wavering and tepid faith. We confess our desire to create you in our image, rather than allowing you to create us, anew every day, in yours. Forgive this blinding pride, and help us to see how we become our fullest, most beautiful selves only in you.

SILENCE

KYRIE HYMN NO. 456 “Listen, God Is Calling”

Leader All

Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,
Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,

of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.
ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

To participate in our online Friendship Register, please leave a comment in the Live Chat box listing the names of those participating in this morning’s Live Worship or email the office.

MUSIC “Be Thou My Vision” arr. Dan Forrest
Summer Choir

Ushers will collect prayer requests.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

Our Loving Parent, 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 kin-dom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

CALL TO GIVING

OFFERING

*By texting: 216-400-5300
You may give online with PayPal, credit or debit card:
www.fhcpresb.org
Or you may also mail a check to the church office*

OFFERTORY “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” Randy Travis

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, as we give today, remind us that we join in compassionate work: tending the weary, feeding the hungry, and proclaiming good news. With your blessing, may holy love be known in what we give and in how we live. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 12:1-3 (page 8)
Matthew 9:9-13,18-26 (page 790)

*HYMN NO. 693 “Though I May Speak/The Gift of Love”

SERMON “Starting Over”

*HYMN NO. 700 “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

*BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

*Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy,
tried and true; With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.*

DEPARTING MUSIC “Allegro” E. L. Ashford