



Forest Hill Church
presbyterian

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Baptism and Confirmation of
Lucas Gabriel Moyer Ryman**

July 26, 2026 ~ 10:00 am



You may also join worship online using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z5vYN8RAfg4>

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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Please take a moment, as you prepare for worship, to silence any electronic device(s) you may have with you.

Children of all ages join their families for worship on the lawn this morning; there is no indoor childcare today.

Asterisks () indicate standing in body and/or spirit.*

CENTERING WORDS

“Somewhere a world is waiting for your voice.” – Rainer Maria Rilke

CENTERING MUSIC

William H. Monk

“Abide with Me”

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Chenoa Stock

Jesus said, Take my yoke upon you and learn from me.

For I am meek and lowly in heart.

From divine meekness and lowliness we find rest for our souls.

For a sacred yoke is easy and a holy burden is light.

We have received the blessing of a calling.

And we are here to celebrate and give thanks!

***HYMN NO. 375**

“Shall We Gather at the River” (vv. 1, 3, 4)

PRAYERS

Let us all pray.

Creator and Lover of all that you have made, we have gathered as your people. We are here to worship and here to welcome. And we are glad that you have been waiting for us. Bless our time together, that we may take the blessing of this hour into your longing creation.

At the same time, we acknowledge before you and one another that we often fall short of your loving will, and so we pray now for the forgiveness of our sins, which we name silently in our hearts.

All are invited to a brief period of silent prayer.

Assured of your forgiveness when we truly repent, we are confident to pray as your Child taught us, saying,

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 forever and ever. Amen.

***PRAYER RESPONSE (HYMN NO. 740, refrain)**

Lead me, guide me, along the way,
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Alexander M. Peters

"Come Now to the Water"
FHC Family Choir

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

Brian Doerksen

"The River"
Brian Misch, guitar and voice

SCRIPTURE

James Ryman

Micah 6:8
*He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?*

Mark 12:29-31

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' And the second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

1 Corinthians 13:13

And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

AFTER THE READINGS

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

Thanks be to God.

***HYMN NO. 488**

"I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"

THE BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION OF LUCAS GABRIEL MOYER RYMAN

***HYMN NO. 493**

"Now There Is No Male or Female" (vv. 1, 3)

SERMON

"Letter to a Young Christian"

***HYMN NO. 298**

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission" (vv. 1, 2, 5)

***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

Louis Armstrong

"What a Wonderful World"

Special thanks to the following for their help in worship today:

*Elder Chenoa Stock, Karen Long, Elder Joe Frolik, Valeria Stutz, James Ryman,
Diane Moyer, Jeremy Ryman, Lucas Ryman, and Brian Misch*

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

Prayers are requested this week for: Greg Hall, Kathryn Himmelsteib, Deborah Howard, Jane Ishler, Ellie Linden, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Neal Kaminsky, Theresa Leonard, Linda Martin, Roz Peters, Joyce Senger, Kate Tzefronis, Doreen Underwood, Sharon Wiggins, Ann Williams, and Warren Young.

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!