

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, January 11:

- Contemplative Scripture Study at 4:00 pm.

Saturday, January 17:

- Visit to the Maltz Museum special exhibit with the Immigration Task Force at 1:00 pm.

Monday, January 19:

- Church office is closed due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Saturday, January 24:

- Pacesetters Planning Party at 6:30 pm.

Sunday, January 25:

- Labre Ministry serving at North Church at 10:15 am.
- Annual Congregational Meeting and Luncheon at 12:30 pm.
- Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC) meeting at 3:00 pm.

Information about events is listed on the church website calendar (<http://www.fhcpresb.org/calendar>), in our monthly newsletter, The Tower, and on our digital and paper bulletin boards located outside the sanctuary. Scan the QR code to link to the calendar on our website.



Donations for the Abundance Food Pantry:
Forest Hill Church operates a weekly food pantry to serve those in the community who could use some help with groceries. Monetary donations are always appreciated. You may donate here: <https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/foodpantrydonations>.



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

Prayers are requested this week for: Doris Bartlett, Janet Dauer, Bob Dawson, Deborah Howard, Chuck and Jane Ishler, Mark Le Master, Ellie Linden, Kitty McWilliams, Jessica Owusu, Roz Peters, Serena Shung, Joyce Senger, Carolyn Smith, Joel Tan, John Tan, Kate Tzeffronis, Doreen Underwood, Eileen Vizcaino, and Ann Williams.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Ron Klein, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, 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 First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 11, 2026 – 11:00 AM



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

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

Childcare is provided for children ages birth to 4 years from 10:45 am – 12:15 pm in Rooms 201/203. Children ages 5+ join their families for the opening moments of worship. Following the passing of the peace, children leave the sanctuary with their adult leaders to go to Sunday School.

CENTERING WORDS
“Our characters are revealed by how we treat those who can do nothing for us.” – church sign (attr.)

CENTERING MUSIC Michael Higgins
“Bunessan” (“Morning Has Broken”)

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT Ruth Duck
“Arise, Your Light Is Come”
Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Madelaine Matej MacQueen
In the beginning, God spoke, and creation came into being.
The Spirit moved over the waters, and life began.
In the Jordan River, God spoke again.
“This is my beloved One.”
In Christ, creation is renewed and life is made new.
We gather to worship the God who creates and re-creates us, every single day.

***HYMN NO. 138** “Who Would Think That What Was Needed”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of first creation and new beginnings, you call us to live as people born of heaven, yet we cling to imagined fears, old habits, and easy solutions. We forget that in Christ, you make no distinction—that your love flows freely, like the living water of the Jordan, for all your children. Wash us again in your mercy, restore in us the joy of your Spirit, and shape us as instruments of your peace.

SILENCE

KYRIE (HYMN NO. 434) “Restore in Us, O God” (v. 1)
*Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
Renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (NO. 586)** “Alleluia”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

MINUTE FOR MISSION Stewardship Ministry

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.

MUSIC Craig Courtney
“You Remain the Same”

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 Maria Theresia von Paradis
“Sicilienne”

***SONG OF DEDICATION**
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
God of abundance and the renewal of creation, receive these gifts as signs of our baptismal calling. Use them to heal what is broken, refresh what is weary, and proclaim your love to the ends of the earth. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Isaiah 42:1-9 (page 584)
Matthew 3:13-17 (page 784)

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”

SERMON “Creation and Re-Creation”

***HYMN NO. 463** “How Firm a Foundation” (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 Giovanni Gabrieli
“Sing to the Lord a New Song”

Special thanks to Madelaine Matej MacQueen for her help in worship today.

