

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We are yours, God, as are all our gifts. Use our offerings and ourselves for the advancement of your realm on earth. May justice, peace, and mercy grow because of what we do here and what our gifts do elsewhere. For your love's sake we ask this. Amen.

**\*HYMN NO. 697** "Take My Life"  
(v. 1 all, v. 3 high voices, v. 5 low voices, v. 6 all)

## \*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.*

**POSTLUDE** Yah/Conty  
"He Is King of Kings"

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, January 19:

- The congregation is invited to the special Immigration Task Force meeting in the sanctuary following worship.

### Monday, January 20:

- Church office will be closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

### Sunday, January 26:

- Annual Meeting following worship.

### Friday, January 31:

- "A Spanish Affair" presented by The Resonance Project in the FHC sanctuary at 7:30 PM. Contact Ying for more information.

*Information on all events are listed on the church website ([www.fhcpresb.org](http://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 use the QR code below.*



*Special thanks to Keith Logan for his help in leading worship today.*

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

**Prayers are requested this week for:** Janet Dauer, Dorothy Herd, Sonji Kenyatta, Ellen McChesney, Cate Monaghan, and Twanda Patterson.

**Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:** Kemp Jaycox, Ron Klein, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Pat Musick, Roz Peters, 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.

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

**Thank you, Stream Team Volunteers!** Anyone interested in helping stream Sunday services should contact Kurt Haas at [kurt@dangereddy.com](mailto:kurt@dangereddy.com).

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The Rev. Dr. Gene McAfee, Transitional Pastor  
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The Rev. Carol Wedell, Parish Associate



## FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

January 19, 2025 – 11:00AM

JUST DO IT

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

*\*Please stand if able*

### CENTERING WORDS

*“An old tradition sorts the difficulties we face in the life of faith into the categories of world, flesh and devil. We are, for the most part, well warned of the perils of the flesh and the wiles of the devil. Their temptations have a definable shape and maintain a historical continuity. That doesn’t make them any easier to resist; it does make them easier to recognize. The world, though, is protean: each generation has the world to deal with in a new form. World is an atmosphere, a mood. It is nearly as hard for a sinner to recognize the world’s temptations as it is for a fish to discover impurities in the water. There is a sense, a feeling, that things aren’t right, that the environment is not whole, but just what it is eludes analysis. We know that the spiritual atmosphere in which we live erodes faith, dissipates hope and corrupts love, but it is hard to put our finger on what is wrong.”*

– Eugene Peterson, *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Discipleship in an Instant Society* (1980)

### PRELUDE

Martin/Gabriel  
“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

### WELCOME

### CHORAL INTROIT

Manuel/Hezekiah  
“Keep the Dream Alive”  
Chancel Choir

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Keith Logan  
God’s steadfast love extends to the heavens.  
**God’s faithfulness touches the very clouds.**  
God’s righteousness is like mighty mountains,  
**God’s judgments are unfathomably deep.**  
You save humans and animals alike, O God.  
**Save us now, gathered for worship, open to your Spirit’s call.**

### \*HYMN NO. 51

“To Abraham and Sarah”

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy One, with you is undying love and eternal life. Forgive us for turning away from your love and your life. Forgive us for preferring smallness to greatness. Forgive us for the cowardice and thoughtlessness that imprisons us in conformity. Forgive us for the systemic sins in which we are complicit, and the secret sins known only to us and to you. In our asking is our trusting: forgive us, loving God.**

### SILENCE

### KYRIE (Hymn No. 576)

“Lord, Have Mercy”  
*Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

How precious is the steadfast love of God!  
**In that love we find forgiveness, strength, and new life!**

### \*HALLELUJAH! WE SING YOUR PRAISES (Hymn No. 538)

*Refrain:*  
**Hallelujah! We sing your praises,  
all our hearts are filled with gladness.  
Hallelujah! We sing your praises,  
all our hearts are filled with gladness.**  
*Verse 2: Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt;  
strong in faith, free of doubt, tell to all the joyful Gospel. [Refrain]*

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

### ANTHEM

Mark Miller  
“Roll Down Justice”  
**(Congregation please stand up and join in)**  
*Come, thou fount of ev’ry blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace  
Streams of justice, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love!  
Roll down, justice! Roll like an ever flowing stream, roll down!*

*Children are invited to leave the sanctuary with  
their adult leaders to go to Sunday School.*

*Ushers will collect prayer requests.*

### SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 62:1-4 (Page 604)  
John 2:1-11 (Page 863)

*After the reading*

The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### \*HYMN NO. 695

“Change My Heart, O God”

### SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Gene McAfee  
“Just Do It”

### 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.**

### 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.

### CALL TO GIVING

### OFFERING

By texting: 216-400-5300  
You may give online with PayPal, Credit or Debit Card:  
[www.fhcpresb.org](http://www.fhcpresb.org)  
Or you may also mail a check to the church office.  
Make Your Pledge for 2025 using the QR code below.



### OFFERTORY

“Andante” Franz Schubert