

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Sunday, January 25:

- Annual Congregational Meeting and Luncheon at 12:30 pm.
- Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC) meeting at 3:00 pm.

### Sunday, February 1:

- She Is Called: Women of the Bible at 9:15 am.
- One-woman presentation of acclaimed poet, writer, speaker, and thinker, Maya Angelou following worship.

### Sunday, February 8:

- Story hour and African drumming circle following worship.

### Sunday, February 15:

- Oral histories of members of our congregation following worship.

### Sunday, February 22:

- Jazz concert organized by our FHC member, Antoinette Franklin (saxophone), with local talent, followed by a dessert reception at 6:00 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](mailto: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, Linda Martin, Jessica Owusu, Roz Peters, Deedee Pim, Serena Shung, Joyce Senger, Carolyn Smith, Joel Tan, John Tan, Kate Tzeffronis, Doreen Underwood, Eileen Vizcaino, Ann Williams and the family of Ron Klein.

**Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:** Kemp Jaycox, 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](mailto: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 Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 25, 2026 – 11:00 AM



You may also join worship online using this link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dat8IWZLG2o>

***\*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**  
*“The trouble with deep belief is that it costs something. And there is something inside me, some selfish beast of a subtle thing that doesn’t like the truth at all because it carries responsibility, and if I actually believe these things I have to do something about them. It is so, so cumbersome to believe anything. And it isn’t cool.”*  
– Donald Miller, Blue Like Jazz: Nonreligious Thoughts on Christian Spirituality

**CENTERING MUSIC** César Franck  
“Chant de la Creuse”

**WELCOME**

**CHORAL INTROIT**  
“Jesus Calls Us”  
Chancel Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Ann Donkin  
At the shoreline of ordinary life, Jesus says to us:  
“**Follow me.**”  
In the places of sunlight and shadow, Jesus says to us:  
“**Follow me.**”  
Amidst the clamor of voices and pressing demands, Jesus says:  
“**Follow me.**”  
We have followed, and we are here to worship.  
**One step only, but one step on the way.**

**\*HYMN NO. 641** “When in Our Music God Is Glorified”  
(vv. 1, 2, 3, 5)

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
**God of life and light, you have seen our darkness and love us still. You have seen our weaknesses and love us still. You have seen our sins and love us still. Remind us of that unfailing love, that we may embrace it and be embraced by it, and thus be saved.**

**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**

**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** Mark Miller  
“I Believe”  
  
*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](http://www.fhcpresb.org)  
Or you may also mail a check to the church office*

**OFFERTORY**  
“Improvisation”

**\*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**  
**Generous God, from what you have provided we have returned a portion. Take what we have given so that your realm of peace with justice may grow from strength to strength. In Jesus’ name we ask this. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**  
Isaiah 9:1-4 (page 555)  
1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (page 926)  
Matthew 4:12-23 (page 785)

**AFTER THE READINGS**  
Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God’s people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN NO. 792** “There Is a Balm in Gilead”

**SERMON** “Ground Zero”

**\*HYMN NO. 539** “We Will Go Out with Joy”

**\*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** G. F. Handel  
“Hornpipe”  
  
*Special thanks to Ann Donkin for her help in worship today.*

