

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 26:

- Annual Meeting following worship.

Friday, January 31:

- Deadline for new name tag requests.
- "A Spanish Affair" presented by The Resonance Project in the FHC sanctuary at 7:30 pm. Tickets are available online at RMSeries.com or in Fellowship Hall after worship.

Sunday, February 2:

- Linger a while with Black History Education Committee after worship. They will dive into Race Action Network. Pizza and snacks will be provided.

Saturday, February 8:

- Fiber Fellowship meeting at 10 am.

Sunday, February 9:

- Linger a while with Black History Education Committee after worship. They will share reflections on *Born on the Water*. Pizza and snacks will be provided.

Sunday, February 16:

- Linger a while with Black History Education Committee and scholar Dr. Regennia Williams after worship. Lunch will be provided.

Sunday, February 23:

- Black History Education Committee: Soul Food Potluck at 4:00 pm.
- Black History Education Committee concert at 6 pm under the direction of Caleb Alexander Wright.

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 use the QR code below.



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

Prayers are requested this week for: Elsie Boyd, Janet Dauer, Bob Dawson, Sonji Kenyatta, Ellen McChesney, Cate Monaghan, and Mark Wedell.

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.

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The Rev. Dr. Gene McAfee, Transitional Pastor
Dr. Amy Wheatley, Dir. of Family, Youth & Children's Ministry
Dr. QinYing Tan, Director of Music
The Rev. Carol Wedell, Parish Associate



FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

January 26, 2025 – 11:00AM



You may also join worship online using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3yrvnbrdHpc>

**Please stand if able*

CENTERING WORDS

"I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy." – often attributed to Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941)

PRELUDE

"Andante" César Franck

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

Arr. John Bell
"God Welcomes All"
Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 119) Barb Hansen

God's word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

Give us life, O LORD, according to your word.

Accept our offerings of praise, Holy One, and teach us your ordinances.

Your decrees are our heritage forever; they are the joy of our heart.

*HYMN NO. 610 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (vv. 1, 2, 3, 5)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of timeless grace, with you is the power of joy. May our worship help us to prepare our lives for your arrival, whenever and however you choose to appear among us. Open our hearts and minds to all that is good, all that is right, all that is honorable, and all that is decent. Remind us that we are not alone. At the same time, we acknowledge that we fall short of your loving will, and so we ask you to hear us now, as we pray for the forgiveness of our sins, which we name in our hearts.

SILENCE

KYRIE (Hymn No. 576) "Lord, Have Mercy" *Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* 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

John Rutter
"For the Beauty of the Earth"

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

Ushers will collect prayer requests.

SCRIPTURE

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (Page 379)

After the reading

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN NO. 792

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Gene McAfee
"The Power of Joy"

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

Or you may also mail a check to the church office.

Make Your Pledge for 2025 using the QR code below.



OFFERTORY

Amy Grant
"Thy Word"
Madelaine Matej MacQueen, soprano

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

As we dedicate our gifts, Holy One, we ask for eyes to see our abundant blessings, hearts to express our gratitude, and hands willing to share. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 772

"Live into Hope"

*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

E.L. Ashford
"Allegro"

*Special thanks to Barb Hansen for her help in
leading worship today.*