

POINSETTIAS

- Chris and Dave Bell.
- Jennifer Blakeney, with gratitude for our church community.
- The Breisch Family, in loving memory of Benjamin Breisch, Shirley and John Breisch, and Ellarita and Jack Wolfe.
- Leslie and Lia Clement, in honor of their parents, Kenneth and Ruth Clement and in loving memory of their brother Michael C. Clement.
- John and Sheryl Dugard, in memory of their parents, John and Hazel Dugard, and Robert and Mildred Sinkler.
- Marina Grant, in memory of her parents, Mary and William Boyd, a hope for peace throughout the world in the coming year, in celebration of her family!
- Darlene Holt, in honor of her family and in celebration of the holiday season.
- The Hsu Family, in honor of Chris and Dave Bell.
- Anne Hunter, in memory of loved ones.
- Jane and Cliff Kowall, in honor of parents Walter and Elaine Grasson, and Paul and Dorothy Kowall.
- Sharon A. Leary, in dedication and memory of her cousin, Jimmer.
- Linda Martin, in memory of all we've lost this year.
- The Finn Family, in memory of loved ones.
- The Rev. Gene McAfee, in thanksgiving for FHC.
- Jeanette Nemcek, in gratitude for her family.
- Stephen Sedam, in honor of those devoted to diversity, equity and inclusion of all God's people.
- Anne and Jeff Smith, in thanksgiving for all the black and brown newcomers, overcoming tremendous hardships and extreme prejudice by the current administration, seeking security for their families, while improving the fabric of the principles this country was originally built upon through their love, dedication, and hard work.
- Nonie Stack, in honor of the dedicated staff of Forest Hill Church.
- The Hanna Stauffer Family, in thanks for our church community.
- The Gernerchak Wile Family, in memory of their parents Frank, Virginia, Ed, and Robin.

*Thank you to those who purchased poinsettias
that add beauty to our sanctuary.*

Please pick up your poinsettias following the worship service.

Church offices will be closed for Christmas.

Christmas Door Wreaths: Thank you, Hilltop Garden Club, for your donation!

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, Karen Loughridge, Jessica Owusu, Roz Peters, Ron Register, Serena Shung, Joyce Senger, Carolyn Smith, Joel Tan, John Tan, Kate Tzeffronis, Doreen Underwood, Eileen Vizcaino, Ann Williams, and the family of Elsie Boyd.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Kemp Jaycox, 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

Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2025 – 10:00 PM



You may also join worship online using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SEcZKodPo1U>

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

CENTERING MUSIC

CHORAL INTROIT Adolphe Adam
“O Holy Night”
Larissa Ungemach, soprano
Chancel Choir

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP Derry Stauffer
Tonight we gather to tell a story we never outgrow.
A story of love coming close.
Tonight we welcome a child born in a humble place.
A child who brings light to the world.
Tonight we come with joy and wonder, with questions
and hope, with families and friends.
We come to welcome Emmanuel—God with us.
Let us worship God, whose love is born among us
this night.
Thanks be to God!

***HYMN NO. 133** “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (vv. 1-3)

*Karen Long and Joe Frolik are lighting the Advent
candles this evening.*

COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS EVE
**Gracious God, on this holy night you chose the
humility of a stable and the wonder of a child to
reveal your love to the world.**

**As we gather with young and old, families and
friends, strangers and regulars, hopes and fears,
joys and expectations, open our hearts to the
good news of Emmanuel—God with us. Help us
to welcome your light, to trust your promise, and
to share your peace with a world longing for
hope.**

**As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we remember
that there are many places in our world and in
our lives where the holy child of Bethlehem is yet
to be born. Forgive all our failures to be bearers
of your light, makers of your peace, and signs of
your presence.**

**We ask this through Jesus Christ, the newborn
Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

MUSIC Dan Forrest
“Angels We Have Heard on High”

READING Isaiah 9:2-7 (page 555)

***HYMN NO. 126** “Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child”

READING Luke: 2:1-20 (page 833)

***HYMN NO. 134** “Joy to the World” (vv. 1, 2, 4)

HOMILY “The Story That Never Grows Old”

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

OFFERTORY Crouch/Schrader
“Soon and Very Soon”

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.**

***HYMN NO. 122** “Silent Night, Holy Night!”

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Felix Mendelssohn
“Heavens and Earth Display”

*Special thanks to Derry Stauffer
for his assistance in worship.*

***Please join us for cookies and milk
following the service in Fellowship Hall.***



***On New Year’s Eve, do you ever find yourself kind of tired
from all the busy-ness of the holidays, but still wanting to do
something to ring in the New Year?***

*Then bring your favorite party game, and your favorite dish
to share for a Multi-Generational Potluck Game Night here
at Forest Hill!*

*We will gather around 7:00 pm and starting at 9:00 pm we
will ring in the New Year each hour as it comes to different
time zones. This way, if you don’t want to stay until
midnight, you can still take part in a little bit of Happy New
Year Hoopla before you go home to get to bed at a decent
hour.*

*RSVPs are not necessary, but it would be helpful to get at
least a rough headcount. Please email Marcie Denton if you
plan to attend. Whether there are 5 of us or 50 of us, we will
definitely have a fun time. Hope you can join us!*