***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**

Let us all pray.

Bless us, God, and bless our gifts. We ask you to use our offerings and our lives for your loving purposes. For the good of your creation and to the glory of your name we ask this. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Revelation 7:9-17 (page 999)
1 John 3:1-3; (page 990)
Matthew 5:1-12 (page 785)

AFTER THE READINGS

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.
Thanks be to God.

***HYMN NO. 191** "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"
(v. 1 choir; vv. 2-3 all)

SERMON "The Company We Keep"

***HYMN NO. 746** "Send Me, Jesus"
(Zulu v. 1 choir; English verses 1-3 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.

DEPARTING MUSIC Georg Böehm
"Capriccio in D major"

Special thanks to Elder Jeanette Nemcek and Roland Alia for their help in worship today.

HEARING LOOP INSTALLED
Switch hearing aid to T-Coil

The Saints of Forest Hill Church

Elsie Boyd



Chuck Ishler



Kemp Jaycox



Ronald Klein



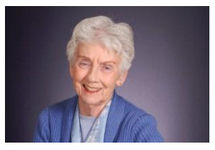
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FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Celebration of the Communion of Saints

October 25, 2026 – 11:00 am





You may also join worship online using this link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZvaO_thr3oA

Please take a moment, as you prepare for worship, to silence any electronic device(s) you may have with you.

Childcare is provided for children ages birth to 5 years from 10:45 am - 12:15 pm in Rooms 201/203. Children of all ages are invited to participate in worship. After the Passing of the Peace, children leave the sanctuary with their adult leaders to go to Childcare or Sunday School.

Asterisks (*) indicate standing in body and/or spirit.

CENTERING WORDS

"If it hadn't been for these young people, these young writers who influenced me, I wouldn't know what I know about this society. By associating with them I know who I am." – poet Gwendolyn Brooks (1917-2000)

CENTERING MUSIC César Franck

"Andante"

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT Traditional Ghanaian melody arr. Fedak

"Praise God, All You Nations *Da N'ase*"

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Elder Jeanette Nemcek

Magnify the Lord with me, O saints.

We will exalt God's name together.

Look to God and be radiant.

We will taste and see how gracious the Lord is.

Come, behold the works of the Lord.

Come, let us worship our God with all the saints.

***HYMN NO. 326** "For All the Saints"

(vv. 1, 3, 5 all; v. 2 pulpit side; v. 4 lectern side)

CALL TO CONFESSION

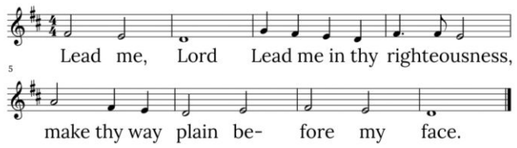
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Savior, hear us as we pray. Hear the prayers we make with our lips and hear the prayers we are too ashamed to speak. Hear us as we admit our failures of love and courage, and hear also, we humbly pray, our longing to be better.

SILENCE

KYRIE

(choir first time, all second time)



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (HYMN NO. 582)**

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. (x3)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

***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.

ANTHEM Eric Nelson

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

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.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS OF FOREST HILL CHURCH

Elsie Boyd (d.11/25/2025)
Chuck Ishler (d. 05/27/2026)
Kemp Jaycox (d. 04/25/2026)
Ronald Klein (d. 01/07/2026)
Dick Secor (d. 09/19/2026)
Grace Uhle (d. 02/27/2026)
Dr. Carolyn Vrtunski (d. 04/28/2026)

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SAINTS

Eternal God, we give you thanks and praise for the great company of all your saints, who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors with you. Especially do we thank you for those we name now, who chose to journey in life as members of this household of faith.

For your child and servant . . .

For (repeat first name) we give you thanks and praise.

A bell tolls.

We thank you for their witness, for lives that shone with your love, for courage in the face of suffering, for hope that would not die, and for faith that trusted your promises to the end. We praise you for the communion we share with them, across time and space, in the mystery of Christ's body: one with all who have loved you and all whom you have loved. By your Spirit, keep us united with them until we join in the unending song of heaven. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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OFFERTORY Antonín Dvořák

"God Is My Shepherd"

Roland Alia, soprano