

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. 66** "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

QUESTION 3: Kurt Haas
If this is what we are to be, what do we need to do?
Please write your response on the card or the link in the online service chat. Congregational sharing and response.

CALL TO GIVING

OFFERING
As the ushers come by, please hand your response cards to them.
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

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**
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**

***BENEDICTION AND CHARGE**

***MUSICAL RESPONSE**
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 "We Are Marching in the Light of God"
(HYMN NO. 853)
Siyahamba (sung by congregation; drums)
Please join us in celebrating our work today by singing with us!

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

Prayers are requested this week for: Melanie Alban, Doris Bartlett, Elsie Boyd, Janet Dauer, Bob Dawson, Bill Finn. Jeannine Gury, Jenny Himmelman, Deborah Howard, Chuck and Jane Ishler, Kemp Jaycox, Jessica Owusu, Roz Peters, Ron Register, Pat Seeders, Joyce Senger, Kate Tzeffronis, Eileen Vizcaino, and Ann Williams.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: 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: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

October 26, 2025 – 11:00 AM

The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

All Saints' Sunday



Art image conveys Sankofa (pronounced SAN-kaw-fah), a profound Adinkra symbol originating from the Akan people of Ghana. Its name comes from the Twi expression, "San kɔfa!" whose literal meaning is "Go back and get it!" a command to pay due regard to the lessons and practices of the past and to draw on them to inform the present and the future.

You may also join worship online using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qt7BwJXbbCk>

****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 Children's Welcome, children leave the sanctuary with their adult leaders to go to Sunday School.

CENTERING WORDS

Reflect on the Sankofa image on the front of the bulletin. The mythical bird has its feet facing forward, moving toward the future, while looking back at the past. It has an egg in its beak, which symbolizes knowledge and wisdom from the past. What do you think Forest Hill Church should learn from its past to build a better future?

CENTERING MUSIC Thomas A. Dorsey
 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”
 Fergus Donnelly, piano

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT Nigerian

“Ise Oluwa”
Chancel Choir

“Ise Oluwa” is a Yoruba phrase that most commonly means “God’s work” or “the work of God.” It can also be used in longer phrases with related meanings, such as “Ise Oluwa ko le baje o,” which translates to “The work of God can never be destroyed.”

CALL TO WORSHIP Chiquitia Montgomery

In this season of transition and new beginnings, let us remember that God is with us.

We gather in the name of God, seeking to know the mind of Christ.

We come as many, pulled here by the Holy Spirit. As one, we trust in the transforming power of God.

We remember and honor those who have built Forest Hill Church.

God has a plan for this church and for the minister God is preparing to guide it. We place our trust in God's perfect timing and provision.

May our hearts be open, our minds be clear and our spirits be attentive to God's will.

***HYMN NO. 326** "For All the Saints"
(vv. 1, 3, 5)

CELEBRATION OF THE SAINTS

Joseph Andrews (d. 04/05/2025)

Patricia Jenkins (d. 12/20/2024)

Patricia Musick (d. 08/04/2025)

Peggy Sasso (d. 12/14/2024)

Marjorie Thomas (d. 01/28/2025)

Beverly Thomas (d. 12/02/2024)

Susan Way (d. 03/20/2025)

A PRAYER CELEBRATING 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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you call us to live by faith, but we often trust only what we can see and control. You call us to courage, but we avoid risk and seek what feels safe. You invite us to choose what is eternal, but we chase after what is temporary. Forgive us, Lord. Help us turn from the fleeting rewards of this world and follow You with trust and boldness. Strengthen our faith to walk in hope, even when our path is not yet clear. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

SILENCE

KYRIE (HYMN NO. 578) "O Lord, Have Mercy"
(in Greek, v. 1 soloist, vv. 1-2 all)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE (HYMN NO. 588)** "Alleluia"

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

MISSION STUDY INTRODUCTION Treva Offutt

SCRIPTURE READINGS The Mission Study Team

Isaiah 6:1-8 (page 553)

Colossians 3:12-17 (page 958)

I Corinthians 3:9-11, 16 (page 927)

QUESTION 1: Karen Long

What do you see as the key concerns facing Forest Hill Church?

*Please write your response on the card or the link in the online service chat. **You may also email your response to missionstudy@fhspsresb.org.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS/FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

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 arr. David Lantz III
 “Shall We Gather at the River”
 Chancel Choir
Ushers will collect prayer requests.

QUESTION 2: What is God calling us to be?

Ahren Stock

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