UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, November 8:
- Contemplative Scripture Study at 4:00 pm**.**

Saturday, November 14:
- Fiber Fellowship at 10:00 am.

Friday, November 20:
- The Resonance Project presents *From the Isles: A Scottish Baroque Concert* at 7:30 pm.

Saturday, November 21:
- Racial Equity Buddies presents *Christianity & The Birth of White Supremacy: A Forum Featuring Indigenous People of America* at 12:00 pm.

Sunday, November 22:
- Labre Ministry serves at North Church at 10:15 am.
- Exploring Membership Fall course at 12:15 pm.
- Contemplative Scripture Study at 4:00 pm**.**

Sunday, November 29:
- *Witness to the Light: An Advent Study with the Prophets* at 9:15 am.

Sunday, December 6:
- Exploring Membership Fall course at 12:15 pm.
- Gingerbread House Event at 6:00 pm.

Saturday, December 12:
- Fiber Fellowship at 10:00 am.
- FHC Connects – Christmas Party at 7:30 pm.

Special thanks to all who assisted with today's service: Elder Charity Stock (Zoe's aunt), Elder Ahren Stock (Zoe's uncle), Elder Chenoa Stock, the Rev. Rachel McDonald (Zoe's aunt), Josh Daum (Zoe's uncle), Wesley McDonald (Zoe's uncle), Tori McDonald (Zoe's aunt), and the Rev. Sarah Kok (friend of Zoe's family).

HEARING LOOP INSTALLED
Switch hearing aid to T-Coil

Prayers are requested this week for: Ajah Hales, Greg Hall, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Deborah Howard, Jane Ishler, Ellie Linden, Linda Martin, Roz Peters, Joyce Senger, Cathy Stang, Derry Stauffer, Kate Tzefronis, Doreen Underwood, Sharon Wiggins, Ann Williams, and Warren Young.

Online Prayer Requests: If you have a prayer request that you would like to have included in the Prayers of the People during Sunday worship, you are welcome to submit it here: **https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/PrayerRequest.** You may also contact the pastor through this link.

Care Group*s* 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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The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Rite of Christian Initiation

November 8, 2026 ~ 11:00 am



You may also join worship online using this link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S8Ixnem_4RE

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

"'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the realm of God.'"

– Luke 18:16

CENTERING MUSIC Jean Langlais

"Prélude modal"

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT Daniel Schutte

"Sing a New Song unto the Lord"

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Elder Charity Stock

Let all the earth sing God's praises!
Let us sing to the glory of God's name.
Come and behold the works of the Lord.
From the rising of the sun to its setting, God's faithfulness is sure.
Blessed be the name of the Holy One.
Blessed be God, now and forever more!

***HYMN NO. 267** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

CALL TO CONFESSION

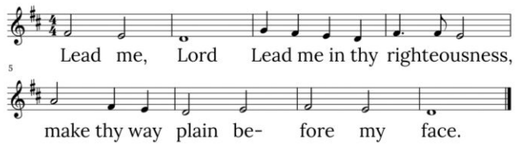
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you create each one of us in your image and likeness, at our birth and at the birth of each new day. We confess our inattention to that birthright. We confess how our inattention allows us to sin. We confess our need for your grace and pardon. We confess sincerely, honestly, and in hope.

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 John Bell

"Lord, You Have Been Our Refuge"

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

OFFERTORY Edwin Hatch

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

***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**

Loving God, surrounded by an abundance of bounty and beauty, we ask you to help us to always remain grateful, joyful, and generous. By your blessing may our lives thus be blessed. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Micah 6:6-8 (page 757) Josh Daum
Matthew 5:1-12 (page 785) The Rev. Sarah Kok

AFTER THE READINGS

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

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

***HYMN NO. 490** "Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters" (vv. 1, 3)

SERMON "The Good Life"

***HYMN NO. 720** "Jesus Calls Us"

***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 César Franck

"Allegro"