## \*BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

God sends us out into the world.

We will gather up God's children and bring them to the lap of grace.

Jesus invites us to watch with him.

We will notice those who give from their scarcity, challenging us to offer our abundance to those in need.

The Spirit clothes us with grace.

We will go forth to welcome all we meet into our hearts.

## **SANCTUARY** (Hymn No. 701)

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

## **POSTLUDE**

L.Clérambault

"Basse et Dessus de Trompette"

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

## Sunday, November 10:

- Exploring Membership Class, week 2, 12:15pm
- Adult Spiritual Growth, 5pm
- Deadline to order your free name tag

## Tuesday, November 12:

 Post-election healing session, sponsored by Racial Equity Buddies, 6:30-8:30pm

## Wednesday, November 13:

 Eastside Citizens Empowerment Foundation Meeting, 5pm

## Thursday, November 14:

- Deadline for the November TOWER, 9am
- Funeral Service for Ed Dickson, reception at 11am and service at noon

# Saturday, November 16:

- Habitat for Humanity Faith Build, 9:00am-3:00pm
- Chancel Choir's performance of Pepper Choplin's "A Journey through the Lord's Prayer" at 5pm

Information on all events are listed on the church website (<u>www.fhcpresb.org</u>), 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 Request:** To request prayers for a personal concern, please email the church office (office@fhcpresb.org).

**Prayers are requested this week for**: Mark Davidson, the family of Ed Dickson, Dorothy Herd and Cate Monaghan.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Kemp Jaycox, Ron Klein, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Pat Musick, Roz Peters, Beverly Thomas, 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, Susan Kay Dunlap (susandnlp@gmail.com or deacons@fhcpresb.org).

**Thank you, all office volunteers:** Joan Bacon, Lynda Bernays, Cathy Ghiandoni, and Nancy Grube.

**Thank you,** all Stream Team Volunteers! Anyone interested in helping stream Sunday services should contact Kurt Haas at <a href="mailto:kurt@dangereddy.com">kurt@dangereddy.com</a>.

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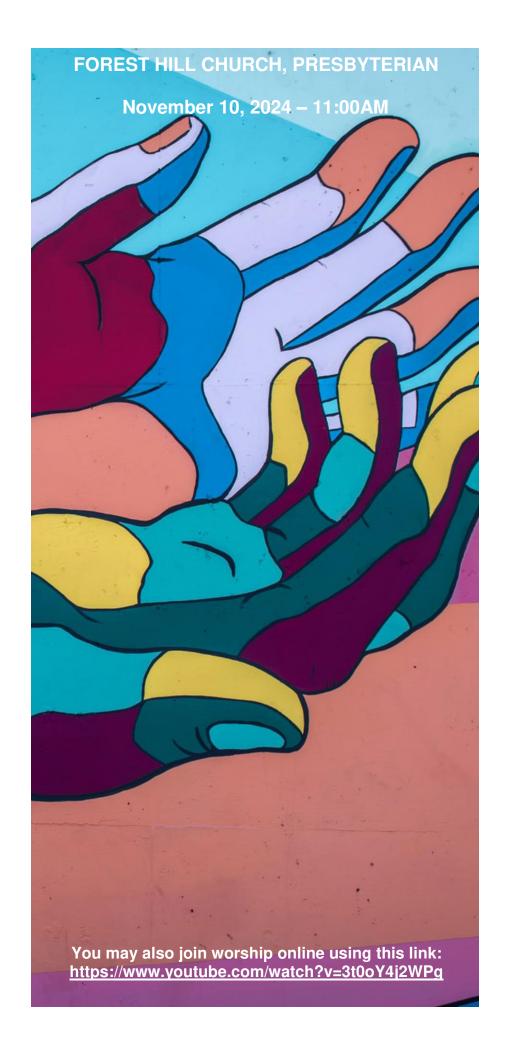
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Dr. Amy Wheatley, Dir. of Family, Youth & Children's Ministry
Dr. QinYing Tan, Director of Music



Special thanks to Ann Williams for the liturgy this morning.



#### \*Please stand if able

#### **CENTERING WORDS**

"We are the good news that we have been looking for,
Demonstrating that every dusk holds a dawn disguised within it.

Today we don't burst into a new world.

We begin it." Amanda Gorman

**PRELUDE** 

Cesar Franck

"Adagio"

WELCOME

**CHORAL INTROIT** 

Desmond Tutu/John Bell

"Goodness is Stronger than Evil" Chancel Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

Ann Williams

We have come together, both in person and online, to worship God together as a community.

Lord, help us to be united with you as individuals and as a community. Help us to open our hearts to your love.

Holy mother and father of us all, we long to see and hear you as clearly as we see and hear the people worshiping with us.

Loving God, we long to be with you just as we are now with each other.

Dear Jesus, we are more than two gathered in your name. We long for you to be with us.

Help us to become the Beloved Community.

Holy Spirit, we long to know your creativity with us as we worship.

Help us to receive the breath of your Life within and among us.

Let us worship God with joy, love, and inspiration.

\*HYMN NO. 309

"Come, Great God of All the Ages"

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy Creator God, we know that you love us all, and you created all of us as your beloved children. We know that you have given us a vision of who we can be as a loving community, the Body of Christ on Earth, your Beloved Community. Yet we also know that we have not lived up to being the loving community that you call us to be. We know that at times we hurt the people around us. At times we

act out of anger, or selfishness, or thoughtlessness, and sometimes we don't even know we have hurt others when we have. Each of us has lived on both sides of oppression, sometimes oppressing others and sometimes being oppressed. Forgive us for failing to live into the full liberation and freedom that you have offered to us.

#### SILENCE

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

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

We have reason to live with hope! God has given us a perfect example of love by living with us as a human being in the person of Jesus.

Guide us, Lord, to grow in love and freedom, to walk away from oppressing and being oppressed. Teach us to live in your love.

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*GLORIA (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. (sing twice)

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

## **RECOGNITION OF ANTHONY BLAND**

**ANTHEM** Craig Courtney

"You Remain the Same" Chancel Choir

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 146 (from *Everyday Psalms* by James Taylor). Mark 12:38-44 (page 825)

After the reading

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

\*HYMN NO. 710

"We Lift Our Voices"

**SERMON** 

The Rev. Carol Wedell

# THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father Mother, 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

"Where Is the Good News?"

#### 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.

#### **OFFERING**

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Or you may also mail a check to the church office. Make Your Pledge for 2025 using the QR code below.



**OFFERTORY** Arr. Fedak

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" Chancel Choir

# PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN NO. 766 "The Chu

"The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"