

***HYMN NO. 301**

“Let Us Build a House”
(v. 1, 4, 5)

***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

Edward Elgar
“Poco Allegro”

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, November 2:

- Stewardship Luncheon after the worship service.

Saturday, November 8:

- Gingerbread baking event at 8:30 am.
- P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) event at 2:00 pm.
- Racial Equity Buddies invites everyone to a dramatic performance, *The Unlikely Friendship of Mary McLeod Bethune and Eleanor Roosevelt*, at 3:00 pm at the Community Church of Chesterland (11984 Caves Road, Chesterland).
- *Les Misérables: School Edition* at 7pm at Cleveland Heights High School (13263 Cedar Road).

Sunday, November 9:

- *Les Misérables: School Edition* at 2pm at Cleveland Heights High School (13263 Cedar Road).

Friday, November 21:

- Resonance Project Concert: *Homeland* at 7:30 pm.

Sunday, November 26:

- Last day to purchase your gingerbread house.

Sunday, November 30:

- Adult Spiritual Growth study, *Calling All Angels* begins at 9:15 am.

Thanks to the members of the Stewardship Ministry for leading this service: Carol Gifford, Kim Hill, Jenny Himmelman, Keith Logan, Jean Reinhold, and Peter Williams.

If you were not in the sanctuary today, please contact the office to pick up your stewardship gift.

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, Jeannine Gury, Jenny Himmelman, Deborah Howard, Chuck and Jane Ishler, Kemp Jaycox, Jessica Owusu, Roz Peters, Ron Register, Pat Seeders, Joyce Senger, Kate Tzepronis, 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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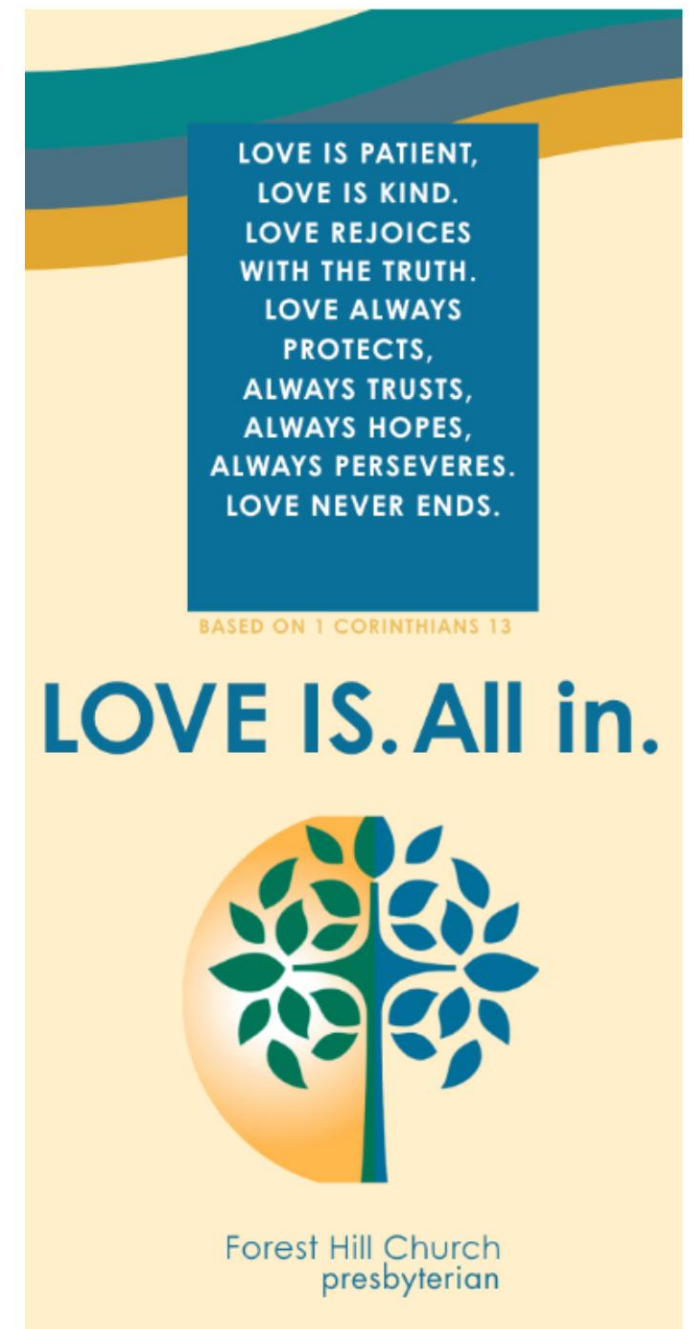
The Rev. Dr. Gene McAfee, Transitional Pastor
Dr. Amy Wheatley, Dir. of Family, Youth & Children's Ministry
Dr. QinYing Tan, Director of Music
The Rev. Carol Wedell, Parish Associate

FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

November 2, 2025 – 11:00 AM

The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Sunday



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

Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

****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 passing of love and peace, children leave the sanctuary with their adult leaders to go to Sunday School.

CENTERING WORDS
Where there is love, there is life. ~ Mahatma Gandhi

CENTERING MUSIC
Edward Elgar
“Andante”

WELCOME
Keith Logan
Please read the bulletin for the announcements.

CHORAL INTROIT
Havergal/Malan
“Take My Life”
Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP
Kim Hill
How does the Lord love us?
With a love that endures forever.
And how shall we love the Lord?
With all our hearts, our souls and our minds.
And how shall we do that?
By acting justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God. Come, worship God.

***HYMN NO. 401**
“Gather Us In”

MOVING TOWARD CONFESSION
Jenny Himmelman

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
adapted from Julie Jensen
God of compassion and mercy, you told us to love one another as much as you loved us. Yet, we struggle to love each other. We have a hard time loving those who are not like us, who disagree with us, or who ask us to face the truths about ourselves. You told us to love one another, to mirror the love from God. Yet, we often do not love those we think are lost or undesirable. It is written that perfect love casts out fear, and yet we are afraid. Afraid for our safety and how others perceive us. Forgive us, God, and show us how to love the way you command us to love. Release us from our judgment and our fear. Open our hearts so that they might receive your perfect affection for us, and offer it to the world.

SILENCE

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Forgiven and filled with hope, living in relationship with God and one another - we are a new people. Thanks be to God.

***RESPONSE (HYMN NO. 582)**
“Glory to God,
Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

PASSING OF LOVE AND PEACE

MUSIC
Thompson/Frost
“The Road Not Taken”
Chancel Choir

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.

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.

THE MYSTERY OF THE LORD’S SUPPER
Gene McAfee
We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, surrounded by his friends, Jesus offered the bread in thanksgiving and said . . .
“**Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**”
In the same way, Jesus offered the cup in thanksgiving and said,
“**Take, drink. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.**”

Come, Holy Spirit. Come. Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless us in our eating and drinking that our eyes may be opened and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died. We eat this meal together...
to be reminded that love endures forever.
We eat this meal together...
to be ready to serve the Lord.

COMMUNION MUSIC (HYMN NO. 769)
“For Everyone Born”
Sung by the choir, join in as you wish.

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION
Thank you for this meal we have shared. Thank you for the company of friends. Thank you, dear God, for being with and among us today. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING
Peter Williams

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
arr. Larson
“How Great Thou Art”
Em Ezell, soloist

***SONG OF DEDICATION (DOXOLOGY HYMN NO. 606)**
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**

SCRIPTURE
Based on I Corinthians 13:4-8 (page 934)

AFTER THE READING
Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God’s people.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON
Jean Reinhold
“What First Graders Know”