

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Sunday, November 23:

- Greening the Sanctuary at 12:15 pm.
- The Cleveland Messiah Chorus Concert at 4:00 pm.

### Wednesday, November 26:

- Last day to purchase your gingerbread house.

### Thursday, November 27:

- Happy Thanksgiving! Church offices will be closed.

### Friday, November 28:

- Church offices will be closed.

### Sunday, November 30:

- Advent season begins.
- Christmas Joy Offering begins.
- Adult Spiritual Growth study, *Calling All Angels* begins at 9:15 am.

*Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is responding to Hurricane Melissa, which made landfall as a Category 5 hurricane in Jamaica, also striking Cuba and other island nations on its path through the Caribbean. Initial assessments show catastrophic destruction around the core path of the storm, and throughout the impacted region, devastating flooding and debris are isolating communities in several of these island nations. It will take years to recover. If you wish to donate, reach out to a member of our Justice Ministry or visit [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance after Hurricane Melissa - Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian](#).*

## Hurricane Melissa



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

**Prayers are requested this week for:** Melanie Alban, Doris Bartlett, Elsie Boyd, Janet Dauer, Bob Dawson, Bill Finn, Jeannine Gury, John Harmon, Deborah Howard, Chuck and Jane Ishler, Kemp Jaycox, Mark Le Master, Karen Loughridge, Jessica Owusu, Roz Peters, Ron Register, Pat Seeders, Serena Shung, Joyce Senger, Carolyn Smith, Joel Tan, John Tan, 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](mailto: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, PRESBYTERIAN

November 23, 2025 – 11:00 AM

## The Celebration of the Reign of Christ



You may also join worship online using this link:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6\\_3uGJY\\_WYq](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6_3uGJY_WYq)

***\*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 the peace, children leave the sanctuary with their adult leaders to go to Sunday School.*

**CENTERING WORDS**  
*“The Realm of God is where we belong. It is home, and whether we realize it or not, I think we are, all of us, homesick for it.” – Frederick Buechner (1926-2022), alt.*

**CENTERING MUSIC**  
FHC Percussion Ensemble  
Don Davis, director

**WELCOME**

**CHORAL INTROIT**  
Perry/Warren  
“The God of Heaven”  
Chancel Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP**  
Dean Sieck  
John the Seer wrote, “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth.”  
**For the former things had passed away.**  
And the One seated on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.”  
**Sorrow and sighing will flee away, and death will be no more.**  
We worship the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.  
**Through the love of God, the Lamb reigns. Hallelujah and Amen!**

**\*HYMN NO. 273**  
“He Is King of Kings”

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
**Forgive us, God, for clinging to the ties that bind us not to you and to one another in love, but to our stuff, our hurtful ways of being, and our self-absorbed, uncreative, conformist lives. Forgive our insecurity, our sloth, and our cold indifference to those outside our small circle of attention and care. Forgive us of our sins, we humbly pray.**

**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”

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**  
Stewardship

**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.*

**MUSIC**  
John Rutter  
“For the Beauty of the World”  
Chancel Choir

**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](http://www.fhcpresb.org)*  
*Or you may also mail a check to the church office*

**OFFERTORY**  
Brian Tate  
“Gate, Gate”  
Chancel Choir

**\*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**  
**Thank you, God, for every blessing, including the blessing of generosity. Always keep us generous and gracious, your children in deed as well as word. In Jesus’ name we ask this. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**  
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-22 (page 702)  
Matthew 25:31-46 (page 807)

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

**\*HYMN NO. 36**  
“For the Fruit of All Creation”

**SERMON**  
“What Matters in the End”

**\*HYMN NO. 268**  
“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

**\*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**  
Eduaro Torres  
“Saetas”

*Special thanks to Dean Sieck for his help in worship today.*