

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, December 14:

- Interreligious Task Force (IRFT) Fair Trade Sale following worship in Fellowship Hall.
- Calendar sale to benefit North Church.
- Contemplative Scripture Study at 4:00 pm in the Chapel.

Monday, December 15:

- Order deadline for poinsettias.

Wednesday, December 17:

- Ying Tan's concert at The Cleveland Museum of Art (11150 East Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44106) in Reinberger Gallery no. 212 at 6:00 pm.

Thursday, December 18:

- T-coil system installation.

Sunday, December 21:

- Help Worship Ministry green the sanctuary!
- Deadline for the Christmas Joy Offering.
- Deadline for the cookie donation for Y-Haven at 1:00 pm.

Wednesday, December 24:

- Christmas Eve service at 5:00 pm with pageant.
- Christmas Eve service at 10:00 pm with milk and cookies.

Friday, December 26:

- Kwanzaa Celebration in Fellowship Hall at 5:00 pm.

Sunday, December 28:

- Labre Ministry Serving at North Church (4515 Superior Ave. Cleveland, OH 44103) at 10:15 am.

Wednesday, December 31:

- New Year's Eve party in Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm.

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](#).

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

Prayers are requested this week for: Doris Bartlett, Janet Dauer, Bob Dawson, Deborah Howard, Chuck and Jane Ishler, Kemp Jaycox, Mark Le Master, Ellie Linden, Karen Loughridge, Jessica Owusu, Roz Peters, Ron Register, Serena Shung, Joyce Senger, Carolyn Smith, Joel Tan, John Tan, Kate Tzefronis, Eileen Vizcaino, Ann Williams, and the family of Elsie Boyd.

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, PRESBYTERIAN

Lessons and Carols

December 14, 2025 – 11:00 AM

The Third Sunday of Advent



You may also join worship online using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NISl24YvaOU>

****Please stand in body and/or spirit.***

Children join friends in childcare (ages birth-4) or Sunday School (ages 5-11) during the worship hour today. We will hear the Christmas story and practice the pageant that we'll present during the 5 pm service on Christmas Eve.

CENTERING WORDS
“Where words fail, ***music*** speaks.”
– Hans Christian Andersen

CENTERING MUSIC arr. Hal Hopson
“O Come, All Ye Faithful”
Voices in Bronze

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 140**
“Once in Royal David’s City”
Leandro Claure, soloist, will sing verse 1; the congregation stands to sing the remaining verses.

The Berry Breisch Family – Sarah, Skyler, Jaxson, Jack, and Mary Ann – are lighting this morning’s Advent candles.

The congregation remains standing for the Bidding Prayer.

***BIDDING PRAYER**
The congregation is seated for the first reading.

READING Elizabeth Shaw
Genesis 1:1-5 (page 1)
Creation and the Word of God

READING Kurt Haas
from *Pale Blue Dot* by Carl Sagan (1994)

CAROL
“I Saw Three Ships”
Chancel Choir

READING Pat Seeders
Isaiah 9:2-3, 6-7 (page 555)
Human Darkness and Divine Light

***HYMN NO. 129**
“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” (v. 1 solo, vv. 2-3 all)

READING Lisa Hamilton
Luke 1:26-38 (page 831)
Mary, the Servant of the Lord

CAROL Lowry/Greene
“Mary, Did You Know?”
Em Ezell, soprano

READING Dean Sieck
Luke 2:1-16 (page 832)
Glory in a Manger

CAROL Dan Forrest
“Let the Stable Still Astonish”
Chancel Choir
Daniel Chiang, cello

READING Gene McAfee
John 1:1-5, 14 (page 862)
Human Flesh and the Word of God

***HYMN NO. 119**
“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

WELCOME, FRIENDSHIP REGISTER, AND 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.

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 arr. Hal Hopson
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
Voices in Bronze
Fergus Donnelly, director

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.

***HYMN NO. 143**
“Angels, from the Realms of Glory” (vv. 1-3)

***BENEDICTION**

DEPARTING MUSIC François Couperin
“Le Tic Toc Choc”

Special thanks to everyone for their help in worship today.

Thank you to all those who have knit hats to donate this year! We are most appreciative of all the contributions that have been made. This year we are donating the hats locally to North Church and for the street outreach program coordinated by Jack Breisch. The need is real. We will continue to collect hats – they can be placed in the volunteer office for Carol Gifford to pick up.

Over 100 people of all ages attended our annual Gingerbread House Decorating event on Sunday. The evening was full of laughter, music, and creativity, as well as a LOT of frosting and candy! Thanks to everyone who purchased houses and made additional donations. We raised \$1500 for Family Promise of Greater Cleveland, an organization that provides programs and services to families experiencing homelessness.