

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 15:

- Coffee Hour: Sign up with a Deacon to donate cookies for the reception after the 10 pm Candlelight Service.
- After worship: Fair Trade Bazaar
- Contemplative Scripture Study at 4 pm in the Chapel

Tuesday, December 24:

- Church offices will be closed half day for Christmas.
- Christmas Eve Family Service at 5 pm
- Candlelight Service at 10 pm followed by Cookies and Milk in Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday, December 25:

- Church offices will be closed for Christmas.

Information on all events are listed on the church website (www.fhcpresb.org), 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!



Updating Breeze Database

In an effort to improve our record-keeping, we want to make sure that the information we have in our Breeze database is accurate and up-to-date. Please contact Laura (churchadmin@fhcpresb.org), she will make sure that any new or changed information gets updated accordingly. **Please complete this task by December 20, 2024.**

Poinsettia Orders

The cost per poinsettia is \$20.00. The order forms with payment need to be submitted to the church office **by December 18**. The poinsettias will be available for you to take home on Christmas Eve after the 10:00 pm candlelight service. Visit the church website for more information, or contact Antoinette.

Christmas Door Wreaths: Thank you Hilltop Garden Club for your donation!

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

Prayers are requested this week for: Marina Grant, Dorothy Herd, Sonji Kenyatta, Ellen McChesney, Margaret Misch, Cate Monaghan, Twanda Patterson, the family of Mark Davidson (the son-in-law of Barb Hansen) and the family of Beverly Thomas.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Kemp Jaycox, Ron Klein, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Pat and Hal Musick, Roz Peters, 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, office volunteers: Joan Bacon, Lynda Bernays, Cathy Ghiandoni, and Nancy Grube.

Thank you, Stream Team Volunteers! Anyone interested in helping stream Sunday services should contact Kurt Haas at kurt@dangereddy.com.

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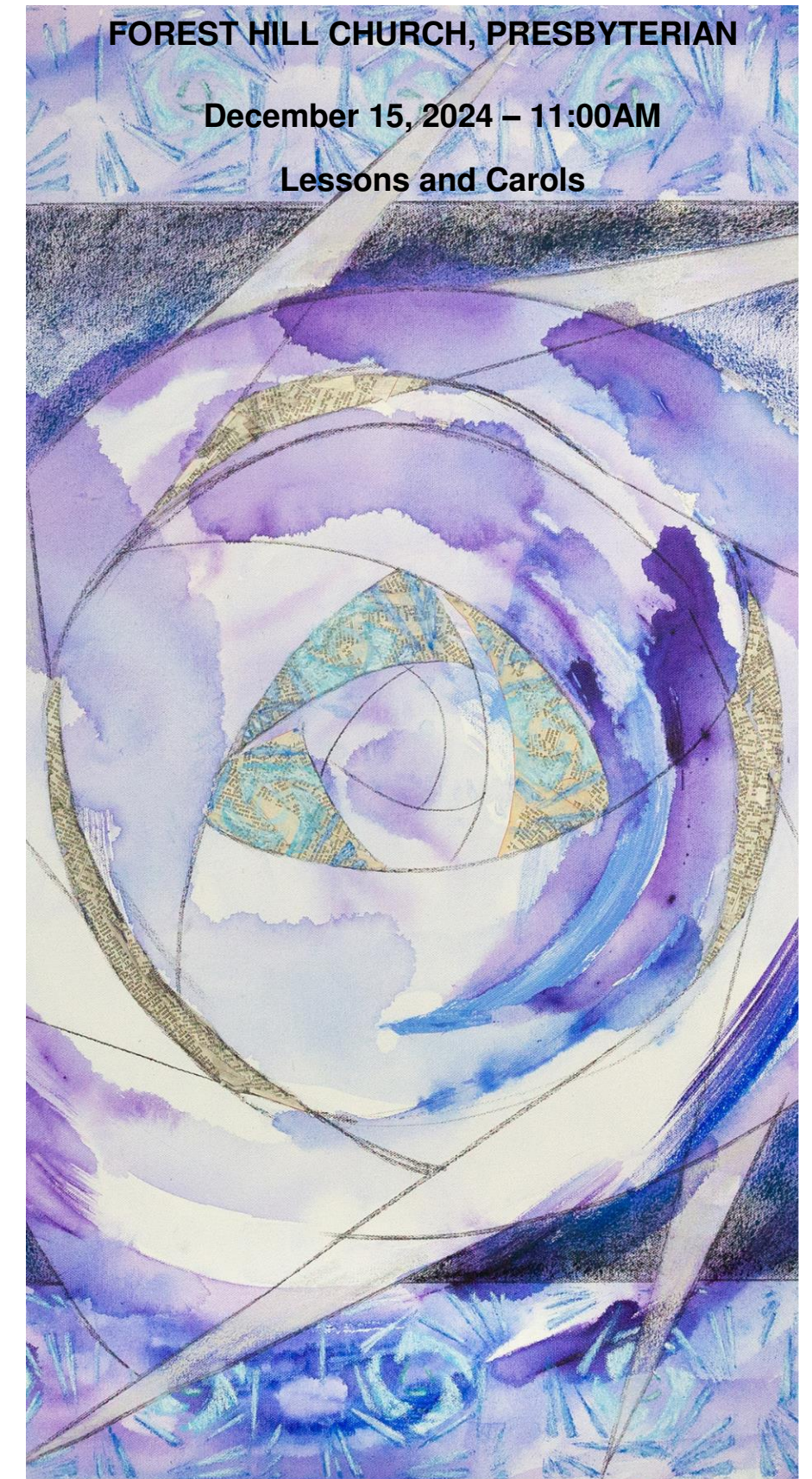
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The Rev. Carol Wedell, Gap Pastor
Dr. Amy Wheatley, Dir. of Family, Youth & Children's Ministry
Dr. QinYing Tan, Director of Music



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Up2qllVAq2g>

**Please stand if able*

CENTERING WORDS

Where words fail, music speaks. — Hans Christian Andersen

PRELUDE

Rowland H. Prichard

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Justice Ministry

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 140**

“Once in Royal David's City”

Leandro Claure

Choir sings verse 1

Congregation joins verses 3 & 4

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Among Family

Beatrice, Isaac, Henry and Elsie

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.*

Refrain:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Treva Offutt

Let us prepare to welcome our God!

A distant star glinting in the indigo sky:

Come, Jesus, come.

A blazing beacon lighting up the way:

Come, Jesus, come.

An energizing sun brightening a gloomy day:

Come, Jesus, come.

(from Candles and Conifers)

***HYMN NO. 105**

“People, Look East”

READING 1

Judy Sockman

Isaiah 11:1-3a, 6-9

The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation.

CAROL

Traditional German

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

Chancel Choir

READING 2

Chris Nau

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah.

***HYMN NO. 123**

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

READING 3

Treva Offutt

Luke 1:26-35, 38

An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child.

CAROL

“Mary, Did You Know”

Em Ezell, soloist

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

READING 4

Kermit Lind

Luke 2:1-7

Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

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.

OFFERTORY

African-American Traditional

“Jesus, Jesus O What a Wonderful Child”

Chancel Choir

READING 5

Sheryl Dugard

Luke 2:8-16

Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah.

***HYMN NO. 147**

“The First Nowell”

READING 6

The Rev. Carol Wedell

John 1:1-5, 14-18

The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth.

***HYMN NO. 119**

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Andraé Crouch

“Soon and Very Soon”

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

François Couperin

“Le Tic Toc Chou”

You may give online with PayPal, Credit or Debit Card:

www.fhcbpresb.org

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



*Special thanks to everyone who
participated in worship!*