

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:14-30 (page 835)

AFTER THE READING

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

*HYMN NO. 125 (AAHH)

"A Child of the King"
This hymn originated as a gospel hymn text written in 1903 by Harriet E. Buell where its message of divine inheritance and spiritual worth resonated deeply amid histories of struggle.

1. My Father is rich in houses and land, He holdeth the wealth of the world in His hands! Of rubies and diamonds, of silver and gold, His coffers are full, He has riches untold I'm a child of the King, A child of the King, With Jesus my Savior, I'm a child of the King.
 2. My Father's own Son, the Savior of men, Once wandered on earth as the poorest of them; But now He is reigning forever on high, And will give me a home in heav'n by and by. I'm a child of the King, A child of the King, With Jesus my Savior, I'm a child of the King.
 3. I once was an outcast stranger on earth, A sinner by choice, an alien by birth; But I've been adopted, my name's written down, An heir to a mansion, a robe and a crown. I'm a child of the King, A child of the King, With Jesus my Savior, I'm a child of the King.
 4. A tent or a cottage, why should I care? They're building a palace for me over there; Though exiled from home, yet still may I sing: All glory to God, I'm a child of the King. I'm a child of the King, A child of the King, With Jesus my Savior, I'm a child of the King.

SERMON

Jesus and the Disinherited: Four Sermons on Faith and the Underside of History Inspired by Howard Thurman
"Good News for Those with Their Backs Against the Wall"

*HYMN NO. 656

"We've Come This Far by Faith"
"We've Come This Far by Faith" is a powerful African American gospel song that testifies to perseverance through hardship, affirming trust in God's guidance across generations of struggle and hope.

*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

Johnson and Johnson

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Written as a poem by James Weldon Johnson in 1900 and later set to music by his younger brother, J. Rosamond Johnson, "Lift Every Voice and Sing" became known as the Black National Anthem.

Special thanks to Marina Grant for her help in worship today.



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, Mark Le Master, Ellie Linden, Linda Martin, Wanda Nelson, Jessica Owusu, Roz Peters, Serena Shung, Joyce Senger, Carolyn Smith, Joel Tan, John Tan, Kate Tzefronis, Doreen Underwood, Eileen Vizcaino, and Ann Williams.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Kemp Jaycox, 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@dangerreddy.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: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

The First Sunday in Black History Month

Holy Communion

February 1, 2026 – 11:00 AM



You may also join worship online using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nT-ES9SfFNI>

***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. Today, children ages 5+ join the congregation for worship and communion. After receiving communion with their families, children leave the sanctuary with their adult leaders to go to Sunday School.

CENTERING WORDS

"Whatever may be the tensions and the stresses of a particular day, there is always lurking close at hand the trailing beauty of forgotten joy or unremembered peace."
– Howard Thurman, *Meditations of the Heart*

CENTERING MUSIC

"Adoration"

Florence Price was the first African American woman who had her symphony performed by a major American symphony.

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

"Sizohamba naye/ We Will Walk with God"
Swaziland arr. Bell
Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Marina Grant
After his baptism and temptation, Jesus returned to his hometown filled with the Spirit.

And he preached good news to those with their backs to the wall.

He announced release to the captives, sight to the blind, and freedom to the oppressed.

Jesus' preaching unsettled the powerful, the wealthy, and those complicit in the ensnaring systems of wealth and power.

Jesus was a disturber of the world's peace.

And Jesus calls us to follow him in his disruptive, godly, good news ways.

*HYMN NO. 409

"God Is Here!" (vv. 1, 3, 4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of liberating truth, we hear but do not listen, we see but do not comprehend, and we desire but do not act. The world of brokenness and pain goes on and on. Forgive our lethargy, our fear, and our resistance

to your word of truth and freedom. Help us to be the prayers we offer, so that we do not pray or live in vain.

SILENCE

KYRIE (HYMN NO. 600)

"Amen"

A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men, a - men.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (NO. 740)

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

[Refrain Only]

*Lead me, guide me, along the way,
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

J.G. Elliott

"Somebody's Prayin'"
Em Ezell, solo

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.

THE MYSTERY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise. . . .

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

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

(HYMN NO. 525)

This song is a well-known African American spiritual used by enslaved people and used to serve as a coded message to signify secret meetings or plans to escape.

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, God, for this meal we have shared. Thank you for the company of friends. Thank you for your church in heaven and on earth. Thank you, dear God, for being with us and among us today. Amen.

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

*SONG OF DEDICATION

*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

God of fiercest love, receive our offerings to continue your work of peace with justice. May your model of self-giving love in the One for Others be the pattern for our living. In that One's name we ask this. Amen.