

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Sunday, February 15:

- Oral histories of members of our congregation following worship.
- Seed Swap at 1:00 pm.

### Wednesday, February 18:

- Ash Wednesday service at 7 pm.

### Sunday, February 22:

- She Is Called: Women of the Bible book study at 9:15 am.
- Labre Ministry serving at North Church at 10:15 am.
- Jazz concert at 6 pm organized by our FHC member, Antoinette Franklin (saxophone), with local talent, followed by a potluck dessert reception.

*Information about events is listed on the church website calendar (<http://www.fhcpresb.org/calendar>), in our monthly newsletter, *The Tower*, and on our digital and paper bulletin boards located outside the sanctuary. Scan the QR code to link to the calendar on our website.*



*Donations for the Abundance Food Pantry:  
Forest Hill Church operates a weekly food pantry to serve those in the community who could use some help with groceries. Monetary donations are always appreciated. You may donate here: <https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/foodpantrydonations>.*



**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:** 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, Joyce Senger, Javier Shung, Carolyn Smith, Joel Tan, John Tan, Tony Tan, Kate Tzepronis, 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@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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The Rev. Dr. Gene McAfee, Transitional Pastor  
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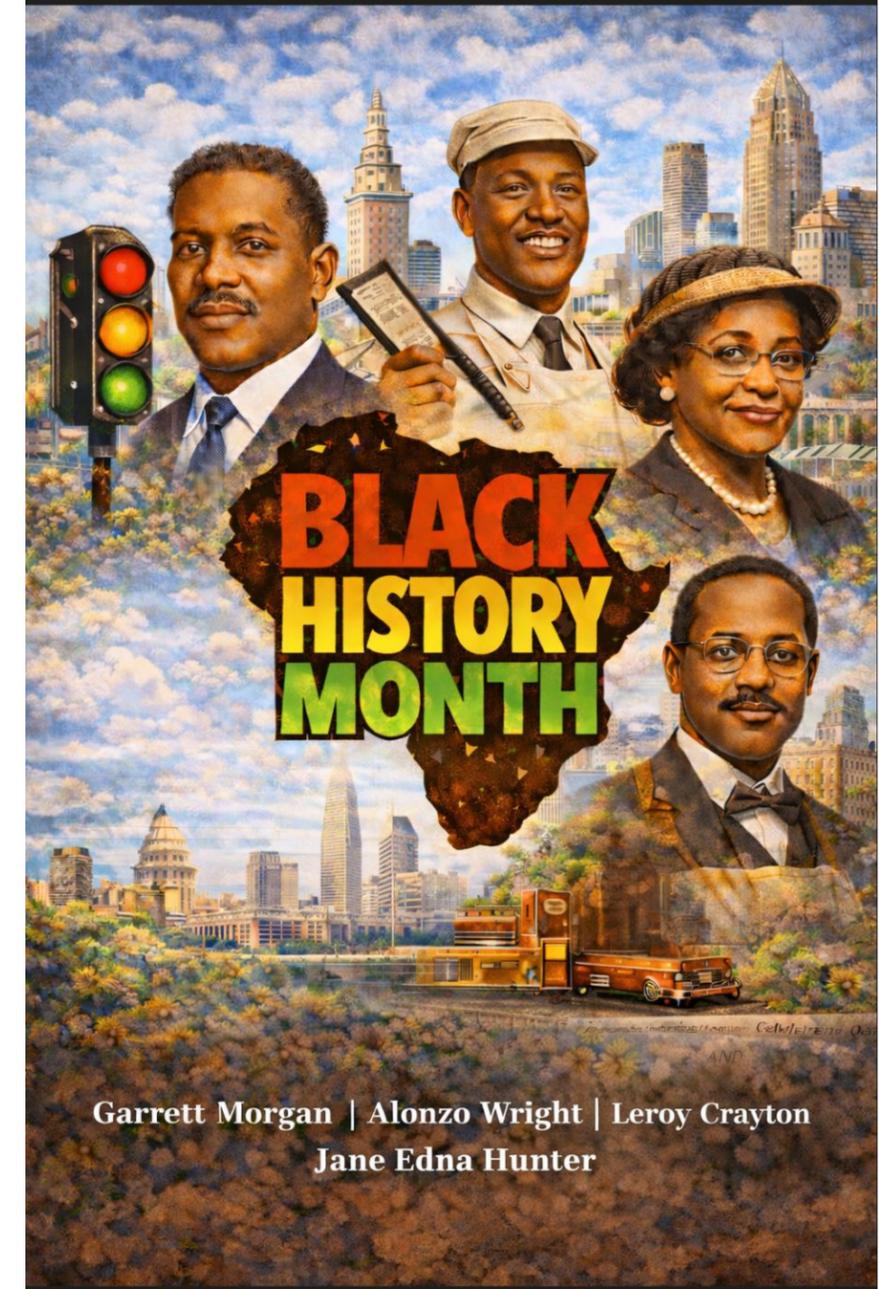
Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

## FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

### Transfiguration Sunday

### The Third Sunday in Black History Month

February 15, 2026 – 11:00 AM



Garrett Morgan | Alonzo Wright | Leroy Crayton  
Jane Edna Hunter

You may also join worship online using this link:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xlamp89\\_H8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xlamp89_H8)

*\*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

*“There is something in every one of you that waits and listens for the sound of the genuine in yourself. It is the only true guide you will ever have. And if you cannot hear it, you will, all of your life, spend your days on the ends of strings that somebody else pulls.”*  
– Howard Thurman

#### CENTERING MUSIC

Robert Lowry

*“Shall We Gather at the River”*

*A beloved 19th-century hymn that became a song of hope and communal longing, often sung across racial lines as a vision of spiritual rest and equality.*

#### WELCOME

#### CHORAL INTROIT

Graham Kendrick

*“Shine, Jesus, Shine”*

Chancel Choir

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Chiq Montgomery

Jesus heard God’s voice, “This is my Beloved Child, with whom I am well pleased.”

**Every child of God needs those reassuring words.**

Jesus heard them at his baptism, when his ministry began.

**And he heard them on the mountain, as he faced his ministry’s end.**

From the beginning of the ministries of our lives to their end, we are God’s beloved.

**Let us worship to hear and celebrate that good news!**

#### \*HYMN NO. 408

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of unapproachable glory and tender love, you ask us to live in your image and likeness, walking in Son-lit paths. We prefer the shadowed valleys, the easy road, and the many broad ways that lead to death. Forgive, we humbly pray, our death-dealing ways. Help us to live your abundant life and be your light for your world.**

#### SILENCE

#### KYRIE (HYMN NO. 600)

“Amen”

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

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### \*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (HYMN NO. 740)

*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

Traditional arr. John Bell

*“Steal Away”*

Chancel Choir

*A powerful African American spiritual that encoded both faith and resistance, expressing a yearning for freedom, dignity, and divine deliverance amid enslavement.*

*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.**

#### 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

#### \*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

**Remind us, God, that our offerings are tokens of our lives. May our offerings of this day help us to offer ourselves to you every day. For your love’s sake we ask this. Amen.**

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 24:12-18 (page 62)

Matthew 17:1-9 (page 798)

#### AFTER THE READINGS

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

#### \*HYMN (See Insert)

“Christ Is the Mountain of Horeb”

#### SERMON

**Jesus and the Disinherited: Four Sermons on Faith and the Underside of History Inspired by Howard Thurman**  
“Oppression Transformed”

#### \*HYMN NO. 314

“Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness”  
(vv. 1, 2, 5)

#### \*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

E.M. Bartlett

*“Victory in Jesus”*

*A joyful gospel hymn proclaiming salvation and triumph, reflecting the enduring faith and resilience at the heart of the Black church tradition.*

*Special thanks to Chiq Montgomery  
for her help in worship today.*