

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, February 16:

- Linger a while with Black History Education Committee and scholar Dr. Regennia Williams after worship. Lunch will be provided.

Sunday, February 23:

- Labre Ministry serving at North Church at 10:15 am.
- Black History Education Committee: Soul Food Potluck at 4:00 pm.
- Black History Education Committee concert at 6:30 pm under the direction of Caleb Alexander Wright.

Friday, February 28:

- Pacesetters: Cleveland Museum of Natural History at 2:00 pm.
- Pizza with the Pacesetters following the museum at 5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Saturday, March 8:

- Racial Equity Book Club: Dream Town at 10:30 am. For more information, email racialequitybuddies@fhcpresb.org.

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.



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

Prayers are requested this week for: Elsie Boyd, Janet Dauer, Bob Dawson, Sonji Kenyatta, Ellen McChesney and Cate Monaghan.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Kemp Jaycox, Ron Klein, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Pat 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.

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, 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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The Rev. Dr. Gene McAfee, Transitional Pastor
Dr. Amy Wheatley, Dir. of Family, Youth & Children's Ministry
Dr. QinYing Tan, Director of Music
The Rev. Carol Wedell, Parish Associate

FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

February 16, 2025 – 11:00AM



You may also join worship online using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tf0DWP4qUal>

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

CENTERING WORDS

*“We must accept finite disappointment,
but never lose infinite hope.” – Martin Luther King, Jr.*

PRELUDE

“Blessed Assurance”

Written by a blind woman, Fanny Crosby, “Blessed Assurance” has become a cornerstone hymn in African American churches and a tradition in expressing one's faith in Jesus.

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

arr. Paul Jennings

“This Little Light of Mine”

Julie Minder, director

Little Crescendos

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lia Clement

Psalm 1, read responsively from the pew Bibles (page 424)

*HYMN NO. 233

“The Day of Resurrection!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The contrast is stark, holy and loving God, between the path of righteousness and the ways of the world. Too often we have chosen to walk in the world's ways, to our own hurt and to the hurt of others. As those who bear the name of Christ, we have brought discredit to our faith. Forgive us for the times when we have walked in the counsel of the wicked, stood in the way of sinners, or sat in the seat of mockers. Cleanse us, renew us, and transform us so that we may once again delight in your law and in your way.

SILENCE

KYRIE (Hymn No. 600)

Amen, amen, amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH! (Hymn No. 591)

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM

arr. Mark Hayes

“Somebody's Prayin”

Em Ezell, soloist

Chancel Choir

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

Ushers will collect prayer requests.

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 17:5-10 (page 628)

1 Corinthians 15:12-20 (page 935)

Luke 6:17-26 (page 838)

*HYMN NO. 465

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Gene McAfee

“The Hope Beyond Hope”

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.

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.

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. Harry Burleigh

“Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child”

Andris Koh-Connors, cellist

This song first appeared in a collection of “Old Plantation Hymns” and conveys the sadness that many enslaved people felt at being such a “long way from home,” both in the sense of being far away from their native Africa and in the sense of being forcibly separated from family and friends.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious and loving God, may our giving and our living reflect lives of generosity, compassion, and understanding. May our gifts advance your realm of justice and peace, that your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. In our Savior's name we ask this. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 66

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

*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.

POSTLUDE

“Glory, Glory, Hallelujah”

“Glory, Glory, Hallelujah” is a spiritual written in 1834 and made famous by Mississippi John Hurt in 1966. This is a traditional African American spiritual that emphasizes the present-time release from burdens being laid down.

Special thanks to Lia Clement for her help in leading worship today.