

DEPARTING MUSIC

Albert E. Brumley

"Turn Your Radio On"

A gospel favorite inviting listeners to tune their hearts to heaven's broadcast of hope, comfort, and salvation.

Special thanks to Nicole Lawrence for her help in worship today.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, February 22:

- Jazz concert at 6 pm organized by our FHC member, Antoinette Franklin (saxophone), with local talent, followed by a potluck dessert reception.

Sunday, March 1:

- Hard and Holy Work: A Lenten Journey through the Book of Exodus at 9:15 am.
- The Power of Choice as We Age at 12:15 pm.

Monday, March 2:

- Book Discussion: "The Bluest Eye" by Toni Morrison at 6:00 pm.

Sunday, March 8:

- Hard and Holy Work: A Lenten Journey through the Book of Exodus at 9:15 am.

Saturday, March 14:

- Documentary: Si Pudiera Quedarme/If I Could Stay at 2:30 pm.

Sunday, March 15:

- Hard and Holy Work: A Lenten Journey through the Book of Exodus at 9:15 am.
- The Power of Choice as We Age at 12:15 pm.

Saturday, March 21:

- Meaningful Conversations at 9:00 am.

Sunday, March 22:

- Hard and Holy Work: A Lenten Journey through the Book of Exodus at 9:15 am.
- Labre Ministry Serving at North Church at 10:15 am.

Sunday, March 29:

- Hard and Holy Work: A Lenten Journey through the Book of Exodus at 9:15 am.
- The Power of Choice as We Age at 12:15 pm.



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, 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.

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

February 22, 2026

The First Sunday in Lent

The Fourth Sunday in Black History Month

Ordination and Installation of Church Officers



Harriet Tubman

Jesse Jackson

Condoleezza Rice

BLACK HISTORY

You may also join worship online using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SVKdws2SIlg>

**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

“Do not be silent; there is no limit to the power that may be released through you.”

– Howard Thurman

CENTERING MUSIC

Traditional arr. Sandra Eithun

“Wade in the Water”

Voices in Bronze

A powerful African American spiritual drawing on the story of the healing waters in the Gospel of John, layered with coded messages of resistance and liberation during slavery, urging faith and courageous movement toward freedom.

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

Traditional

“This Little Light of Mine”

Little Crescendos

Julie Minder, director

A spirited African American gospel song that celebrates the call to let one’s inner light of faith shine boldly and courageously in the world.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nicole Lawrence

In the beginning, God created us in a garden of delight.

In the beginning, we lived in communion with God and God’s creation.

Temptation drove us to disobedience, shattering that communion.

Temptation lives on in us, always waiting to harm our relationships with God, with God’s creation, and with one another.

We know this about ourselves. We also know that we are more than our temptations.

And so we bring our whole selves to worship God, open to God’s possibilities of redemption.

*HYMN NO. 49

“The God of Abraham Praise”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and faithful God, you created us from dust to love you and all of your creation. We rebelled against your will for us and continue to rebel. With humility and sincerity, we ask you to forgive our rebellion, our willfulness, and indeed all of our sins.

SILENCE

KYRIE (HYMN NO. 575)

“Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

Lord, have mercy upon us;

Christ, have mercy upon us;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (HYMN NO. 626)

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.

You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my

spirit yield. You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to

worship you.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

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

Will L. Thompson

“Softly and Tenderly”

Chancel Choir

Seth Ungemach, tenor

John Mills, bass

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

Or you may also mail a check to the church office

OFFERTORY

Spiritual arr. Burleigh

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

A deeply consoling African American spiritual that proclaims Christ as the healing balm for wounded souls, drawing on the biblical imagery of Gilead.

*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 abundant giving, accept these gifts as signs of our trust in you. May our offerings extend your healing love to every corner of your beloved creation. For your love’s sake we ask this. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 (page 2)

Romans 5:12-19 (page 917)

Matthew 4:1-11 (page 785)

AFTER THE READINGS

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN NO. 48

“Rain Down”

(first time, choir; repeated by all)

SERMON

Jesus and the Disinherited: Four Sermons on Faith and the Underside of History Inspired by Howard Thurman

“The One and the Many”

*HYMN NO. 215

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

*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.