

*HYMN NO. 746

"Send Me, Jesus"

***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

"This Little Light of Mine"

*"This Little Light of Mine" was sung by participants in the civil rights
movement of the 1950s and 60s as
they faced their oppressors with strength and dignity.*

Elders and Deacons to be Ordained and Installed:

Emma Haas, Family, Youth and Children
Sonji Kenyatta, Deacons
Adam Majot, Trustees

Elders to be Installed:

Jean Reinhold, Stewardship
Sharon Shumaker, Justice
Seth Ungemach, Worship

Deacons to be Installed:

Chris Henry
Sally Wile
Sue Lafferty

*Special thanks to Chiq Montgomery for her help in
leading 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: Elsie Boyd, Janet Dauer,
Bob Dawson, Sonji Kenyatta, Ellen McChesney, Cate Monaghan,
and Mark Wedell.

**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. Carol Wedell, Parish Associate

FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

February 9, 2025 – 11:00AM



CELEBRATION

**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

FEBRUARY

You may also join worship online using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uX8Mn1quszY>

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

CENTERING WORDS

"[People] desire to hear good tidings; and the masses listen to those who bring them. All the prophets of the Old and New Testaments, and others during the history of the Church, had the same experience. They all were contradicted by the false prophets, who announced salvation when there was no salvation." - Paul Tillich, "The Shaking of the Foundations" (1948)

PRELUDE

Traditional

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

A song that dates from the pre-Civil War era, it was sung by slaves singing as they worked in the fields.

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

arr. John Bell

"Come All You People"
Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Chiq Montgomery

(adapted from Psalm 138)

We give you thanks, Holy One, with our whole hearts.

Before all the gods, we praise your name.

Before the gods we worship with our time, our attention, and the work of our hands,

we remember the faithfulness of your love in our creation, preservation, and deliverance.

You have a purpose for us, God, and we are here again to listen.

Open our ears, our minds, and our hearts to your Spirit's voice!

*HYMN NO. 1

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and everlasting God, before whom empires rise and empires fall, remind us of the shortness, frailty, and brokenness of our lives. Deliver us from the sins that cling so closely and strengthen us for the work that is ours in our time and in our place.

SILENCE

KYRIE (Hymn No. 600)

"Amen"

Amen, amen, amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW ELDERS AND DEACONS

The congregation is asked to join in the following prayer and response to conclude the rite of ordination and installation:

Eternal God, you have called these women and men to serve you in this household of faith and in the world, which you have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send your Holy Spirit upon them and upon us, that they may serve among us with honor and faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in their duties, that your church may prosper in the mission you place before it. May their example prove worthy for all of us to follow, as we are united in Christ's ministry, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Leader: Jesus Christ, the head of the church, has promised never to leave us comfortless. In Christ's name, and on behalf of the people of Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian, I rejoice to announce the ordination and installation of the officers of this church.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"My Lord, What a Mornin'"

Janice Alexander, soprano

This song is a Sorrow Song, which is a genre that expresses the suffering and unjust treatment of enslaved African Americans throughout the period of slavery in the US.

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

Ushers will collect prayer requests.

LIVING WORD

Isaiah 6:1-13 (page 553)
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (page 935)
Luke 5:1-11 (page 836)

*HYMN NO. 282

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Gene McAfee
"When the Foundations Shake"

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. Stephenson

"Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho"

Voices in Bronze

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, send us and our offerings into your world to be blessings. Help us to bind up the brokenhearted, heal the wounded, and restore the lost. May the loving Shepherd of the sheep be our companion and our guide. Amen.