

***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 William Fritz
"Allegro"

*Special thanks to Charity Stock for her help in
leading worship today.*

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, March 2:

- Family Lunch with Pastor Gene at 12:15pm in Fellowship Hall. Parents, grandparents, children and youth are welcome!

Wednesday, March 5:

- Ash Wednesday soup and bread potluck at 5:45pm, followed by a worship service at 7:00pm. Register on the church website.

Saturday, March 8:

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

Sunday, March 9:

- "The Faith of Jesus" Study for youth in grades 6-12. 9:30am in Room 104.
- The FHC Immigration Task Force is offering the program "Being Sanctuary People: How Faith-Based Communities Can Respond to the Needs of Immigrants" at 12:15pm in Fellowship Hall. Lunch is included. Register on the church website.

Wednesday, March 12:

- Open House at the Fair Housing Center for Rights & Research from 5:00-7:00pm. See the church website for more information.

Saturday, March 15:

- "Rachmaninov and Franck: Lenten Reflections" at 7:30pm. A candlelit piano recital by The Resonance Project. Contact Ying for more information.

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, Deborah Howard, Sonji Kenyatta, Ellen McChesney and Wanda Nelson (sister of Sharon Wiggins).

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.

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, PRESBYTERIAN

March 2, 2025 – 11:00AM



You may also join worship online using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ho11ncreOn4>

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

CENTERING WORDS

"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced." - James Baldwin

PRELUDE

Cesar Franck
"Prelude"

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

trans. Neale
"O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair"
Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Charity Stock
Extol Yahweh our God, lover of justice!
Worship the One who establishes equity and righteousness.
Our God is enthroned upon the cherubim.
The name of our God is above all names.
Sing praise to God, sing praises!
Rejoice and give thanks, for God's love endures forever!

*HYMN NO. 666 "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and holy God, forgive us for the times we resist the power of your transforming love, clinging instead to our broken and hurtful ways. Forgive the many ways in which we have generated clouds of confusion and chaos. In your mercy, open our eyes to your glory. Open our ears to your Word. Open our hearts to be changed by your love. May we not only witness your light but also reflect it in a world that desperately needs you.

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

ANTHEM "Shine on Me" arr. Rollo Dilworth

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

Ushers will collect prayer requests.

LIVING WORD Exodus 34:29-35 (page 70)
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 (page 938)

*HYMN NO. 288 "Spirit of the Living God"

*LIVING WORD Luke 9:28-36 (page 843)
Congregation remains standing.

After the reading

This is the Good News of Jesus the Christ.
Thanks be to God.

*HYMN NO. 288 "Spirit of the Living God"

SERMON The Rev. Dr. Gene McAfee
"The Gospel and the Veil"

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

Matt Redman
"10,000 Reasons"
Jack Lentz, soloist

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bless our gifts, loving God, with the grace of your Spirit. May these tokens of our lives reflect our love for you and your world. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you, **and also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

J.S. Bach
"Adagio in E minor"
John Hammer, flute

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the precious gift of communion, in which we have received your true presence, the very love of Christ poured out for us. As we have partaken in this sacred meal, we have been reminded of the depth of your love and your call to love one another.

As we leave this holy table, may the love we have received from Christ empower us to live out that love in our daily lives. May it never fail in us, but continue to grow, even when faced with hardship or challenge. And, through the strength of your love, may we continue to strive for a world where faith, hope, and love abound. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 66 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"