

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, March 9:

- 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:

- East Citizens' Empowerment Foundation Women's History Celebration at 5:00 – 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.
- 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. Tickets will be sold after worship today in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, March 16:

- "The Faith of Jesus" Study for youth in grades 6-12. 9:30am in Room 104

Wednesday, March 19:

- Dinner and Discussion for Lent from 5:45 – 8:00pm in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, March 23:

- Labre Ministry Serving at North Church from 10:15am – 1:00pm

Monday, March 24:

- Book Study on *James* by Percival Everett in the FHC library from 6:00 – 8:00pm

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

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

FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

March 9, 2025 – 11:00AM



You may also join worship online using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fHLTPs8WTco>

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

CENTERING WORDS

*“Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible.”
– The Fourteenth Dalai Lama (attr.)*

PRELUDE

Gabriel Fauré
“Prelude”

WELCOME

INTROIT

arr. Kevin McChesney
“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”
Voices in Bronze

CALL TO WORSHIP

Adam Majot
We who live in the shelter of the Most High,
we who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
we will say to Yahweh,
**“You are our refuge and our fortress, our God,
in whom we trust.”**
“Those who love me,” says the LORD, “I will deliver.”
God will keep us, this day and forever more.

*HYMN NO. 291

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most merciful and loving God, we confess that we
have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left
undone. We have wandered from your ways and
succumbed to temptation. We have put our trust in
things that do not last and failed to love you with our
whole hearts. For these and all our sins, named aloud
and named silently in our hearts, we ask your
forgiveness and the strength to begin again.**

SILENCE

KYRIE (Hymn No. 564)

“Amen”
Amen, amen, amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN NO. 586

“Alleluia”

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM

by Lorenz, arr. Berg
“Tell It to Jesus”
Chancel Choir
Laura Otis, soloist

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

Ushers will collect prayer requests.

SCRIPTURE

Violet Majot
Luke 4:1-13
(page 835)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

“Shepherd Me, O God”

HYMN NO. 473

*Remaining seated, everyone sings the Refrain once, and then the
leader and congregation will read the verses responsively as printed in
the hymnal, singing the Refrain as indicated.*

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Gene McAfee
“The Good in Sin”

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious and giving God, in this season of
repentance and renewal, we bring our gifts before you
asking for your blessing. May these offerings be used
to share your love, bring healing to the broken, and
offer hope to the weary. As we have received, so now
we give, for your love's sake. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 418

“Softly and Tenderly”
v. 1 and 3 all, v. 2: high voices

*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

G.F. Handel
“Passacaille”

*Special thanks to Adam and Violet Majot for their help in
leading worship today.*