

June Worship Schedule

June 23:

Simon Doong of PCUSA in Louisville will make a presentation on environmental issues and selective divestment recommendations after worship in South Hall.

June 30:

Worship in Fellowship Hall, led by Rev. Sally Wile and Mary Ann Breisch.

The Deacons' Jordan Care Group invites children and their families to enjoy ice cream and cake in South Hall following worship.

July Worship Schedule

July 7:

Worship in the Sanctuary, led by Rev. Carmen Cox Harwell

July 14:

Worship in the Sanctuary, led by Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz
Congregational Meeting after the service.

July 21:

Outdoor worship, led by Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz. We celebrate the sacrament of baptism.

July 28:

Worship in the Sanctuary, led by Elder Deanne M. Lentz

Visit www.fhcpresb.org for more program information.



Prayer Request: To request prayers for a personal concern, please email Pastor Lentz (pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org) no later than Thursday afternoon of each week for inclusion in next week's congregational prayer.

Prayers are requested this week for: Joe Dauer, Mark Davidson, Deborah Howard, Kemp Jaycox, Cate Monaghan, Jerry Ramler, Beverly Thomas, Grace Uhle, Ann Williams, Warren Young and Karen & Dan Yourd.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Ron Klein, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Roz and Graham Peters.

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, Susan Kay Dunlap** (susandnlp@gmail.com or deacons@fhcpresb.org).

Thank you, all office volunteers: Joan Bacon, Lynda Bernays, Cathy Ghiandoni, and Nancy Grube.

Thank you, all Stream Team Volunteers! Anyone interested in helping stream Sunday services should contact Kurt Haas at kurt@dangereddy.com.

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Rev. Carol Wedell, Parish Associate



FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

JUNE 23, 2024 – 10:00 AM



You may also join worship online using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QqSVGv0JXZQ>

**Please stand if able*

CENTERING WORDS

Like a drink of cool water refreshes a weary, thirsty soul,
so, hearing good news revives the spirit.
(Proverbs 25:25)

PRELUDE

"Aspen Summer" Aaberg
Marge Adler, keyboardist/arranger

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; **to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night...**For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; **at the works of your hands we will sing for joy.**

*HYMN NO. 37

"Let All Things Now Living"

V.1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise; Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night; Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

V.2 By law God enforces, the stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit obediently shine; The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine. We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration, a song let us raise, till all things now living unite in thanksgiving; to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask for your forgiveness. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

A TIME OF REFLECTION

KYRIE (Hymn No. 576)

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GLORIA (Hymn No. 582)

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
(sing twice)*

ANTHEM

Knapp/DeCesare

"Blessed Assurance"

Larissa Boley, soprano
Seth Ungemach, tenor

Ushers will collect prayer requests.

LIVING WORD (NRSV)

Ezekiel 17:22-24 (page 684)
Mark 4:26-34 (page 815)

After the reading

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.
Thanks be to God.

*HYMN NO. 452

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

*Open the eyes of my heart Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you; I want to see you.
To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory. Pour out
your power and love as we sing "holy, holy, holy"
"holy, holy, holy" "holy, holy, holy" "holy, holy, holy"
I want to see you.*

SERMON

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

"I've Got This"

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father Mother, 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. 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.

OFFERING

By texting: 216-400-5300
You may give online with PayPal, Credit or Debit Card:
www.fhcbresb.org
Or you may also mail a check to the church office.

OFFERTORY

Handel and Bach

"Ode to Things Pastoral"
Marge Adler, keyboardist/arranger

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN NO. 699

"Fill My Cup"

Fill my cup; let it overflow; fill my cup let it overflow; fill my cup; let it overflow; let it overflow with love. (refrain)

- 1) *Lord, let me be your instrument, spreading sunshine in the land; let people see your works in me; help me live the best I can. (refrain)*
- 2) *It's my desire to live for you and to always walk upright; give me the strength to face each day; stay with me through each dark night. (refrain)*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*Sanctuary
Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy,
tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

POSTLUDE

anonymous

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"
Marge Adler, keyboardist/arranger

*We thank Nathaniel Martin for serving as
Lay Leader this morning.*