

***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.*

DEPARTING MUSIC

Anonymous
"How Can I But Love Him?"

Special thanks to Ann Donkin for her help in 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: Ajah Hales, Greg Hall, Kathryn Himmelsteib, Deborah Howard, Jane Ishler, Ellie Linden, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Theresa Leonard, Linda Martin, Roz Peters, Joyce Senger, Kate Tzefronis, Doreen Underwood, Sharon Wiggins, Ann Williams, 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

August 2, 2026 – 10:00 am

**The Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Holy Communion



You may also join worship online using this link:
<https://youtube.com/live/9hTYPjWAD98>

Please take a moment, as you prepare for worship, to silence any electronic device(s) you may have with you.

Children of all ages are invited to participate in worship and receive communion this morning. Childcare is provided for children ages birth to 8 years from 9:45am - 11:15am in Rooms 201/203 and 207.

Asterisks () indicate standing in body and/or spirit.*

CENTERING WORDS

“The poetry of earth is never dead.” – John Keats

CENTERING MUSIC

César Franck
“Poco Lento”

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ann Donkin

From the rising of the sun to its going down, we are with God.

God’s Spirit calls to us moment by moment, day by day.

We are here in response to that call of divine love.

We are here to worship in the beauty of holiness.

***HYMN NO. 14**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”
(vv. 1, 2, 5)

PRAYERS

Let us all pray.

Holy and loving God, you have summoned us to worship and we are glad. Led by your Spirit, we have gathered to celebrate. We give you thanks for the gift of another day as your people, and for your undying love, shown to us in our crucified and risen savior.

At the same time, we acknowledge before you and one another that we often fall short of your loving will, and so we pray now for the forgiveness of our sins, which we name silently in our hearts.

All are invited to a brief period of silent prayer.

Assured of your forgiveness when we truly repent, we are confident to pray as your Child taught us, saying,

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 forever and ever. Amen.

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (HYMN NO. 740, refrain)**

**Lead me, guide me, along the way,
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *(repeat)***

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

Eddie Espinosa
“Change My Heart, O God”
Summer Choir

Ushers will collect prayer requests.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE MYSTERY OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise. . . .

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, surrounded by his friends, Jesus offered the bread in thanksgiving and said . . .

“Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, Jesus offered the cup in thanksgiving and said,

“Take, drink. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.”

Come, Holy Spirit. Come. Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless us in our eating and drinking that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died. We eat this meal together...

to be reminded that love endures forever.

We eat this meal together...

to be ready to serve the Lord.

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Thank you, God, for this meal we have shared.
Thank you for the company of friends. Thank you for your church in heaven and on earth. Thank you, dear God, for being with us and among us today. 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

Johannes Brahms
“Intermezzo in A major”

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 (page 30)
Romans 10:11-15 (page 921)

AFTER THE READINGS

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

***HYMN NO. 450**

“Be Thou My Vision” (vv. 1, 2, 4)

SERMON

“The Children of Israel”

***HYMN NO. 307**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”
(vv. 1, 3, 4)