



Worship Schedule

September 1:

Worship led by Elder Ajah Hales

September 5:

Voices of Bronze and Chancel Choir resume rehearsals at 6:15 pm and 7:30 pm

September 8:

Worship at 11 am led by The Rev. Carol Wedell
Fall Festival! Lunch and Fellowship after worship

We need many hands to make light work!

Volunteer sign-up for the Fall Festival is after worship in Fellowship Hall after the service. Volunteer opportunities include set up, serving, clean up, preparing a cold salad for 10, or making a delicious dessert.

Look for the deacon wearing the Ant Hat and carrying a clipboard to volunteer.

We thank The Rev. Carol Wedell, Valeria Stutz, Laura Minder and Clayton Minder for contributing to worship service this morning.

Prayer Request: To request prayers for a personal concern, please email the church office (office@fhcpresb.org).

Prayers are requested this week for: Joe Dauer, Mark Davidson, Deborah Howard, Kemp Jaycox, Pat Musick, Cate Monaghan, the family of Graham Peters, Jerry Ramler, Beverly Thomas, Grace Uhle, Warren Young and Karen & Dan Yourd.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Ron Klein, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, and Roz 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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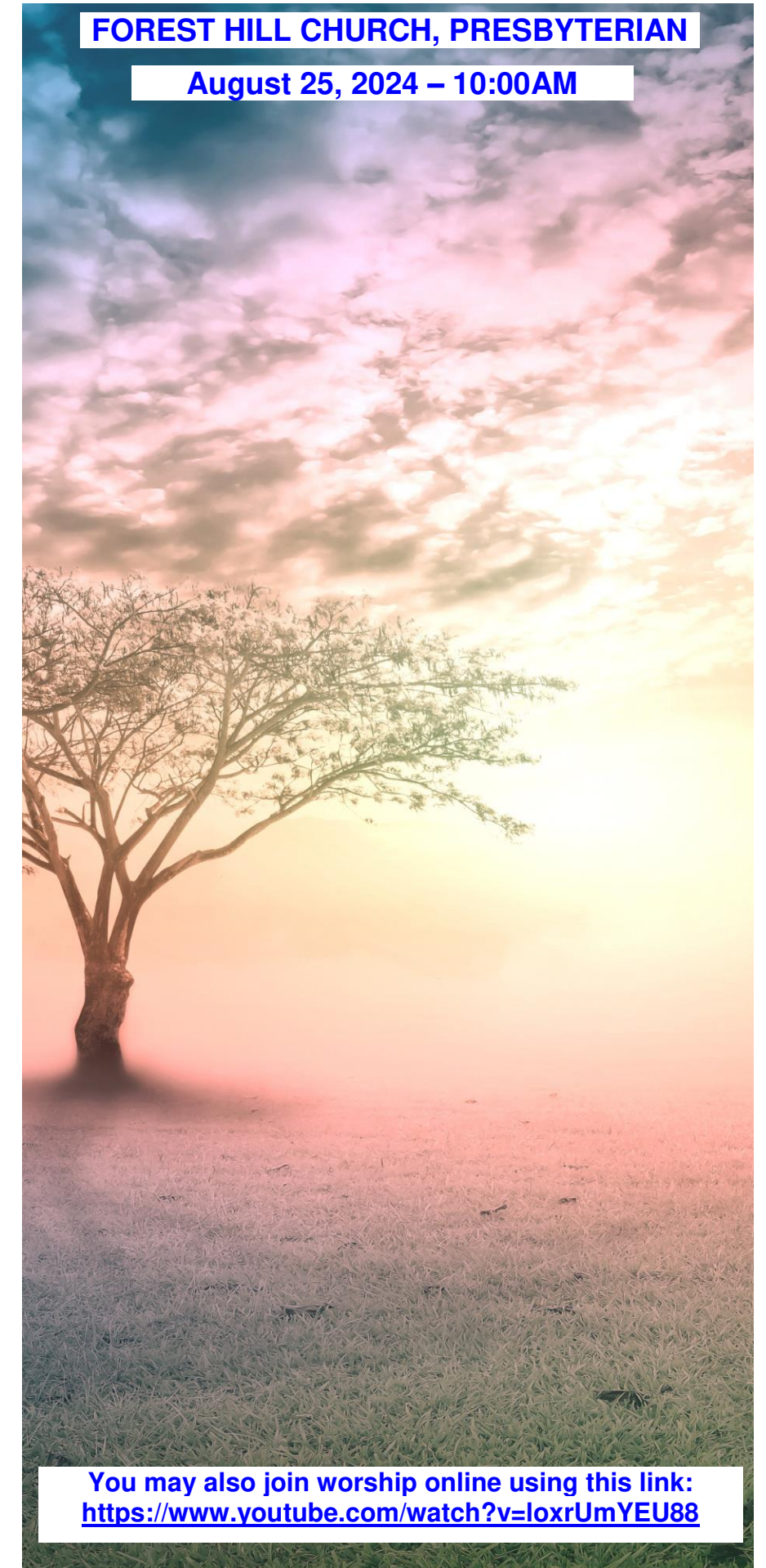
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Dr. Amy Wheatley, Dir. of Family, Youth & Children's Ministry
Dr. QinYing Tan, Director of Music



FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

August 25, 2024 – 10:00AM



You may also join worship online using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=loxrUmYEU88>

**Please stand if able*

Centering Words

*"I believe in making contradictions productive,
not in having to choose one side or the other side.
As opposed to choosing either or, choosing both."*

~ Angela Davis

PRELUDE

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Valeria Stutz

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2024)

Followers of Christ, why have you gathered today?

To worship God, who lives among us.

God lives among us all the time, so why have you gathered today?

To remind one another that God lives among us as we worship.

When you scatter from this place, what will you take with you?

Hearts open to recognize God living among us.

Then, come! Let us worship together!

We come to worship with rejoicing the Triune God who lives, loves, and moves among us as we gather and as we are sent from this place! Amen.

*HYMN NO. 403

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gentle, healing God for all that is not well in us we seek your healing; for all that is in disharmony with your grace we seek your transformation; from all that is a burden in us we seek relief; for all that is broken between us and you, and others, we seek your forgiveness, your healing grace, and a new way of living. Accepting what is, God, we open ourselves in your grace to what may be. Hear our silent prayers of confession.

SILENCE IS KEPT

KYRIE (Hymn No. 576)

"Lord, Have Mercy"

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Siblings in Christ, hear the good news. God's love is poured on you, in you and through you to others. Rest assured in God's presence and love for you, that will never fail or abandon you. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*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

Richard Rodgers

"You'll Never Walk Alone"

Clayton Minder, tenor

Ushers will collect prayer requests.

PSALM 84 (from *The Iona Abbey Worship Book*)

How lovely is your dwelling place, O God of the might of heaven!

I pine and faint with longing for the courts of the temple of God.

My whole being cries out with joy to God, the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for her brood.

She lays her young by your altars, O God of heaven, my God.

Happy are they who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

Happy are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.

Better to spend a day in your courts than a thousand days elsewhere;

to stand at the threshold of God's house than to live in the homes of the wicked.

God is our sun and our shield, the giver of glory and grace. No good thing will God withhold from those who walk without blame.

Happy are they who trust in you, O God of the might of heaven!

LIVING WORD (NRSV)

1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30
(page 271)

After the reading

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

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN NO. 42

"How Lovely, Lord"

SERMON

"Both/And"

The Rev. Carol Wedell

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.fhcpresb.org

Or you may also mail a check to the church office.

OFFERTORY

"My Tribute"

Andraé Crouch

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

"A Safe, Healing Place"

(Tune: "Be Thou My Vision")

Words by Steve Garnaas-Holmes

*God of all living, we truly are blessed:
you are our home and our soul's gentle nest.
Even the swallows shall find in your arms
safety and beauty and rest from all harm.*

*As you have welcomed us into this space,
help us find others who long for your grace,
those who seek shelter and all those who roam.
Make of our living a warm, welcome home*

*You have forgiven and blessed us today,
healed us and raised us to go on our way:
send us in courage with trust in your grace,
to make of this world a safe, healing place.*

*BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

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

"Allegro"

S. Sechter