

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 3:3-14 (page 266)
Ephesians 5:15-20 (page 952)

AFTER THE READINGS

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

***HYMN NO. 53** "O God, Who Gives Us Life"

SERMON "The Gift of Wisdom"

***HYMN NO. 273** "He Is King of Kings"

*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 John Stanley
"Gigg"

Special thanks to Violet and Clementine Evans-Majot for assisting in today's worship and to Mary Ann Breisch, Chenoa Stock, Charity Stock, and Ahren Stock for assisting with music.



Prayers are requested this week for: Ajah Hales, Greg Hall, Kathryn Himmelsteib, Deborah Howard, Jane Ishler, Ellie Linden, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Linda Martin, Roz Peters, Joyce Senger, Kate Tzefronis, Doreen Underwood, Sharon Wiggins, Ann Williams, and Warren Young.

Online Prayer Requests: If you have a prayer request that you would like to have included in the Prayers of the People during Sunday worship, you are welcome to submit it here: <https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/PrayerRequest>. You may also contact the pastor through this link.

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, PRESBYTERIAN

August 30, 2026 – 10:00 am

**The Twenty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time**



You may also join worship online using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VjfYQek1K9Q>

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.
Childcare is provided for children ages birth to 8 years from 9:45 am - 11:15 am in Rooms 201/203 and 207.*

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

CENTERING WORDS

“Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is knowing not to put it in your fruit salad.”
– British journalist Miles Kington

CENTERING MUSIC

Charles Gounod
“Modéré”

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Violet and Clementine Evans-Majot
Blessed are those who walk in the way of divine light and divine love.
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are those who take delight in God’s Word.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are we who hear Love’s call and gather for worship.
Blessed are we – blessed indeed!

***HYMN NO. 12**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”
(vv. 1, 3, 4)

PRAYERS

Let us all pray.

Holy One, we call upon you in this time of worship, knowing that you have been waiting for us. In your light we see more clearly, in your path we walk more confidently, and in your love we love more dearly. For these and all your gifts, we give you thanks.

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**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Violet Evans-Majot

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.

ANTHEM

Mary Ann Breisch
“Fragile Home”
Mary Ann Breisch, piano and vocals

*This beautiful and fragile earth
The only home we know
Well, here we are together
There’s nowhere else to go
Cradling all creatures
Earth makes room for all
Binding us forever
As we fly or as we fall
For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies*

*The creatures of land, sea, and sky
The forests and the trees
The mountains and the valleys
All the birds and all the seeds
From the moment we were born here
Til the day that we grow old
The bounty of the earth is ours
To have and to hold
For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower
Sun and moon and stars of night*

*No matter how we live our lives
Our time is spent right here
Just all of us inhabitants
On this spinning sphere
Plenty here for everyone
If we learn to share
The earth and all God’s children
Depend on how we care
For the joy of human love
Brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild*

*This beautiful and fragile earth
The only home we know
The only home we know
The only home we know*

Ushers will collect prayer requests.

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

Charles H. Gabriel
“Will the Circle Be Unbroken”