

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, September 25:

- Forest Hill Connects Game Party Night at 6:30 pm.

Saturday, September 26:

- PWR Mission and Ministry Faire at 10:00 am.
- Racial Equity Buddies Book Discussion at 10:30 am.

Sunday, September 27:

- Labre Ministry serves at North Church at 10:15 am.

Sunday, October 4:

- World Communion Sunday.
- Family Square Dance at 12:00 pm.

Saturday, October 10:

- Fiber Fellowship at 10:00 am.
- Resonance season opener, "Ten Kings of Hell" at 7:30 pm.

Sunday, October 18:

- GCC Neighborhood Canvassing at 1:00 pm.



*Special thanks to Deacon Elaine Turley
for her help in worship today.*

Prayers are requested this week for: Ajah Hales, Greg Hall, Deborah Howard, Jane Ishler, Ellie Linden, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Linda Martin, Roz Peters, Joyce Senger, Derry Stauffer, 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: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

September 20, 2026 – 11:00 am

**The Third Sunday in the
Season of Creation**

You may also join worship online using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2qmJVgQGAmo>

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

Childcare is provided for children ages birth to 5 years from 10:45 am - 12:15 pm in Rooms 201/203. Children of all ages are invited to participate in worship. After the Passing of the Peace, children leave the sanctuary with their adult leaders to go to Childcare or Sunday School.

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

CENTERING WORDS

“There is nothing so secular that it cannot be sacred, and that is one of the deepest messages of the Incarnation.”
— Madeleine L'Engle

CENTERING MUSIC

J.S. Bach
“Pastorale”

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

Caribbean, arr. John Bell
“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”
Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Elaine Turley
Here in this place, all have a place.
Surely, God is in this place.
In this house of prayer for all people, all have a place.
The Holy One of Israel is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge.
Come, people of God, join to sing.
We will lift up our hearts in praise!

***HYMN NO. 401**

“Here in This Place” (Gather Us In)
(vv. 1, 3 - 4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

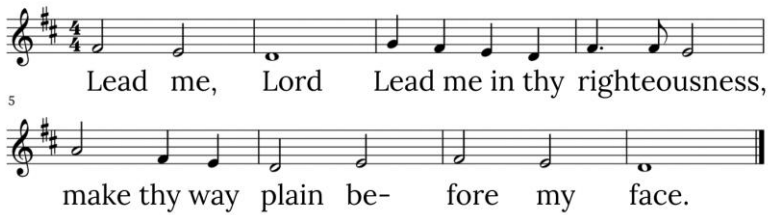
God our Creator, you have called us to lives of holiness, but too often we live snugly in conformity. We blend in when we should stand out. We are silent when we should speak out. We are complicit in the destruction of your world and in the suffering of others. For these and all our sins, corporate and

personal, named and unnamed, we ask your forgiveness.

SILENCE

KYRIE

(choir first time, all second time)



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (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.*

*World without end, without end. Amen. (x3)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Elder Scott Lafferty

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

John Rutter
“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Ushers will collect prayer requests.

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.

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

J.S. Bach
“Allemande”

***SONG OF DEDICATION**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Help us, God, never to overlook our blessings. Keep us ever grateful for what we have received and for what our gifts may do. In the name of your love incarnate, Jesus the Christ, we ask this. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 8:22-24, 27-30 (page 272)
John 1:1-14 (page 862)

AFTER THE READINGS

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

***HYMN NO. 630**

“Fairest Lord Jesus”
(vv. 1, 3 - 4)

SERMON

“Incarnation: More Good News”

***HYMN NO. 459**

“O Word of God Incarnate”

***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

Lambert Chaumont
“Trio par Contrefugue”