WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Lisa Hamilton

Lisa is married to Keith Hamilton and together they have six children. She is also a grandmother to four grandchildren. Lisa has been a licensed funeral director and insurance agent at E. F. Boyd & Son Funeral Home for over 30 years and is the fourth generation in the family business.



Bill Hoose

Bill has lived in Cleveland Heights his entire life and was raised as a Baptist. He's a graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Art in Industrial Design and continues drawing weekly with the Friday Figures Group. His lifework has been in historical woodworking restorations. He also enjoys gardening and participating in the Heights Tree People.



Susanna Gransee

Susanna grew up in Raleigh, NC and now lives in Cleveland Heights with her husband, stepdaughter, son, and cat. Before moving to Ohio, she worked as a foreign service officer. Susanna enjoys being outside and reading and attends church with her son, Henry, who is 6.



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

Prayers are requested this week for: Chris Bell, Elsie Boyd, Nancy Burcham, Janet Dauer, Bob Dawson, Deborah Howard, Chuck and Jane Ishler, Kemp Jaycox, Jessica Owusu, Roz Peters, Ron Register, Joyce Senger, Kate Tzefronis, and Eileen Vizcaino.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Ron Klein, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Grace Uhle 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, PRESBYTERIAN

September 21, 2025 – 11:00 AM

The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



You may also join worship online using this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yJzTr3R GVg

*Please stand in body and/or spirit.

Childcare is provided for children ages birth to 4 years from 10:45 am – 12:15 pm in Rooms 201/203. Children ages 5+ join their families for the opening moments of worship. Following the Passing of the Peace and Children's Welcome, children leave the sanctuary with their adult leaders to go to Sunday School.

CENTERING WORDS

"The curious paradox is that when I accept myself just as I am, then I can change." – Carl Rogers

CENTERING MUSIC

"Adagio"

W.A. Mozart

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

"Hallelujah"

Maraire

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nathaniel Martin

The Sovereign One is our strength.

The Holy One of Israel steadies our steps.

God accepts us as we are to make us as we might be.

This is the power of love, of mercy, and of grace.

This is the God we have gathered to worship.

This is God, our God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Friend!

*HYMN NO. 301

"Let Us Build a House"

(vv. 1, 3, 4, 5)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we confess that we have made ourselves captive to our own forms of strength. We have enslaved our minds and bodies to perceptions of peace and security that you do not share and do not will for us. Forgive our willingness to cooperate with oppression and our unwillingness to be makers, and not merely speakers of peace.

SILENCE

KYRIE (HYMN NO. 578)

"O Lord, Have Mercy" (in Greek, v. 1 soloist, vv. 1-2 all)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE (HYMN NO. 588)

"Alleluia"



*PASSING OF THE PEACE

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Justice Ministry

ANNOUNCEMENTS/FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Bill Hoose Lisa Hamilton Susanna Gransee

PRAYER FOR NEW MEMBERS

Dear Lord, we give thanks for those who have chosen to join us in service to you. We pray that they, with your help and guidance, will continue to grow in love and strength with us. Amen.

MUSIC "Many Waters Cannot Quench Love" John Bell

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

"Adagio"

Elgar

*DOXOLOGY (HYMN NO. 606)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Help us, God, to live generously, accepting your gifts graciously and sharing them joyfully. In Jesus' name we ask this. Amen.

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 (page 943)

*HYMN NO. 727 "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

(v. 1 all, vv. 2-3 pulpit side, vv. 4-5

lectern side, v. 6 all)

SERMON "Dings, Dents, and Other Perfections"

*HYMN NO. 547 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

*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

"Aria Con Variazoni"

G.B. Martini

Sign up for the Mission Study Team's lunch on September 28 and Zoom Meeting on October 4 <u>here</u>, or by using this QR code below. We want to hear your stories.



Special thanks to Nathaniel Martin for his help in worship today.