# **Upcoming Events**

## Tuesday, September 24:

Racial Repair and Restoration Task Force: A New Beginning," 6-8 pm, in the FHC Fellowship Hall.

# Friday, September 27:

THIS FRIDAY, 7:30PM! The Resonance project: CLE Concierto performs. Tickets on RMSeries.com and in person at fellowship hour today.

## Saturday, September 28:

Racial Equity Buddies: God and Country is a must-see film. It will be shown at 3 PM at 16349 Chillicothe Rd, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023.

## Sunday, September 29: Stewardship Sunday

Worship led by Elder Jean Reinhold and Stewardship Ministry.

# Sunday, October 6: World Communion

Worship led by The Rev. Eric Dillenbeck

Information on all events are listed on the church website (<u>www.fhcpresb.org</u>), monthly TOWER located on the church information tables in the church hallways, and our digital and paper bulletin boards located outside of the sanctuary. You may also, use the QR code below!



## **Bible Fellowship Opportunities**

Building community and spiritual growth in small groups through an array of Bible discussions. Join us!

- Contemplative Scripture Study
- Sunday Morning Bible Study
- Christian Beliefs: Bible 101
- Bible and Bagels
- Special Offerings: Christian perspectives from Ethiopia and Peru

Learn more by using the QR Code below!



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

**Prayers are requested this week for**: Shaniba Bland, Mark Davidson, Steven Dugard, Dorothy Herd and Cate Monaghan.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Lucy Conde, Kemp Jaycox, Ron Klein, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Pat Musick, Roz Peters, Beverly Thomas, 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, Susan Kay Dunlap (<a href="mailto:susandnlp@gmail.com">susandnlp@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:deacons@fhcpresb.org">deacons@fhcpresb.org</a>).

**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 <a href="mailto:kurt@dangereddy.com">kurt@dangereddy.com</a>.

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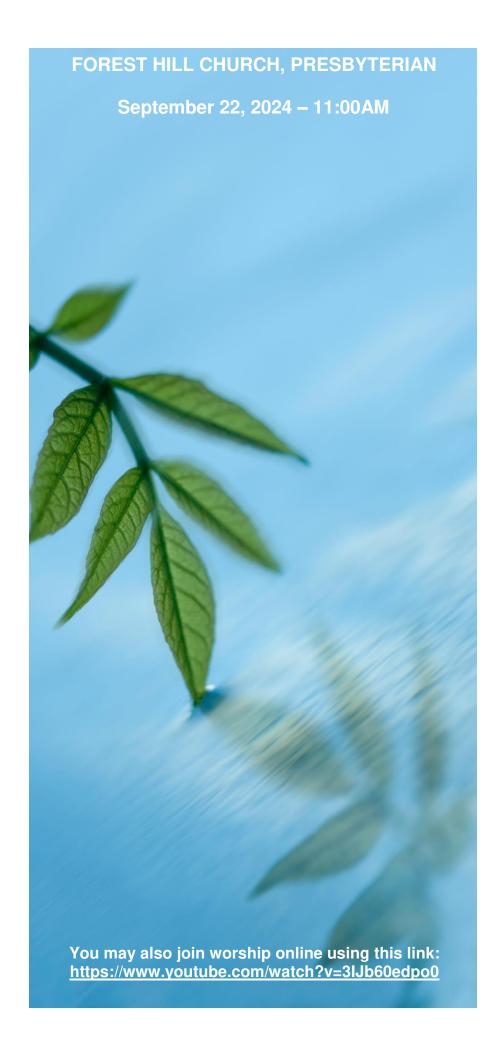
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The Rev. Carol Wedell, Gap Pastor
Dr. Amy Wheatley, Dir. of Family, Youth & Children's Ministry
Dr. QinYing Tan, Director of Music





## \*Please stand if able

**Centering Words** 

"Nothing is so strong as gentleness, and nothing is so gentle as real strength".

~Ralph W. Sockman

**PRELUDE** 

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"Ernte-Dankfest"

**WELCOME** 

**CHORAL INTROIT** 

Michael O'Shields

"I Will Call upon the Lord" Chancel Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

Karen Loughridge

Our world offers many wide avenues and beautiful boulevards to walk;

Our God invites us to walk the road of service and sacrifice.

Our society suggests we put down our roots in the shallow soil of pleasure and greed.

Our God seeks to plant us on the banks of hope, watered by the rivers of joy and grace.

Our culture promotes achievement, success, climbing to the top, ringing the bell.

Our God tells us if we want to be first we need to go to the end of the line.

Thom Shuman

\*HYMN NO. 26

"Earth and All Stars"

**CALL TO CONFESSION** 

The Rev. Eileen Vizcaino

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we live our lives to the best of our ability – dealing with a myriad of challenges and trying to put failures and disappointments behind us. Yet we admit that we don't really understand your ways of peace and gentleness. We get caught up in the "do more, be more," of the world around us. We lose sight of what it means to follow Jesus. Forgive us, Loving One. Draw us close and show us how to put the needs of our community ahead of our own, that we might build your peaceable culture, here and now. Hear now our silent prayers.

## SILENCE

**KYRIE** (Hymn No. 576) "Lord, Have Mercy" Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

#### \*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** 

Pepper Choplin

"Our Father" Chancel Choir

Ushers will collect prayer requests.

# **CHILDREN'S WELCOME**

Amy Wheatley

Children are invited to leave the sanctuary with their adult leaders to go to Sunday School.

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a (Page 981)

After the reading

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

\*HYMN NO. 291

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" Verses 1, 3 and 4

**SERMON** 

The Rev. Carol Wedell

"The Wisdom of Gentleness"

# 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**

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN NO. 754

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

## \*BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

**SANCTUARY** (Hymn No. 701)

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

**POSTLUDE** John Stanley

"Allegro"



Thank you, Karen Loughridge and The Rev. Eileen Vizcaino for contributing to the worship service this morning.