

***HYMN NO. 543**

"God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING RESPONSE (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.*

DEPARTING MUSIC

Edward Elgar

"Poco Allegro"

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, September 27:

- Contemplative Scripture Study at 4:00 pm.

Sunday, October 4:

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

Saturday, October 10:

- Fiber Fellowship at 10:00 am.
- The Colonias of Texas at 2:00 pm.
- Resonance season opener, "Ten Kings of Hell" at 7:30 pm.

Wednesday, October 14:

- Eastside Citizens meeting at 5:00 pm.

Sunday, October 18:

- GCC Neighborhood Canvassing at 1:00 pm.
- Contemplative Scripture Study at 4:00 pm.

Sunday, October 25:

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



*Special thanks to Jennifer Blakeney
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, Kate Tzeffronis, 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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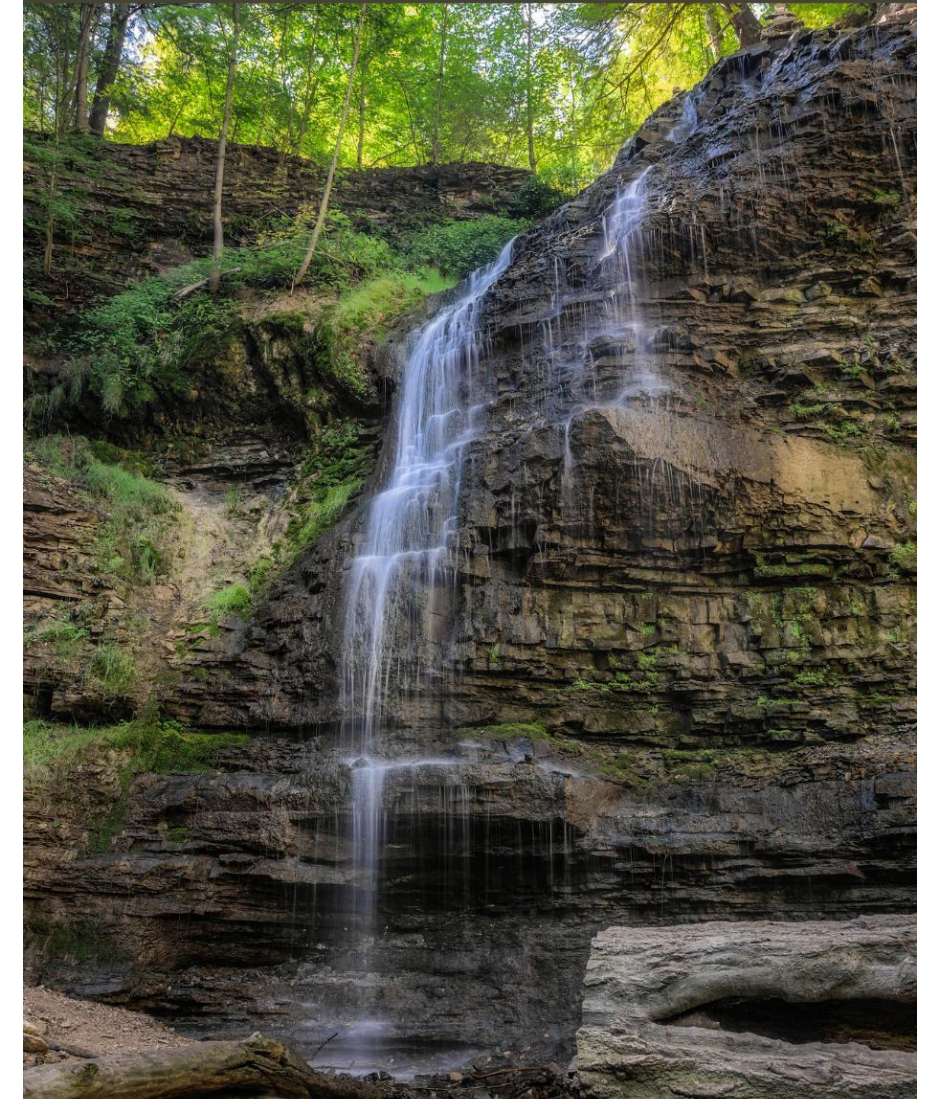


Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

September 27, 2026 – 11:00 am

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



You may also join worship online using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9hjs6xln5rk>

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

“Water is the driving force of all nature.”
~Leonardo Da Vinci

CENTERING MUSIC

G.F. Handel
“Adagio”

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

Jack Noble White
“Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me”
Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jennifer Blakeney
(from Iona Abbey Worship Book)

The God of heaven has made a home on earth,
Christ dwells among us and is one with us.
The highest in all creation lives among the least.
Christ journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.
Come now all who thirst.
And drink the water of life.
Come now all who hunger
And be filled with good things.
Come now all who seek
And be warmed by the fire of love.

***HYMN NO. 410**

“God Is Calling through the Whisper”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of patience, your people grow weary. We complain, we quarrel, and we doubt your care. Empty our hearts of anger and pride, and our minds of mistrust. When we wander off your path, when we

fail to follow through on our good intentions, when we give our attention to trivial things; gently call us back to you. Forgive our human frailty when we demand our own way instead of seeing your presence all around us. Reclaim us with your love. Hear now our silent prayers....

SILENCE

KYRIE

(choir first time, all second time)

Lead me, Lord Lead me in thy righteousness,
make thy way plain be- fore my face.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***CHORAL RESPONSE (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.*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Justice Ministry

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
“Gaelic Blessing”

Ushers will collect prayer requests.

SCRIPTURE READING

O God, as we hear these words,
May we sense your presence with us.

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16 (page 468)
Exodus 17:1-7 (page 56)

AFTER THE READINGS

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

***HYMN NO. 406**

“We Are Standing on Holy Ground”
(sing twice)

SERMON

The Rev. Carol Wedell
“Wilderness, Whining and Water”

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
"Black Pearl," BWV 988

***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.*

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**