

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Sunday, September 28:

- Mission Study Committee Luncheon at 12:30 pm.

### Friday, October 3:

- The Resonance Project Concert: *A Circle of Her Own* at 7:30 pm.

### Saturday, October 4:

- Mission Study Committee Zoom Meeting at 10:00 am.

### Sunday, October 5:

- World Communion Sunday.
- Palestine 101 at 12:30 pm.

### Saturday, October 18:

- Les Délices Concert: Bohemian Rhapsody at 7:30 pm.

### Tuesday, October 21:

- Mostly Bones Concert at 7:00 pm.

### Sunday, October 26:

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

**Information on all events are listed on the church website ([www.fhcpresb.org](http://www.fhcpresb.org)), 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 scan the QR code below.**



**Gene McAfee** will be with the Celtic Pilgrimage to Ireland and Scotland from Monday, Oct. 6th until Monday, Oct. 20th. For urgent pastoral needs during that time, please contact the Church Office, 216-321-2660 (M-F, 9 am-3 pm) or FHC's Parish Associate, the Rev. Carol Wedell, 216-470-0152.

**Copies of the 1993 history of Forest Hill Church** compiled by Joan McVeen, *In The Beginning . . . Our First 90 Years: The History of Forest Hill Church, with a historical addendum by Dick Obermanns*, are available for free on the visitor information table.

**On October 5**, the Rev. Addie Domske will be our guest preacher in worship and, following worship, she will lead a session, "Palestine 101," in South Hall. Together we'll explore themes of justice, peace, and liberation for Palestine, and learn more about the important advocacy work of the PC(USA). We invite you to join the conversation about how our faith calls us to act for peace and justice. There is no RSVP necessary.

**Prayer Requests:** To request prayers for a personal concern, please email the church office ([office@fhcpresb.org](mailto: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, Pat Seeders, Joyce Senger, Kate Tzepronis, Eileen Vizcaino, and Sharon Wiggins.

**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](mailto: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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**The Rev. Dr. Gene McAfee, Transitional Pastor**  
**Dr. Amy Wheatley, Dir. of Family, Youth & Children's Ministry**  
**Dr. QinYing Tan, Director of Music**  
**The Rev. Carol Wedell, Parish Associate**

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## FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

**September 28, 2025 – 11:00 AM**

**The 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



You may also join worship online using this link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eLW4ecO5gPQ>

***\*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**

*“Be patient and tough. Someday this pain will be useful to you.”*  
– Ovid (43 BCE - 17 CE)

**CENTERING MUSIC**                      “Marche”                      Franz Joseph Haydn

**WELCOME**

**CHORAL INTROIT**                      “Laudate Dominum”                      Taizé

**CALL TO WORSHIP**                      Nicole Lawrence

In every season, God is faithful.

**In good times and in bad, God is there.**

The road may be long and the path may be stony, but God walks with us.

**Upheld by God’s mercy and strength, we gather to remember, to share, and to rejoice!**

**\*HYMN NO. 409**                      “God Is Here!”

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of abundance, we confess that we often forget your generosity. We live as if we have made ourselves and are entitled to walk according to our ways rather than yours. We take for granted the earth that nourishes us, the labor of others that sustains us, and the communities that shape us. Forgive us for all the times when we have failed to live in your loving, generous image.**

**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

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.

MUSIC“Freedom Train”Rollo Dilworth  
Pickup Choir

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](http://www.fhcpresb.org)  
Or you may also mail a check to the church office

OFFERTORY“O Lord Hear My Prayer”Taizé

\*DOXOLOGY (HYMN NO. 606)

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Fount of every blessing, we offer our gifts to you not as repayment but in remembrance and hope. May the work of our hands and the meditations of our hearts advance your realm of peace with justice on earth. Amen.

SCRIPTUREDeuteronomy 8:1-20 (page 145)

\*HYMN NO. 800“Sometimes a Light Surprises”(vv. 1, 3)

SERMON“Quality Control”

\*HYMN NO. 317“In Christ There Is No East or West”

\*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“Allegro”F. Mendelssohn

Special thanks to Nicole Lawrence for her help in worship today.

Our denomination will be lifting up A Season of Peace from September 7 through October 5, when we will celebrate World Communion Sunday. Throughout this season, the Peace and Global Witness Special Offering will be received. By participating in this offering, Forest Hill Church is extending Christ's peace throughout our community and our world. The pursuit of peace in the name of Christ is part of an active, engaged faith—a witness to what it means for us to be the Church, together. Please consider participating in this offering with the envelopes in the pews or sending a designated contribution to the church. Forest Hill Church will keep 25% of the offering to support peacemaking, justice, and reconciliation efforts in our local community. As we gather around God's global table of peace, let us remember that peace begins with each of us.