

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, September 7:

- Church office closed.

Wednesday, September 9:

- Music Ministry Potluck Dinner at 6:30 pm.

Thursday, September 10:

- East Side Citizens meeting at 5:00 pm.
- Choir rehearsals resume at 7:15 pm.

Sunday, September 13:

- 11 am worship.
- Fellowship Festival following worship.

Thursday, September 17:

- GCC Judge Candidate Action at 7:00 pm.
- Bell rehearsals resume at 6:15 pm.

Sunday, September 20:

- Adult Spiritual Growth Bible Study at 9:15 am.

Friday, September 25:

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

Saturday, September 26:

- Racial Wellness Gap Workshop at 9:00 am.
- Racial Equity Buddies Book Discussion at 10:30 am.

Sunday, September 27:

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



Special thanks to Elder Derry Stauffer for assisting in today's worship and to Elder Seth Ungemach for assisting with music.

Prayers are requested this week for: Ajah Hales, Greg Hall, Kathryn Himmelsteib, Deborah Howard, Jane Ishler, Ellie Linden, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Linda Martin, Roz Peters, Joyce Senger, 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 6, 2026 – 10:00 am

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

Holy Communion



You may also join worship online using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qm0ILWozq-Y>

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

Children of all ages are invited to participate in worship and receive communion this morning. Childcare is provided for children ages birth to 8 years from 9:45 am - 11:15 am in Rooms 201/203 and 207.

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

CENTERING WORDS

“The earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.”

– Psalm 24:1

CENTERING MUSIC

E.L. Ashford
“In Summer”

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Derry Stauffer

Make a joyful noise unto God, all the earth.
Let us worship our God with gladness.
Come into God’s presence with singing.
We will enter God’s courts with praise.
For we are God’s people, the work of God’s hands.
And our cup of blessing overflows!

***HYMN NO. 394**

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”
(vv. 1 - 3)

PRAYERS

Let us all pray.

Eternal God, as we enter a new season, remind us of your abiding presence. Your love for us and for all your beloved creation has drawn us to worship, and we are glad. We celebrate your love with our lips and with our lives, and we offer our whole selves to you in joyful service.

At the same time, we acknowledge before you and one another that we often fall short of your loving will, and so we pray now for the forgiveness of our sins, which we name silently in our hearts.

All are invited to a brief period of silent prayer.

Assured of your forgiveness when we truly repent, we are confident to pray as your Child taught us, saying,

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 forever and ever. Amen.

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (HYMN NO. 740, refrain)**

Lead me, guide me, along the way,
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *(repeat)*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ralph Vaughan Williams
“The Call”
Seth Ungemach, tenor

Ushers will collect prayer requests.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE MYSTERY OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to God.
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise. . . .
We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, surrounded by his friends, Jesus offered the bread in thanksgiving and said . . .
“Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”
In the same way, Jesus offered the cup in thanksgiving and said,
“Take, drink. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.”

Come, Holy Spirit. Come. Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless us in our eating and drinking that our eyes may be opened and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died. We eat this meal together...
to be reminded that love endures forever.
We eat this meal together...
to be ready to serve the Lord.

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, God, for this meal we have shared.
Thank you for the company of friends. Thank you for your church in heaven and on earth. Thank you, dear God, for being with us and among us today. 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

Robert Lowry
“I Need Thee Every Hour”

SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 (page 537)
John 3:1-8 (page 863)

AFTER THE READINGS

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

***HYMN NO. 717**

“For the Life That You Have Given”

SERMON

“Always We Begin Again”

***HYMN NO. 775**

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

***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

Louis Nicolas Clérambault
“Gayement”