



Exploring Membership is a 2-class series with the next upcoming classes on Sunday, Jan 14 (in person, after church, lunch and childcare provided) and Jan 21 (Via Zoom after church or you can join a Zoom group at church with childcare). If you are interested in registering or finding out more about exploring membership contact Mark Wedell at markwedell1212@gmail.com or complete the following form: <https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/98da6c8213626>.



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Please join us in our upcoming programs. Scan the QR code below for our calendar of events.



Dear Friends, Happy New Year! Help Forest Hill Church get off to a great start by completing the Congregation Assessment Tool (CAT). This is a very important time in the life of the church. The CAT will begin the process of setting a faithful course for our future. **PLEASE** take 20-25 minutes to complete the CAT. From now until January 23!



Prayer Request: To request prayers for a personal concern, please email Pastor Lentz (pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org) no later than Thursday afternoon of each week for inclusion in next week's congregational prayer.

Prayers are requested this week for: Joe Dauer, Mark Davidson, Bob and Diane Doyle, Deborah Howard, Roz and Graham Peters, Beverly Thomas, Grace Uhle Warren Young and Karen & Dan Yourd.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Ron Klein and Carol Hopkins-Lutz.

Care Groups will assist our pastors 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, Dean Sieck** (deacons@fhcpresb.org).

Thank you, all office volunteers: Joan Bacon, Lynda Bernays, Cathy Ghiandoni, Nancy Grube and Pat Jenkins.

Thank you, all Stream Team Volunteers! Anyone interested in helping stream Sunday services should contact Kurt Haas at kurt@dangereddy.com.

The deadline for the bulletin and weekly email is Tuesday of each week at 5 pm. The next TOWER deadline is **February 15, 2024 (for the March TOWER) at 8:00 am**. Please submit your written requests to office@fhcpresb.org.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 15 FOR MLK.

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FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

JANUARY 14, 2024 – 11:00AM

“INJUSTICE ANYWHERE IS A THREAT TO JUSTICE EVERYWHERE. WE ARE CAUGHT IN AN INESCAPABLE NETWORK OF MUTUALITY, TIED IN A SINGLE GARMENT OF DESTINY. WHATEVER AFFECTS ONE DIRECTLY, AFFECTS ALL INDIRECTLY.”

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



You may also join worship online using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=19d69zLh8ww>

CENTERING WORDS

We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.
~Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Letter From Birmingham Jail"

PRELUDE

Charles H. Gabriel
"His Eye is on the Sparrow"

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

African-American Traditional
"Guide My Feet"
Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 139 adapted)

O Lord, you have known us and have searched us. **You know when we sit down and when we rise up.** Even before a word is on my tongue, **O Lord, you know it completely.** Where can we go from your Spirit? **Or where can we flee from your presence?** We are here Lord, your people, your flock, your sheep. **We are here Lord, ready to give you thanks and praise!** We are here Lord, open to receive. **We are here Lord, ready to serve.** Thanks be to God. **We are here, ready to worship you with our whole hearts, our whole minds, our voices.**

*HYMN NO. 39

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND LAMENT


Gracious God, by day and night we pour out our prayer to you. **We are crying out for justice, yearning for what is right, longing for your peace. Come quickly to help us O, God; save those who call upon your name.**
...and your people cry: **How long, O Lord?**

Gracious God, keep us working and praying for the day when your justice will roll down like waters, and your righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Replenish our strength, forgive our sin, and stir up our hope as we look for signs of your coming reign. Fill us with the peace that passes understanding – the deep peace of Jesus Christ our Savior, in whose name we pray. AMEN.

TIME OF SILENCE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN NO. 582



I Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

CHILDREN'S WELCOME

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

ANTHEM

Hezekiah Brinson/Robert Manuel Sr.
"Keep the Dream Alive"
Chancel Choir
*Martin's dream for all of us so set his soul afire,
and lifted him to soaring heights that he might with his God conspire;
To change the course of history that all be brothers, all be free.
Keep the dream alive, keep the dream alive;
We will have the victory, just keep the dream alive.*

THE LIVING WORD (NRSV)

1 Corinthians 12:4-12
Selections from "Letter From Birmingham Jail"

After the readings

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

HYMN NO. 792

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"
Congregation will sing refrain

SERMON

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.
"The Web of Mutuality"

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, 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.
Make Your Commitment (Pledge) For 2024 at www.fhcpresb.org

OFFERTORY

Thomas Dorsey
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN NO. 700

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

*SUNG BENEDICTION

"Fill My Cup"
*Fill my cup let it overflow, fill my cup let it overflow
Fill my cup let it overflow, let it overflow with love.
Lord, let me be your instrument, spreading sunshine in the land;
let people see your works in me; help me live the best I can.
Fill my cup let it overflow, fill my cup let it overflow
Fill my cup let it overflow, let it overflow with love.*

POSTLUDE

Arr. Tan
"A Celebration of MLK's Favorites"

Below is the link to your Congregation Assessment Tool:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FORESTHILLOH>

We thank Leslie Clement for serving as Lay Leader this morning.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation.
Sunday, January 28, at 12:30 PM. Lunch served.