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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!



We welcome Rev. Carol Wedell, our Parish Associate to our pulpit this morning.

We thank Carolyn Smith for serving as Lay Leader this morning.

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

The service and Repast for Robyn Hales will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 1:30 pm, with a repast following.

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, the family of Robyn Hales, 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.

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FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

JANUARY 21, 2024 – 11:00AM

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

PRELUDE Johann Speth
"Magnificat octave toni"

WELCOME

INTROIT Traditional
"Come, Let Us Gather"
Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us, offering hope and promise, challenge and change. God calls us, out of our comfort zones, to go where the need is greatest. God calls us, to include everyone, as we build a world that embodies God's love and justice. Let us worship God!

***HYMN NO. 410** "God is Calling Through the Whisper"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you call us to leave our nets and follow you. But we're pretty comfortable. Most of our needs are met. We're not so sure about going in some new, unknown direction. We would rather not be challenged to change our minds, our behaviors, our lives. Forgive us, Compassionate God. Help us to follow Jesus even when it's hard. May we proclaim with our lips, but especially with our lives, that your culture of love is present here and now. Hear our prayer, in Jesus' name.

A TIME OF SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN NO. 588

Leader All
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Leader All
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Leader All
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Leader All
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

ANTHEM Arr. John Ferguson
"Speak, O Lord"
Chancel Choir

GOSPEL READING Mark 1:14-20

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

HYMN NO. 751 "From the Nets of Our Labor"
Verse 1 (Choir Only)
Verses 4,5 and 6

SERMON Rev. Carol Wedell
"Let Go of Your Nets!"

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 Arr. Hal Hopson
"The Gift of Love"
Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN NO. 726** "Will You Come and Follow Me"
(High Voices V. 3 and Low Voices V.4)

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE HYMN NO. 701** Sanctuary
Lord, prepare me, to be a sanctuary. Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving I'll be a living. Sanctuary for you.

POSTLUDE Georg Friedrich Kaufmann
"Nun danket all Gott (Now Thank We All Our God)"



Forest Hill Church Presbyterian
Black History Education Month 2024

Black History month is celebrated annually to celebrate Black culture, eradicate discrimination and encourage racial equality. For the past 13 years, Forest Hill Church has proudly presented a full month of Black History Celebration Events. All events are FREE and open to the public, although some events offer sweets and treats for sale.

Join us in celebrating our 2024 Theme:
Black Women: Crowned with Glory

This year, FHC's Black History Education Committee has chosen to recognize 10 exceptional Black womxn who exemplify the fruits of the spirit: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness/generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Events By Date

February 4: Family Fun Movie Night 4:00-6:00 PM -Join us for a FREE private screening of The Little Mermaid (PG). Bring the whole family to enjoy this modern take on a childhood classic. Grab Popcorn and Kool-Aid for just a buck!

February 11: Fruits of the Spirit Reveal 12:30- 2:00 PM-Did you guess correctly? Join us for an interactive skit, reveal and discussion featuring FHC members. Food not provided.

February 18: Soul Food Potluck 3:30-7:00 PM-We've got the meats, you bring the treats! Soul food is feel-good food. What dishes made you feel good growing up? Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to the potluck and share the love as we celebrate Black culture.

February 25: A Time for Joy: Annual of African-American Music 6:30-9:00 PM-Join us for a celebration of the majesty of all that is Black music. This year we will honor many of the powerful and legendary Black women of song. Featuring Alexander Wright, Vocalist, Sterling Cozza, Pianist, Griffin Fink, Bassist, and Gabriel P. Jones, Drummer. Bake sale before and after concert!

If you wish to volunteer for Black History Month,
please contact Danielle Cosgrove at
daniellecogrove@gmail.com or call or text her at 216-513-3162.