



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 and Warren Young.

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 **January 11, 2024 (for the February 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

EPIPHANY
JANUARY 7, 2024 – 11:00AM



You may also join worship online using this link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H_ALovt452c

PRELUDE Eduardo Miss
"Prelude"

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine; for your light has come! **The glory of the Lord has risen upon us!**
Tell the good news throughout the earth: **the saving grace of Jesus Christ is for all!**
Come and adore the Savior of the nations. **We offer the gifts of our lives to the Lord.**

***HYMN NO. 151** "We Three Kings of Orient Are"
All sing verse 1 and all refrains

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

The mercy of the Lord is like rain, like showers that water the earth. (Psalm 72:6)
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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

ANTHEM Georg Frideric Handel
"Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion"
Madelaine Matej Macqueen, soprano

THE LIVING WORD (NRSV)

Isaiah 60:1-6
Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. **For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.** Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. **Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.** Then you shall see and be radiant; **your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.** A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. **They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.**

Matthew 2:1-12

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

SERMON Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.
"Let The Light Shine"

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
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www.fhcbresb.org
Or you may also mail a check to the church office.
Make Your Commitment (Pledge) For 2024 at www.fhcbresb.org

OFFERTORY Earl Wild
"To a Wild Rose"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION/ GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION Girolamo Frescobaldi
"Kyrie"

Prayer After Communion
God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN** "This Little Light of Mine"
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!
Hide it under a bushel, no! I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!
Don't let anyone blow it out. I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Arthur Pearson
"March"

We thank Scott Bissett for serving as Lay Leader this morning.

Thank you to our three kings:
Jack Lentz, Seth Ungemach, and Dean Sieck

We thank the Tapié-Fay family for the gift of the Three Kings costumes. They add such beauty to our worship this morning.

Below is the link to your Congregation Assessment Tool:

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