

2026 ANNUAL PLEDGE

Forest Hill Church
presbyterian

LOVE IS. All in.

In this period of church transition in a changing world, we are called to love. Forest Hill Church shows love in so many ways. Hopeful transformative love. Kind and welcoming love. Persistent joyful love. Love that protects all of God's beloved children. Our church, always on the side of righteousness for decades, is in it for the long haul - patiently and purposefully, loving our way to justice as we help build God's kingdom.

Much like in your own homes and families, we know that love is not always pretty or so lofty. Love means replacing toilets, sealing leaky roofs, maintaining the mundane. That's important work too if we want our love to last longer than our lives.

And, as most of you know, most of our budget goes to personnel. It's our job to appreciate our leaders in a loving way by ensuring the salaries and health care they deserve.

From practical to philosophical, the root of our giving is love. With that in mind, our Stewardship goal is 100% participation in this campaign. Last year, we took on ten new pledgers - that was a start. We want to continue to grow on last year's success. We know the money will come, as it always has. This campaign - and the true meaning of stewardship - is about *all of us* being faithful stewards of our church, our work, and God's love. Pledge what you can; even the smallest amount promised matters. Plain and simple, let's show love. All in.

As always, it is a pleasure to work with and serve you,

Keith Logan and Jean Reinhold, Elders
Carol Gifford, Kim Hill, Jenny Himmelman, Peter Williams
The Stewardship Ministry

LOVE IS PATIENT,
LOVE IS KIND.
LOVE REJOICES
WITH THE TRUTH.
LOVE ALWAYS
PROTECTS,
ALWAYS TRUSTS,
ALWAYS HOPES,
ALWAYS PERSEVERES.
LOVE NEVER ENDS.

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WITH YOUR SUPPORT

♥ Making cookies for the program at Y-Haven ♥ Small group learning and fellowship ♥ Giving time to do a repair at church: walls have been painted, gardens maintained ♥ Helping another with a home repair ♥ Supporting Scouting, and graciously receiving their returned gifts to us ♥ Gathering to make quilts for injured children and Family Promise ♥ Gifting 150 hats to an organization at the US/Mexico border - most were hand knit ♥ Lingerin awhile after Sunday services ♥ Eating together during special community meals ♥ Meal trains ♥ Providing help during a health crisis ♥ Visiting homebound friends (which is a blessing for both parties) ♥ The outpouring of love and support when family members die ♥ Children singing with their whole hearts ♥ Sharing the loving word of God ♥ Contemplative prayer group ♥

"During Passing of the Peace, I witness rejoicing love, as the congregation smiles, hugs, and shakes hands with such great joy for each other."

"Hugs, hugs and more hugs."

"FHC continues to work to seek ways to protect and assist immigrants in our community in so many ways. This love is one of the many reasons I am proud to be a member and to support FHC."

"Labre volunteers prepare delicious hot meals which the Sunday Labre crew serves to the guests at North Church after worship. Food and drinks are offered and words of kindness and hospitality are exchanged between those serving and those receiving. This ongoing ministry at FHC is a beautiful expression of caring and love."

♥ Friendly emails in times of need ♥ Babysitting provided when parents needed a break or to recover from a trying circumstance ♥ Birthday cards ♥ Warmly helping to relieve stress in small interactions ♥ Holding hands in a vulnerable moment ♥ The "Memorial Committee" spends hours setting up the reception after conferring with the family of the loved one who has died, which includes purchasing food, arranging flowers, setting tables and then cleaning up after the event without any expectation of recognition ♥ Marching in the 2025 Pride Parade and the outpouring of love given to and received from the thousands along the parade route ♥ During prayers, anthems and our community hymn singing ♥ Fellowship built in Chancel and Bell Choirs, being welcomed no matter the level of talent ♥ Accepting and supporting people who express their gender or sexuality in ways that are not always acceptable to others ♥ Sermons that help us think about how to show love ♥ Feeling connection when we energetically sing congregational songs especially with drums, piano and other instruments ♥ Loving leaders leading our children's faith journeys ♥ When we work as a team ♥ The love expressed when planning, conducting and attending Adult Spiritual Growth classes ♥ Working together to beautify the church on the Trustee Work Days ♥ Spirit-filled worship, music and sermons ♥ Acceptance of us, just as we are ♥ Stopping to assist someone when they hit a pothole driving home after worship ♥ Being in a Progressive Congregation in this day and age ♥ Trusting us and loving us with guidance, care and friendship ♥ Warm and welcoming custodial staff; if you have a question, they always have an answer ♥ Our Pastor's messages and actions of inclusion ♥

"We give support to the surrounding community. We try to make life a little easier for those around us, by walking together in the steps of Jesus."

Use this QR code to hear testimonials about why people love attending Forest Hill Church.



WE SHOW GOD'S LOVE

- **ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH:** provides different voices and perspectives with a variety of spiritual growth opportunities to help us all live more fully into the teachings of Christ.
- **ABUNDANCE FOOD PANTRY:** provides abundant amounts of food to those in need in our community, treats guests with dignity, and encourages many people to help us in this noble effort.
- **BLACK HISTORY EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** reminds us all Black Lives Matter, really matter.
- **CHURCH GROWTH:** following Jesus's message of radical inclusion, reaches out with love to welcome every person seeking a faith community; the Visitor Welcome Team employs radical hospitality to encourage a sense of "belonging" at Forest Hill.
- **COMMUNICATIONS:** helps our church communications staff, ministry leaders, and members share messages with clarity, grace, and purpose; those stories define Forest Hill Church as a cherished community of faith and love.
- **DEACONS:** are fully present, listen without judgment, and offer words of hope and encouragement to members and friends of Forest Hill Church. Deacons care for physical and spiritual needs through acts of kindness and compassion.
- **EARTH CARE:** with judicious usage of land, water and energy resources; by recycling of used materials, and by showing concern and care for all God's creatures large and small.
- **ENDOWMENT:** are effective, careful stewards of gifts given to extend the mission of the church in perpetuity; this love is expressed yearly through supplemental funding of initiatives that deepen care, worship and justice.
- **FAMILY, YOUTH, CHILDREN:** creates a safe welcoming environment, an inclusive caring community, and engaging joyful programming that nurtures faith in the lives of the incredible children and families of our church.
- **FINANCE:** provides the financial planning and analysis needed by Session to manage the church's finances and expenditures so that the church can continue its expression of love by serving its neighborhood and worshipping God.
- **GREATER CLEVELAND CONGREGATIONS:** through the Court Watch initiative as one of its efforts, Forest Hill GCC members observe juvenile court proceedings for youth facing bindover to adult court, hold the juvenile court system accountable, and demonstrate God's love for our community's young people.
- **IMMIGRATION TASK FORCE:** called to love our neighbor as ourselves, the Immigration Task Force shows this love by welcoming new newcomers in our land.
- **JUSTICE:** by answering God's call to walk with our neighbors, we share our abundance through programs that promote social justice action and advocacy that address issues of racial equity, diversity, and inclusion.
- **MUSIC PROGRAM:** celebrates God's love through joyful sound, singing, ringing and drumming; as the psalmist say, we praise God's love with voices, instruments, and rhythm!
- **PERSONNEL:** through thoughtful oversight and genuine care, the committee ensures that each member of our staff feels valued, supported, and recognized for their unique, God-given talents and skills.
- **RACIAL EQUITY BUDDIES:** demonstrates Jesus' love that "rejoices with the truth" by inviting everyone to seek, understand, and act upon the truth to create equity, justice and freedom.
- **RACIAL REPAIR TASK FORCE:** selected a Black female to be the first recipient of our Education Debt Relief Program. It is our hope, through donations from our church family and others, to be able to select another candidate sometime in the near future.
- **SESSION:** faithfully nurtures the congregation so that it might live into its witness to the sovereign activity of God in the world; guides the congregation to become a community of faith, hope, love and witness.
- **STEWARDSHIP:** collects and provides the financial base which supports our building, personnel, ministries, and programming, thus sustaining and building God's kingdom.
- **TRUSTEES:** make sure we have a safe, clean, well maintained and welcoming space for worship, fellowship and support of our mission.
- **WORSHIP:** ensures that worship services are welcoming spaces for all who choose to join us, whether in-person or online; all are welcome at God's table, and we make certain that our table is welcoming, as well.

We give thanks for the
work of our ministries
and committees.



LOVE IS. All in.



We are moving forward,
decades of love moving in
and through us
in the name of God.

If you have pledged in the
past, thank you.
If you have not yet pledged
to Forest Hill Church,
consider promising
an amount you can afford.

Commit what you can;
plant your stake in the
ground. It matters.



Look forward to
Kickoff Sunday November 2nd
followed by our Fall Stewardship
Celebration Luncheon. If you would
like to register for this always delicious
meal, use this QR Code or contact the
church office.



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