

Forest Hill Church Worship Service
All Saints' Day

October 31, 2021 ~ 11:00 am

You may also join worship online using this link:

https://youtu.be/heVu_Sft8JQ

Centering Words

Pause for a few moments and focus your attention on your breathing.

Take several deep breaths.

Be aware of God's loving presence within you.

PRELUDE

by E.L. Ashford

"Safe in the Arms of Jesus"

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

by Dvorak

"Turn Thee to Me"

Madelaine Matej, soprano

Greeting Our God with Joy

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the God of love.

We rejoice in God's abundant love.

Praise the God of hope.

We sing praise for this life-giving hope.

Praise the God of new beginnings.

We give thanks for this chance at new life.

Let us worship God.

HYMN NO. 39

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is thy faithfulness, O God Creator; there is no shadow of turning with thee.

Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou has been thou forever wilt be.

(Refrain)

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above

join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

(Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, and ten thousand beside!

(Refrain)

Renewing Our Relationship with God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Helper God,

Be the hope that overcomes our despair;

Be the love that overcomes our hatred;

Be the mercy that overcomes our sin.

Set us free from the prisons of our own making, and release us from the bonds that bind us.

**Forgive us and watch over us. Welcome us home into the loving arms of your mercy.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen. (Silent Confession)**

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

You are not far from the kingdom of God, for in Christ we are given grace and forgiveness.
Praise God for this marvelous gift!

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Stewardship Committee

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

ANTHEM

by Eric Nelson

“Leaning on Everlasting Arms”
Chancel Choir
Guillermo Salas Suárez, violin
Jane Leggiero, cello

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

THE LIVING WORD

Mark 12:28-34 (NRSV)

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

After the readings

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN NO. 435

“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgement given.
For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's word
and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

"How Far? Not Far!"

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

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

Giving and Offering is available by texting: 216-400-5300
Or you may give online: <https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/f861d6>
You may also mail a check to the church office.

OFFERTORY

by César Franck

"O Lord Most Holy"
Madelaine Matej, Soprano
Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Going Forth to Live as God's People

CLOSING HYMN No. 726

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

REFRAIN:

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and ever be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

by Nicolo Lorenzo

"Elevation"



Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian would like to recognize the following members “Saints” who have died this year.



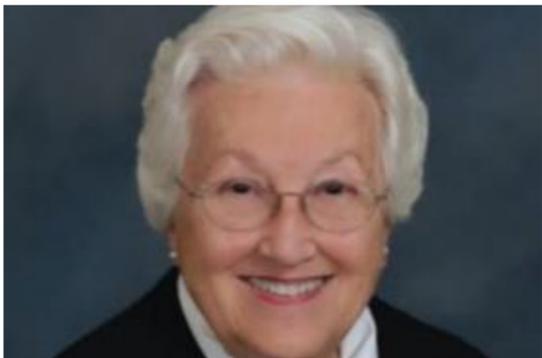
Doris Evelyn Brandt
Jan. 17, 1928-Nov. 18, 2020



William “Bill” Fay
April 20, 1946-Feb. 18, 2021



Stephen “Steve” Marunowski
Dec. 6, 1956-Aug. 3, 2021



Marjorie “Marge” L. Drollinger
Apr. 15, 1924- June 27, 2021



Karen LeAnn West
Jan. 25, 1941- July 20, 2021



Penny Chapman
Nov. 23 1944-June 7, 2021



Carol Phillips
June 20, 1950-June 2, 2021

Prayer Request:

To request prayers for a personal concern, please email Pastor Lentz (pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org) or Pastor Goines (pastorgoines@fhcpresb.org) no later than Thursday afternoon of each week for inclusion in next week's congregational prayer. Please direct all prayer concerns that arise between Friday and Sunday morning to the Pastor's on-call phone line (216-319-3596). The on-call phone is operational after office hours on weekdays and Saturday through Sunday morning.

Prayers are requested this week for:

Leslie Clement, Mark Davidson, Dara Elliot, Beth Garrett, the parents of Jeannine Gury (Karen and David), Robyn Hales, Deborah Howard, Joanna Klingenstein, Ginie Mast, Elspeth Peterjohn, Grace Uhle, Doreen Underwood, Susan Way, and Sharon Wiggins.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Robert Kellermeyer, Florence and Ron Klein, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Emelia McGuire, Margaret Sentell, Elaine Tapié, Beryl and Henrietta Williams.

Care Group: *The Eden Group* will assist our pastors with members' needs in **November**. Please call the church office to report an illness, hospitalization, family emergency, birth or death. Information will be passed on to the **Care Group leader, Deanne Lentz** (deacons@fhcpresb.org).

Thank you, all office volunteers: Joan Bacon, Lynda Bernays, and Cathy Ghiandoni.

The deadline for the bulletin and weekly email is Tuesday of each week at 5 pm. The next TOWER deadline is **November 11 (for the December TOWER) at 8:00 am**. Please submit your written requests to office@fhcpresb.org.

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Rev. Carol Wedell, Parish Associate