

*Forest Hill Church
Worship Service*

November 14, 2021 ~ 11:00 am

You may also join worship online using this link:

<https://youtu.be/vwqLnJojJ10>

Centering Words

"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it.

The brave (person) is not the one who does not feel afraid, but the one who conquers that fear."

~Nelson Mandela

Feel the fear...and do it anyway.

~Susan Jeffers

PRELUDE

"Morning Song"

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

"O Lord, What a Morning"

Jack Lentz, soloist

Greeting Our God with Joy

CALL TO WORSHIP

The presence of the Lord is here among us;

Protecting us, loving us, encouraging us.

We come as a people of hope to witness God's power;

Fixing our eyes on what is true and right and Holy.

May our hearts and minds dwell in the peace that only our Lord can provide.

Let us worship God.

HYMN NO. 307

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!

From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;

shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.

Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

Renewing Our Relationship with God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Peace-giving God, we are your people, and we belong to you. While we are not of this world, we do live in this world with its challenges and obstacles. Often our fears and our anxieties overwhelm us. In our humanness we come before you, seeking the strength and courage that only you can provide. We come to grow in our confidence in you so that our faith will overcome our fears. We come to relinquish our worries and be freed from our burdens that we may fully experience your peace and joy through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

(We observe a time of silence)

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Stewardship Committee

ANTHEM

by Craig Courtney

“You Remain the Same”
Chancel Choir

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

THE LIVING WORD

Deuteronomy 31:1-8 (NRSV)

When Moses had finished speaking all these words to all Israel, he said to them: “I am now one hundred twenty years old. I am no longer able to get about, and the Lord has told me, ‘You shall not cross over this Jordan.’ The Lord your God himself will cross over before you. He will destroy these nations before you, and you shall dispossess them. Joshua also will cross over before you, as the Lord promised. The Lord will do to them as he did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites, and to their land, when he destroyed them. The Lord will give them over to you and you shall deal with them in full accord with the command that I have given to you. Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you.” Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel: “Be strong and bold, for you are the one who will go with this people into the land that the Lord has sworn to their ancestors to give them; and you will put them in possession of it. It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.”

Philippians 4:4-9 (NRSV)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

After the readings

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN NO. 314

“Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness”

(Leader: Laura Minder will sing)

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light of the world to see.

(Congregation will sing)

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

(Leader: Laura Minder will sing)

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.

(Refrain- Congregation will sing)

(Leader: Laura Minder will sing)

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.

(Refrain- Congregation will sing)

(Leader: Laura Minder will sing)

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.

(Refrain- Congregation will sing)

(Leader: Laura Minder will sing)

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

(Refrain- Congregation will sing)

SERMON

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

"Fear"

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 Robert Schumann

“Of Foreign Lands and People”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Going Forth to Live as God's People

CLOSING HYMN No. 750

“Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil”

Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;
Light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.
Victory is ours; victory is ours through God who loves us.
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

by J.W. Lerman

“Joyous Festival March”



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 **December 16 (for the January TOWER) at 8:00 am**. Please submit your written requests to office@fhcpresb.org.