

*Forest Hill Church:
Worship Service*

November 13, 2022 ~ 11:00 am

You may also join worship online using this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tcuXGtM19zs>

**Please stand if able*

Centering Words

Take a moment to relax, breathe and become aware of where you are.

Remember, you are a beloved child of God, precious in God's sight.

You are embraced by a love that knows no bounds.

Prepare yourself to worship the God who is with you and with us.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

trad. Caribbean melody
transcribed by John Bell

"Halle, Halle, Halle"

Chancel Choir

Greeting Our God with Joy

***CALL TO WORSHIP (From Isaiah 12)**

Carol Wedell

Surely God is my salvation; **I will trust and not be afraid,**

For the Lord God is my strength and my might; **God has become my salvation.**

With joy let us draw water from the wells of salvation. **And let us say "Give thanks to the Lord,
call on the name of the Lord, exalt the Lord's name."**

Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously; **let it be known in all the earth.**

Shout aloud and sing for joy! **Let us worship the living God!**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 33**

"Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show"

Renewing Our Relationship with God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess that when things don't turn out the way we wanted, we wonder if you are real.

We confess that when disappointment comes, we doubt that you are there.

We confess that when we are confused, we blame you, we blame others.

We confess that when we wander in the shadows, we forget that your light still shines.

Forgive us. We confess that we need you more than ever.

TIME OF SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

***HALLELUJAH, AMEN**



Hal-le - lu-jah, hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le -
lu-jah, a - men! In all I say and I do: Hal-le -
lu - jah, a - men!

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

CHILDREN'S WELCOME

Amy Wheatley

Children will leave the sanctuary with their adult leaders to go to Sunday School.

STEWARDSHIP BLESSING

ANTHEM

Jeffrey Lavalley

“Revelation 19:1”

Chancel Choir

Sandra Dixon, Gospel Choir Director

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

THE LIVING WORD (NRSV)

Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord— and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” Then he said to them, “Nation will

rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

After the readings

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN NO. 372

"O for a World"
(verses 1,2,5)

SERMON

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

"Between Hope and Despair"

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Carol Wedell

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/give/online/>
You may also mail a check to the church office.

OFFERTORY

"Improvisation"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 744**

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

Going Forth to Live as God's People

***BENEDICTION**

***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

Percy Jr. Gray

"Excellent is Your Name"



Flower Arrangement: Today, the flower arrangement is donated by Wendy Young Connelly and Deena Young Guren and their families, in loving memory of their mother, Lois Wilson Young, and their father's (Warren Dean Young) 95th birthday (November 7th).

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:

Kiva Bohanon, Mark Davidson, Deborah Howard, Joanna Klingenstein, Beverly Thomas, Grace Uhle, Susan Way and The Wiggins Family (Aurora Rose Wiggins).

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

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

Care Group: *The Canaan 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, Kathy Hanna-Stauffer** (deacons@fhcpresb.org).

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

Thank you, all Stream Team Volunteers!

The deadline for the bulletin and weekly email is Tuesday of each week at 5 pm. The next TOWER deadline is **December 15 (for the January TOWER) at 8:00 am**. Please submit your written requests to office@fhcpresb.org.

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