

# Forest Hill Church

presbyterian



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***Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming***

*Forest Hill Church:  
Christmas Eve  
Worship Service*

*December 24, 2022 ~ 11:00 pm*

You may also join worship online using this link:

<https://youtu.be/D5NnDRveWOk>

*\*Please stand if able*

*Centering Words*

*O come, O come, thou child of years, with laughter to allay our fears,  
Around the cosmos dancing light, to give the demons such a fright.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! A girl, a boy, shall leap into our hearts with joy.*

**INTROIT**

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”  
Elégie

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Glory to God in the highest, **and peace to God’s people on earth.**  
The grace of God has come to us; **Jesus Christ brings salvation to all.**  
Light shines on those who live in darkness, **for a child is born to us this night.**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 133**

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

*Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**Give us, O God, such love and wonder that with shepherds and magi, and pilgrims unknown, we may come to the manger this night with open minds, open hearts and open hands. May we be surprised by a new, good word that causes us to see a light that shines before us. A light of peace, of hope, of justice and joy. Be with us now as we gather in community to celebrate together. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

*Opening Our Hearts to God's Word*

**A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH 9:2-7**

**MUSIC**

by Kirk Franklin

"Now Behold the Lamb"  
Elégie

**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 1:1-5**

**\*HYMN NO. 121**

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE 2:1-20**

**MUSIC**

by Audrey Assad

"Winter Snow"  
Jack Lentz and Em Ezell

**THE MESSAGE**

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

"The Word Made Flesh"  
Hope is Where Your Body Is

**\*HYMN NO. 134**

"Joy to the World"

**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.**

**CHRISTMAS JOY 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**

by The Jackson 5

“Give Love on Christmas Day”  
Elégie

**THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE  
RINGING IN OF CHRISTMAS**

**THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Going Forth to Live as God's People*

**\*HYMN NO. 122**

“Silent Night, Holy Night!”

First Stanza: ALL

Second Stanza: Elégie

Third and Fourth Stanzas: ALL

**\*THE BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

by Georg Frideric Handel

“Hallelujah Chorus”

*\*\*\*Join us for the milk and cookie reception  
after the service in Fellowship Hall.*

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