

# *Forest Hill Church* *Worship Service*

*February 14, 2021 at 11:00 am*

Gather around the computer to worship God!

Please join our YouTube Live Stream:

<https://youtu.be/mef5DRZ7mQg>

## *Centering Words*

*In this season of Lent, let us focus more on fasting than on feasting,  
so we may be transformed in the presence, and by glory of God.*

*~ Adapted from T. Anne Daniel*

## PRELUDE

Arr.

*Take Time to be Holy*

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHORAL INTROIT

Arr. D. Witkowski

*Guide Me, O Great Jehovah*  
Maverick Donahue, soloist

## *Greeting Our God with Joy*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Lia Clement and Leslie Clement

...It is the God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. **We have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.** We are hard pressed on every side, **but not crushed**; we are perplexed, **but not in despair**; persecuted, **but not forsaken**; struck down, **but not destroyed**—always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, **that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.** Friends, together, let us ascend the mount to bask in the presence and glory of God.

## HYMN NO. 656

*“We’ve Come This Far By Faith”*

We’ve come this far by faith leaning on the Lord,  
Trusting in the holy Word; God’s never failed us yet.  
O, can’t turn around, we’ve come this far by faith.  
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## *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we have fallen short of your intentions: Our closets, our cars, our homes, our garages, our back yards, our front yards, and our minds, are a mess.

**Even our churches are a mess!** We experience needless bloodshed in city streets, and your call for love and justice goes unheeded. **Yet, O God, your ear is inclined toward us. Holy God, in Jesus’ name, have mercy on us.**

*Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends, hear the good news. God has heard our confession, and shines glory on our being, forging a new path, a new direction, and a new purpose. **Praise be to God! We are forgiven.**

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**ANTHEM**

*Jesus The Light of The World*  
Maverick Donahue, soloist

*Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word*

**THE LIVING WORD (NRSV)**

**Mark 9:2-9**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!’ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

*After the readings*

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God’s people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN NO. 406**

*We are Standing on Holy Ground*

We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around;  
Let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in God’s presence on holy ground.  
We are singing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around;  
Let us praise, Jesus now; we are singing in God’s presence on holy ground.  
We are praying on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around;  
Let us praise, Jesus now; we are praying in God’s presence on holy ground.

*The Mount of Transfiguration*

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

OFFERTORY

*Let Thy Glory Fill This Place*  
Wright Family Singers

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Going Forth to Live as God’s People*

CLOSING HYMN 853

*We Are Marching in the Light of God*

We are marching in the light of God  
we are marching in the light of God  
We are marching in the light of God  
we are marching in the light of God  
We are marching, oo  
we are marching in the light of God  
We are marching, oo  
we are marching in the light of God  
Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenhos'  
Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenhos'  
Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenhos'  
Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenhos'  
Siyahamba oo  
Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenhos'  
Siyahamba oo  
Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenhos'  
We are dancing...We are praying...We are singing...

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*He's Got the Whole World In His Hands* Arr.

**Prayer Requests:**

To request prayers for a personal concern, please email Pastor Lentz ([pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org](mailto:pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org)) or Pastor Goines ([pastorgoines@fhcpresb.org](mailto: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:**

Kiva Bohanon, Mark Davidson, Marcie Denton, Rita Grube, Deborah Howard, Paul Jennings, Joanna Klingenstein, Carolyn Smith, Kitty McWilliams, and Susan Way.

**Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:**

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

**Care Group: *The Canaan Care Group*** will assist our pastors with members' needs in **February**. 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](mailto:deacons@fhcpresb.org)).

**Thank you, all office volunteers:** Lynda Bernays, Cathy Ghiandoni, and Ellen McChesney.

**The deadline for the bulletin and weekly email** is Tuesday of each week at 5 pm. The next TOWER deadline is **February 18 (for the March TOWER) at 8:00 am**. Please submit your written requests to [office@fhcpresb.org](mailto:office@fhcpresb.org).

**Bible and Bagels (Bible Study)** discusses next Sunday's texts on Wednesday mornings (virtually) from 7:30-8:30 am. The lessons for this week are: **Gen. 9:8-17; Ps. 25: 1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 19:9-15.**

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