

Forest Hill Church: Communion Service Ordination and Installation of New Officers

February 7, 2021 at 11:00 am

Gather around the computer to worship God!

Please join our YouTube Live Stream:

<https://youtu.be/65NTHHpCJrg>

Centering Words

*We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord;
Trusting in His holy word, God's never failed me yet.
O, can't turn around. We've come this far by faith.*

~Albert Goodson

PRELUDE

Chevalier de Saint-Georges

Adagio in F minor

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Ruth Caye Jones

In Times Like These
Michael Hives, tenor

Greeting Our God with Joy

CALL TO WORSHIP

Is anyone feeling tired? **Yes! I am weary and weighted down with burdens.**

Take heart! God gives us strength and energy.

Is anyone here left out, shunned, outcast? **Yes! I have been pushed to the margins.**

Take heart! God is calling your name and waiting to gather you close in love.

Is anyone here ready to worship the living God? **Yes, I am ready, Lord. We need to worship. I am ready for praising your holy name.**

All right then, it is time for all of us to worship our Creator, our Savior, our Redeemer and friend.

HYMN NO. 837

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Renewing Our Relationship with God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of strength, we confess our doubt. We are weary. Forgive us we pray.

God of justice, we confess our lack of trust. We become outraged and angry. Forgive us we pray. God of grace, we confess our reticence. We praise you on Sunday but then we turn to our old ways. Forgive us we pray.

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear God’s promise to all: “Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint.” Know that God’s promise if grace and forgiveness is yours!

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le -

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Al - le - lu ia Al - le - lu - ia A - men

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SERVICE OF INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

Deacons being ordained and installed

Laurie Rose, Kathy Hanna-Stauffer, Sharon Wiggins

Elders being ordained and/or installed

Elizabeth Shaw	Dave Bell
Mark Wedell	Dean Sieck
Lisa Vahey	Jessica Kelly
Jenny Himmelman	Derry Stauffer

ANTHEM

Greg Nelson and Phil McHugh

People Need the Lord
Michael Hives, tenor

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

THE LIVING WORD (NRSV)

Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? Says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Mark 1:29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

After the readings

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

The Overview Effect

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

Jarrett Roseborough

Endure
Lauren Wright, soprano

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

arr. D. Witkowski

Just As I Am

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Going Forth to Live as God’s People

CLOSING HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let is shine.
Everywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Jesus gave it to me, I’m gonna let it shine
Jesus gave it to me, I’m gonna let it shine
Jesus gave it to me, I’m gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Florence Price

Adoration

**Prayer Requests:**

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:

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

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).

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.

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: **Isa. 40:21-31; Ps. 147: 1-11, 20c; 1 Cor. 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39.**

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Rev. Dr. Veronica R. Goines, Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr., Co-Pastors

Dr. Amy Wheatley, Dir. of Family, Youth & Children's Ministries

Dr. Qin Ying Tan, Interim Director of Music

Rev. Carol Wedell, Parish Associate

The music ministry is excited to celebrate Black History Month and will present music written by composers of African descent in services. February 7th's service will celebrate traditional gospel music and classical music by relatively unknown composers.

Chevalier de Saint-Georges

Known as the "Black Mozart," Chevalier de Saint-Georges (1745-1799) was the first classical composer of African ancestry, as well as an expert violinist, composer, and fencer. The French-trained Saint-Georges lived a colorful life, leading an all-black Republican regiment during the French Revolution, then voyaging to modern-day Haiti to participate in a slave revolt. Two weeks after returning from Haiti, the energetic Saint-Georges began building an orchestra in Paris. He died only a few years later of a neglected ulcer, leaving behind a major body of works, including operas, concertos, and chamber music.



Florence Price

Florence Price was the first female African-American composer to be commissioned by a major orchestra. She received her early training from her mother and had published by the age of 11. At the prestigious New England Conservatory, Price posed as a Mexican to avoid racial discrimination. Her works are celebrated for their individual voice, often incorporating African-American idioms. With numerous awards, festivals, and schools named in her honor, Price has become a household name among musicians.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE’S SLATE OF OFFICERS AND LEADERS

Slate of New Leaders

For Elder, 1 year term (Class of 2021)

Family Youth & Children: **Kurt Haas**
Trustees: **Elizabeth Shaw**

For Elder, 2 year term (Class of 2022)

Worship: **David Bell**
Church Growth: **Mark Wedell**

For Elder, 3 year term (Class of 2023)

Deacons: **Dean Sieck**
Justin & Mission: **Lisa Vahey**
Stewardship: **Jenny Himmelman**
Trustees: **Jessica Kelley**
Worship: **Derry Stauffer**

For Elected Leaders by Ministry

Deacons: Laurie Rose, Kathy Hanna-Stauffer, Sharon Wiggins
Family, Youth & Children: Dara Elliot
Justice & Mission: Jack Lentz, Jessica Owusu, Virginia Weiss
Stewardship: Chris Henry
Trustees: Zelma Sharp, Marina Grant, Jim Seeders, Nancy Lyon-Stadler
Worship: Deb Erwin, Twanda Patterson, Linda Martin
Church Growth: Ahren Stock, Amanda Mervine Horan, Karen Smith Wong
Nominating Committee: Barbara Hansen, Deedee Pim, Leslie Clement, Kate Burleigh, Kemp Jaycox, Zelma Sharp, Jennifer Blakeney, Pat Jenkins

2021 SESSION & MINISTRIES

Deacons

Elder, Class of 2021	Bader Boland
Elder, Class of 2022	Sheryl Dugard
Elder, Class of 2023	Dean Sieck
Deacons, Class of 2021	Sue McCauley, Laura Minder, Elaine Turley
Deacons, Class of 2022	Kathryn Himmelsteib, Deanne Lentz, Kitty McWilliams
Deacons, Class of 2023	Laurie Rose, Kathy Hanna-Stauffer, Sharon Wiggins

Adult Ed

Elder, Class of 2021	Ann Williams
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Family, Youth & Children

Elder, Class of 2021	Kurt Haas
Elder, Class of 2022	Molly Castillo Keefe
Elected Leaders:	Anna Brock, Amy Dillenbeck, Dara Elliot, Laurie Logan, Liz Wollaeger

Justice & Mission		
	Elder, Class of 2021	Ajah Hales
	Elder, Class of 2022	Joan Bacon
	Elder, Class of 2023	Lisa Vahey
	Elected Leaders	Danielle Cosgrove, Margie & Mike Glaros, Jack Lentz, Jessica Owusu, Virginia Weiss
Stewardship		
	Elder, Class of 2022	Peter Williams
	Elder, Class of 2023	Jenny Himmelman
	Elected Leaders	Chris Henry, Peg Weissbrod
Trustees		
	Elder, Class of 2021	Elizabeth Shaw
	Elder, Class of 2022	Robin Mervine
	Elder, Class of 2023	Jessica Kelley
	Trustees, Class of 2021	Sandy Moran, Zelma Sharp
	Trustees, Class of 2022	Scott Lafferty, Marina Grant
	Trustees, Class of 2023	Jim Seeders, Nancy Lyon Stadler
Worship		
	Elder, Class of 2021	Mary Ball
	Elder, Class of 2022	David Bell
	Elder, Class of 2023	Derry Stauffer
	Elected Leaders	Marcie Denton, Karen Loughridge, Robyn Hales, Deb Erwin, Twanda Patterson, Linda Martin
Church Growth		
	Elder, Class of 2022	Mark Wedell
	Elected Leaders	Rachel Martinez-Finn, Kerri McCauley, Ahren Stock, Diana Woodbridge, Amanda Mervine Horan, Karen Smith Wong, Angela Sanders
Nominating		
	Elder, Class of 2021	Ron Register
	Elected Leaders	Barbara Hansen, Deedee Pim, Leslie Clement, Zelma Sharp, Jennifer Blakeney, Pat Jenkins, Kate Burleigh, Kemp Jaycox

2021 Session by Class Year

<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Melanie Alban (Clerk)	Sheryl Dugard (D)	Dean Sieck (D)
Bader Boland (D)	Joan Bacon (J&M)	Lisa Vahey (J&M)
Kurt Haas (FYC)	Molly Castillo Keefe (FYC)	
Ann Williams (AE&SF)	Peter Williams (S)	Jenny Himmelman (S)
Elizabeth Shaw (T)	Robin Mervine (T)	Jessica Kelley (T)
Mary Ball (W)	David Bell (W)	Derry Stauffer (W)
Ajah Hales (J&M)	Mark Wedell (CG)	
Ron Register (N)		