

Forest Hill Church

Worship Service

February 27, 2022 ~ 11:00 am

You may join worship online using this link:

<https://youtu.be/F36RN6Lhpwk>

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Lillian Bouknight

“The Lord Is My Light”
Michael Hives, soloist

Greeting Our God with Joy

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy God, bring us to your mountain top. **We come to talk with you today.**

We come to listen to what you have to say. **We come to see your glory – a glory that can transform our lives.** May Jesus, your Son and your chosen one, and the Spirit of freedom and glory, **shine upon us and cause us to shine like the sun.**

HYMN NO. 192

“Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining”

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus shine; fill this land with the Father’s glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your word, Lord, and let there
be light.

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness. Search me; try me; consume all my darkness.
Shine on me; shine on me.

[Refrain]

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness; ever changing from glory
to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me; shine on me.

[Refrain]

Renewing Our Relationship with God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of peace, you command us to love one another and live in peace with our neighbors. Yet, because of our closed minds, prejudice, and suspicion of difference, we frequently choose violence and war, we discriminate against minorities and the marginalized, we suppress basic human rights, we contribute to conflict among ethnic and religious groups. Forgive us. We pray for wisdom and humility. Empower us by your Spirit to embrace one another and walk peacefully together. In your mercy, hear our prayer.

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Our sovereign God answers our failings with forgiveness and renewal. We are all being transformed, day by day, from one degree of glory to another. Let us praise God’s awesome name!

ANTHEM

Andraé Crouch

“To God Be the Glory”
Michael Hives, soloist

Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word

THE LIVING WORD (NRSV)

Luke 9:28-43a

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and, in those days, told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

After the readings

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN (AAHH)

“Shine on Me”

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto me and rest.
Lay down thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon my breast.”
Refrain:
Shine on me, Shine on me.
Let the light from the lighthouse,
Shine on me.
Shine on me. Shine on me.
Let the light from the lighthouse
shine on me.

2. With pitying eyes the Prince of Peace
Beheld our helpless grief;
He saw, and O amazing love!
He came to our relief. **[Refrain]**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

"Identity Crisis"

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

Steve Green

"People Need the Lord"
Michael Hives, soloist

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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. **(3X)**
Let it shine; let it shine; let it shine.
Shines on me, and it shines on you, I'm gonna let it shine. **(3X)**
Let it shine; let it shine; let it shine.
All around the neighborhood, I'm gonna let it shine. **(3X)**
Let it shine; let it shine; let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine. **(3X)**
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.
Light that shines is the light of love, I'm gonna let it shine.
Hides the darkness from above, I'm gonna let it shine.
Shows you what the power of love can do, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Shine my light both bright and clear, I'm gonna let it shine. **(3X)**
In every dark corner that I find, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine; let it shine; let my little light shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. **(3X)**
Let it shine; let it shine; let it shine.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Uzee Brown Jr.

“Triumphal March of Heritage”



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:

Barb Cloud, Marty, Laura, Ryan Cosgrove, Mark Davidson, Mark Hansen, Deborah Howard, Joanna Klingenstein, Dave Neff, Paul Tuggey (father of Christina Hidek), Grace Uhle, and Susan Way.

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.

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 **March 24 (for the April TOWER) at 8:00 am**. Please submit your written requests to office@fhcpresb.org.

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