

*Forest Hill Church:
Worship Service
Communion Sunday*

February 5, 2023 ~ 11:00 am

You may also join worship online using this link:

<https://youtube.com/live/AhbsFVo2Z2s?feature=share>

**Please stand if able*

Centering Words

For the people of Israel, Jubilee was a time of celebration when the trumpet would sound throughout the land, liberty was proclaimed to all inhabitants (slaves were freed), and land was returned to its original owners. It was a time of Restoration.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

African-American Spiritual

"Wade in the Water"
Voices in Bronze

Greeting Our God with Joy

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us this day! **The Lord has anointed us to bring good news to the poor.**

The Lord has called us to proclaim release to the captives **and recovery of the sight to the blind!**

The Lord has called us to let the oppressed go free, **and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, the Lord's Jubilee!**

Let us worship the living God! **We will worship the Lord with song and prayer and praise!**

***OPENING HYMN NO. 339**

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Renewing Our Relationship with God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

TIME OF SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

*Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.
Revelation 19:6*

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!

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW ELDERS AND DEACONS

ANTHEM

By Rollo Dilworth
Chancel Choir

“Shine on Me”

Shine on me. Oh, shine on me.

I wonder if the lighthouse will shine on me.

Is a light shinin’ a bove? Is it shin-in above in the heavens for me.

I’m wonder-in,’ wonder-in,’ wonder-in,’

if there’s a light that is shinin’ above in the heavens for me.

Will it shine on me?

Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word

THE LIVING WORD (NRSV)

Leviticus 25:17-19

You shall not cheat one another, but you shall fear your God; for I am the Lord your God.

You shall observe my statutes and faithfully keep my ordinances, so that you may live on the land securely. The land will yield its fruit, and you will eat your fill and live on it securely.

After the readings

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Khalilah Worley Billy

“Sound The Trumpet”

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

"The Goblin and Mosquito"

Florence Price

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"Kumbayah"

Traditional

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bless the Lord, O my soul; **and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.**
Bless the Lord, O my soul; **and forget not all God's benefits.**
God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. 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 NO. 839**

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

BENEDICTION

SONG

"This Little Light of Mine"

POSTLUDE

"We Shall Overcome"

Arr. Jon Sarta

**For inclusion in church bulletin on Sunday, February 5, 2023
Service of Ordination and Installation**

Deacons being ordained and/or installed

Kay Dunlap-Elder Deacon
Peg Weissbrod-Deacon

Elders being ordained and/or installed

Elizabeth Shaw
Jennifer Blakeney
Deborah Erwin-Nash
Kay Hogg
Ron Zimmerman

Elders completing their terms

Clerk of the Session: Melanie Alban
Adult Spiritual Growth: Ann Williams
Church Growth: Mark Wedell
Deacons: Sheryl Dugard
Justice & Mission: Joan Bacon
Stewardship: Peter Williams
Trustees: Robin Mervine
Worship: Dave Bell, Marcie Denton

Deacons, Trustees, and Elected Leaders completing their terms

Mary Ball
Danielle Cosgrove
Amy Dillenbeck
Dara Elliot
Karmen Garrett
Marina Grant
Robyn Hales
Chris Henry
Kathryn Himmelsteib
Kay Hogg
Sonji Kenyatta
Scott Lafferty
Nathaniel Martin
Jessica Owusu
Deedee Pim
Seth Ungemach
Peg Weissbrod
Diana Woodbridge

Newly Elected Leaders to Non-ordained Positions:

Pat Jenkins
Sonji Kenyatta
Deanne Lentz
Kitty McWilliams
Robin Mervine
Elaine Turley
Mark Wedell
Peg Weissbrod
Ann Williams
Peter Williams

Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian's 11th Annual Black History Month Celebration

The Black History Education Committee of Forest Hill Church is happy to announce our 2023 theme: *Reparations vs. Jubilee*. During the month of February, the Black History Education Committee will lead the church in exploring this theme through a variety of interactive, open-to-the-public weekly activities.

Forest Hill Presbyterian welcomes the opportunity to learn grow and fellowship with our neighbors in Cleveland Heights and beyond.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

February 5 at 2:00 PM: Soul Food Truck & a Movie

Join us for a meal and a movie (The Woman King) at 3031 Monticello Blvd. Starting at 2:00 PM, various Black-owned food trucks will be onsite serving up soul food, vegan delights, and delicious desserts for purchase. After buying your meal, head inside to join us in a movie screening.

February 12 at 2:00 PM: Experience Reverend Dr. Otis Moss Jr.'s Interactive Biography

Join us in visiting the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage to see this groundbreaking AI generated interactive biography. Children and adults alike are sure to enjoy this unique exhibit. Join us at 3031 Monticello for carpooling at 1:30 PM or meet us at 2929 Richmond Rd. at 2:00 PM for the tour. Tickets start at just \$10. Sliding scale available. Lunches are not provided.

February 19 (immediately following worship): Teach In and Talk on Reparations vs. Jubilee

What are the differences between reparations and Jubilee? This is the grounding question we will explore at our teach-in and talk. Black-owned Food Trucks will be available onsite, so grab a plate and settle in for a robust discussion!

February 25 at 6:30 PM: Honoring Mother Willie Mae Wright

The Wright Family Singers and Elégie will split the bill to offer a gospel concert on Saturday February 25th at 6:30 PM. FREE and open to the public.

This event comes with an extra layer of emotion for The Wright Family Singers, as it will be the first family concert since the passing of the family matriarch, Mother Willie-Mae Wright. Mother Wright was the original singer of the family and founded The Wright Family Singers with her 8 children in 1978. 3 of her children Bridgett, Deborah and Eric (The group's original accompanist) preceded her in death, yet the group continues on with her remaining living children and their children.

February 26 at 4:00 PM: Live Ancestral Listening

Join us for a special jazz concert at 4 PM which will feature local jazz musicians Robin Blake, Joshua Stone, Malika Turner, Kenesha Terrell and many others. This event will be followed by an open forum discussion facilitated by a special guest speaker, giving both participants and patrons the chance to discuss and perform the music. FREE and open to the public.

LOOK AHEAD
March 2023 Events

Create In Me A New Heart
Lent 2023

There is so much noise in the world, so many competing voices and so much division. How we long for the space and time to rest in the quiet, to move our bodies in gentle ways, to meditate on a passage from scripture, to join with others in a holy space.

This Lenten Season, Ying and I invite you to join us for a season of restoration and repair of our inner being.

Wednesday, February 22 (Ash Wednesday) 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Through sacrament, prayer, music and ashes we will enter the season of Lent, the 40 days before Easter.

Wednesday, March 1, 15 and 29 7:00 p.m. Join us in the Chapel for 30 minutes, or so, of contemplative worship, gentle bodily movement, scripture and song as we create space for God's spirit to clear and clean as we seek a new heart for the living of these days.

A light supper will be served before each of these gatherings at 6:00 p.m. as we celebrate the sacramental gift of breaking bread together.

All are welcome to join us when you can. In order to have enough food we would appreciate that you register. But know that there will be a place for you at the table.

~John and Ying

Music She Wrote, 4 PM-6 PM @Forest Hill Church Presbyterian

Tea reception and discussion at 4PM, Fellowship Hall

Program at 5 PM in the Sanctuary

We are excited to kick off Women's History Month with a concert celebrating the works of female composers from the baroque era. Historically-informed musicians, Guillermo Salas-Suárez (violin) and Andréa Walker (soprano), will present a dazzling performance of musical pieces with Qin-Ying Tan on the organ and harpsichord. In addition, our youth group will present recitations of poetry composed by female writers through the ages during the performance.

There will be a light tea reception and discussion of women's civil rights at 4PM in the fellowship hall prior to the concert.



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:

Doris Allen (sister Diane Wilson passed away), Cooper Andrews, Kiva Bohanon, Mark Davidson, Rita Grube, Deborah Howard, Joanna Klingenstein, Ginie Mast, Kitty McWilliams, Beverly Thomas, Grace Uhle, Doreen Underwood, Susan Way, Peg Weissbrod and Sharon 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 Corinth Group* will assist our pastors with members' needs in **January**. 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, Dean Sieck (deacons@fhcpresb.org)**.

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

Thank you, all Stream Team Volunteers! Anyone interested in helping stream Sunday services should contact Kurt Haas at kurt@dangereddy.com.

The deadline for the bulletin and weekly email is Tuesday of each week at 5 pm. The next TOWER deadline is **February 16 (for the March TOWER) at 8:00 am**. Please submit your written requests to office@fhcpresb.org.



Khalilah Worley Billy serves as Senior Organizer with Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC) in Cleveland, Ohio. GCC is a non-partisan coalition of faith-based and community institutions throughout Cuyahoga County strategizing together for social justice. GCC train and develop leaders using organizing tools to understand the importance of relational power and acting on issues collectively. Since 2011, Mrs. Worley Billy has led GCC on winnable campaigns on key issues such as Education, Criminal Justice, Healthcare, and Voter Engagement. As GCC continues to grow, her work focuses on identifying neighborhood local issues and fighting for democracy in Ohio.

Prior to GCC, Mrs. Worley Billy served as director of Holy Family Lutheran School and Director of Community Building for Bethel New Life, Inc. She's received several awards and acknowledgements for her work in organizing and education. She currently serves as a board member for Saint Luke's Foundation and board president for Healthy Lakewood Foundation.

Mrs. Worley Billy received her B.A in Political Science/Public Administration (Fisk University) and M.S in Public Administration and Non-Profit Management (DePaul University).

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