

## THIS WEEK AT FOREST HILL

### Today

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

### Monday, September 13

### Tuesday, September 14

3:00 PM Staff Meeting (Maples House)

6:30 Mission, Outreach & Service Committee (Zoom)

### Wednesday, September 15

9:00 AM Prayer Quilt Ministry (FLC Room 109)

### Thursday, September 16

11:30 AM Gamesters (CWNC)

### Friday, September 17 (office closed)

7:00 AM Men's Fellowship (Jalapenos Mexican Rest.)

### Saturday, September 18

### Sunday, September 19

10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

6:00 Pm Youth Dinner & Game Night (CWNC)

### FAMILY NEWS

#### Birthdays ...

#### Anniversaries ...

Saundra & Tony Davis 9/17

### THE DATA BANK

Attendance - 9/5/21

In Person  
29

Virtual Views  
60

## SESSION RULING ELDERS

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## OUR PURPOSE

Forest Hills Presbyterian Church is a community based on God's Word and empowered by God's Spirit. We exist to exalt Jesus Christ; to equip people to serve Christ in their families, in the marketplace, and in the church; and to expand the kingdom of God in Helotes and Northwest San Antonio.

## Announcements



Our guest preacher this morning is Reverend John Strange. Rev. Strange is a retired Presbyterian minister who has served in a number of area churches, including Grace Presbyterian in San Antonio from 2002-2008 and Pipe Creek Presbyterian as interim for two years. He is also a licensed marriage and family therapist, providing services through his company, ABBA Counseling Services. John is available for pastoral care if needed while Pastor Katy is out of town.



### PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing much needed relief following the recent earthquake in Haiti and Hurricane Ida in the Gulf Coast region. They are responding to emergency needs such as water, sanitation, hygiene, emergency power generators, shelter, food, first aid and more. If you would like to share your financial blessings to help these disaster survivors, here are two ways to do that:

- Make your check out to FHPC, with OG100000-Haiti or DR000169 (for hurricane relief) on the memo line.
- Use the Giving Code in this bulletin, click on the Donate button for Designated Offerings, and notate either "Hurricane Relief" or "Haiti Relief" in the instructions.

ALL donations are appreciated no matter the amount, but our best response is prayer. Pray that through the response of the faith community, survivors and those offering assistance will be reminded of the hope that is found in Christ.

The Forest Hills Book Club will meet today at 2:30pm in the FLC conference room. They will be discussing *The Paris Wife*, by Paula McLain. The book for October is *American Dirt*, by Jeanine Cummins. Please plan to wear a mask.



SAVE THE DATE for our FHPC Trunk-Or-Treat!  
Sunday, October 31, 3-5pm  
More information coming soon!

If you (or someone in your household) are feeling unwell, we invite you to worship with us from home. We hope we are able to keep moving forward in distancing ourselves from the pandemic protocol and appreciate your help in keeping our campus a safe space for all to worship. Thank you for wearing your mask while moving around inside, keep on washing your hands, take care of yourself if you are feeling sick, and if you're able, we hope you can be vaccinated.

If you're sick,  
please stay HOME



## STEWARDSHIP 2021

Why Does  
Church Matter?

"Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for the One who has promised is faithful.

-Hebrews 10:23-25



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 12, 2021, 10:30 AM

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WE ARE A  
MATTHEW 25  
Church

If you are interested in joining Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, you may do so in one of three ways: public affirmation of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of membership.

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

\*= Please stand, if comfortably able

### THE LORD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

**Opening Music**      *Jesus, Name Above All Names*  
Naida Hearn

A quiet time to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

### **Greeting & Announcements**

### **Moment for Stewardship**

Kay McCloskey

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

### **Call to Worship**

One: Children of God: welcome!

**All: Welcome to this place of love and grace,**

One: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

**All: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,**

One: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

**All: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.**

One: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

### **Opening Prayer**

### **Musical Interlude**

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds* (#438)

### THE LORD FORGIVES OUR SINS

### **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**All: Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ. We confess that we fear what is different. We confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who don't look like we look, love like we love, or vote the way we vote. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love.**

**We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way of living, so we ask you to do that. We ask you to give us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. Amen.**

### **Time of Silent Reflection**

### **Words at the Font and Assurance of Pardon**

Liturgist: "Comfort, O comfort my people," says our God. God hears the cries of the brokenhearted and renews the strength of those who trust in his mercy. In Jesus Christ, God has taken us by the hand, forgiving our sins and lifting us up to new life. Sisters and Brothers, your sins are forgiven; be at peace.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, thanks be to God! Amen.

### **Passing of the Peace**

One: As Christ Jesus has shared his peace with each of us, let us now share that peace with each other. Peace be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with everyone!

### **Children's Sermon**

After the Children's Sermon, children aged kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are dismissed to Children's Church.

### THE LORD SPEAKS TO US

### **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 40: 1-11

### **New Testament Reading**

John 11: 26, 27, 40-44

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

*Unbind Him and Let Him Go*

### **Musical Meditation**

*Rise Up (Lazarus)*

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### WE OFFER OURSELVES TO THE LORD

**\*Affirmation of Faith – Apostles' Creed**

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Giving of Our Tithes and Offering**

**Prayer of Dedication**

### **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

### THE LORD GOES WITH US

**\*Charge & Benediction**

### **Sending Song**

*Rise Up (Lazarus)*, reprise

### WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

The Cameron family; Gene & Sarah Joyce; Ruth McKay; the Hardy family; the Vasquez/Galvan family; Sean's friends, the Bonilla family; the Runnels family; the Vinton/McEntire family; Christina M.'s family; Pam P.'s cousin, Bill.

### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgists: Donna Cameron

Worship Musician: Deb Harrison

Guest Preacher: Rev. John Strange, HR

Elder of the Month: Kay McCloskey

### KIDS AT FOREST HILLS

Children are welcome to use the Family Worship Bags located in the back on the sanctuary. Parents are welcome to use the narthex as a cry room during the worship service and mother's needing to nurse are welcome to use the choir room.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14)

### WELCOME TO FOREST HILLS

If you're worshiping with us for the first time today, we're so glad you chose to spend your Sunday morning with us. We live stream the service through our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ForestHillsHelotes/> for those who prefer to worship remotely. The service will be uploaded and available on our church website at <http://fhpconline.org/> following the live version Sunday. If you are interested in learning more about Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, the pastor will be happy to speak with you after worship.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer request cards are located in the narthex or can be acquired from an usher. Please feel free to fill one out and either hand it to an usher or place in the offering plate.

### PRAYER QUILTS

The Prayer Quilt Ministry at Forest Hills makes lap-size quilts for people who are seriously ill, cannot attend worship or who, because of recent events in their life, are in particular need of God's love and our prayers. If you know someone who needs a prayer quilt, please fill out a Prayer Quilt Request Card found in the narthex or contact Margie Cox at [margiecox78023@yahoo.com](mailto:margiecox78023@yahoo.com) or (830) 510-4130.

### ONLINE GIVING

For your convenience, we offer online giving through PayPal. Simply log on to our website at [fhpconline.org](http://fhpconline.org) and click on the "Giving" tab at the top for instructions, or use the Giving Code below. Your gifts will support the ministries of Forest Hills Presbyterian Church here and in the community.

