

THIS WEEK AT FOREST HILL

Today

9:34 AM	Fellowship Time
10:30	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
4:30 PM	Matthew Month (CWNC)

Monday, August 9

Tuesday, August 10

1:30 PM	Staff Meeting (Maples House)
6:30	CE/Youth Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 11

8:00 AM	Prayer Quilt Ministry (FLC Room 109)
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Thursday, August 12

6:30 PM	Administrative Committee Meeting
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Friday, August 13 (office closed)

7:00 AM	Men’s Fellowship (Jalapenos Mexican Rest.)
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Saturday, August 14

Sunday, August 15 – Children & Youth Sunday

9:34 AM	Fellowship Time
10:30	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
4:30 PM	Matthew Month (CWNC)

FAMILY NEWS

<i>Birthdays ...</i>	<i>Anniversaries ...</i>
Jamie Garza 8/9	
Kay Griffin 8/10	
Bill Rowe, Andy Williams 8/13	
Kelly Kenner 8/14	

THE DATA BANK

Attendance – 8/1/21	In Person	Virtual Views
	77	64

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



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS!

Sunday, August 22
during Worship



WE INVITE ANYONE WITH A BACKPACK OR COMPUTER BAG TO BRING IT TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 FOR A BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS.

MISSION SUNDAY

AUGUST 29

We will begin in the sanctuary with a short service, after which we will participate in a variety of mission related projects that show God’s love. One of those will be assembling Blessing Bags (hygiene kits). Please bring your donations to church on Sunday or to the office during the week.





Emmaus Gathering at Forest Hills

Saturday, August 21

5:00-7:00pm in the CWNC

Have you been on a Walk to Emmaus? Do you have a desire to rejuvenate that 4th Day enthusiasm? We invite you to share in the breaking of bread and fellowship with your Emmaus brethren at the next Gathering! We will have a potluck that starts at 5:00 and then a worship service that starts at 6:00. Bring your favorite dish to share, as well as your lanyard, name tag, and purple book. For more information, please contact Cami Pace at cpace939@gmail.com.

**If you're sick,
please stay HOME**

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.



BEING A MATTHEW 25 CHURCH:
DISMANTLING STRUCTURAL RACISM



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 8, 2021, 10:30 AM

13200 Bandera Rd. / P.O. Box 257 / Helotes, TX 78023
(210) 695-3123
info@fhpconline.org / fhpconline.org

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

Prelude

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

Greeting & Announcements

Matthew 25 Video

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

One: We come into this space, as people blessed by the truth of God;

All: as people enriched by cultures born into and discovered;

One: as people wounded by racism; as people yearning for healing;

All: as people working for the Kingdom. God, be with us.

One: We come into this space, to spend time with the Scriptures;

All: to learn about prejudice; to become aware of privilege;

One: to explore cultures; to encourage each other to action.

All: Holy Spirit, bless our time together. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Musical Interlude

I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

THE LORD FORGIVES OUR SINS

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

All: O God, who created and loves all people, we come before you today confessing the sin of racism in our country, our church and in ourselves. Forgive us for our part in it, for the ways we have contributed to the oppression of others whether knowingly or unknowingly. We want to be different and for our nation to be different, but it is hard when we face the injustice of institutions as well as the prejudice in ourselves.

Help us to see the reality of racism and bigotry wherever it exists and to have the courage to challenge it. Through your Holy Spirit, may we be given the grace and power to change within ourselves and also, to join with others to do the work of love and justice in the world; to move toward the goal of bringing an end to racism. Through the name of your son, Jesus, who came for all people, Amen.

Time of Silent Reflection

Words at the Font and Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

Liturgist: 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.

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

Children’s Sermon

After the Children’s Sermon, children aged kindergarten through 4th grade are dismissed to Children’s Church.

THE LORD SPEAKS TO US

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Passage

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Katy Walters

Being a Matthew 25 Church: Dismantling Structural Racism

Musical Meditation

Break Dividing Walls

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO THE LORD

***Affirmation of Faith** (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

All: We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the plant entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Giving of Our Tithes and Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

THE LORD GOES WITH US

*Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Break Dividing Walls

About the Matthew 25 Image:

The circular shape represents unity and equality. Like God, a circle has no beginning and no end, and it symbolizes our continuing effort to help one another. The shape also suggests a globe that points to our engagement with the world. **The three interlocking figures** represent the equality of all people without gender or race bias. They have their arms around each other, symbolizing friendship, protection and service. The number three suggests the three focus areas we will be looking at as well as the Trinity. **The color palette** is bright, lively, friendly, and energetic, suggestive of our active commitment. **We use a handwritten font** to make the point that active engagement in the world requires human effort.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

The Runnels family; the Vinton family; Ed & Diana Gresh; JaLinda Novak; the McKinney family; Pam P.’s cousin, Bill; the family of Shannon Hawthorne.

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist: Donna Cameron

Guest Musician: Deb Harrison

Pastor: Rev. Katy Walters

Elder of the Month: Cameron Carnes

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 or (830) 510-4130.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group meets Sunday after worship from 11:30am-1:00pm in the Children’s Worship & Nurture Center (CWNC). All middle and high school aged youth are welcome!

ONLINE GIVING

For your convenience, we offer online giving through PayPal. Simply log on to our website at 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.

