

WELCOME to FOREST HILL!

We are so glad you are worshiping with us today!

Families with children are encouraged and welcomed to worship together. Nursery and Preschool classes are offered each Sunday in the Education Wing in Room 24. Greeters are available at the Welcome Center for directions and to answer any questions you may have about our church.

Learn more about the ministries at Forest Hill at www.foresthillumc.org
or call the church office at [704-782-1109](tel:704-782-1109).

The Purpose of United Methodist Women: The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

SERVING TODAY

All who Gather for Worship

Greeters: Morrison & Betty Honeycutt, Melissa Cayado, Evelyn Potter
Acolytes: Sadie Fullerton & Seren Dornsmith
Nursery: Nancy Gilmore
Visitor Contact: Gene Holbrooks
Bread Ministry: Gene Holbrooks

OUR STAFF

Senior Pastor..... Rev. Mandy Jones
Associate Pastor Rev. Suzanne E. Dornsmith
Director of Music Justin Snyder
Organist M. L. Marley
Director of Youth and Children's Ministries Vera Smith
Director of Preschool..... Ashley Hunter
Faith Community Nurse..... Laura Tolbert, RN
Administrative Secretary Connie Moss
Treasurer Don Rogers
Choir Director Emeritus Cy Maulden

† Please stand as you are able.

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 28th – 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Scripture: Acts 1:1-11; Luke 24:44-53 **Sermon:** *"In the Waiting Room"*

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www.foresthillumc.org



As a community following Christ,
we know and live God's Love,
strive to Grow in faith and discipleship,
and are compelled to Serve others near and far.



May 21, 2017
UMW Sunday
Sunday 11:00 AM

Devices for the hearing impaired and large-print Worship bulletins are available in the Narthex.

PRELUDE

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

arr. John Behnke

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God calls to us through the hungry cries of children

All: **Feed me and be fed**

Leader: God calls to us through the cries of families without homes

All: **Shelter me and find refuge in me**

Leader: God calls to us through the cries of people who are poor

All: **Care for me and know my love**

Leader: God calls to us through the cries for the oppressed

All: **Seek justice for me and find freedom**

Leader: Our faith calls us to action; our actions give us new faith

All: **Come, let us worship God in word and deed with love and justice.**

(Adapted from National Observance of Children's Sabbaths Manual 2005)

† OPENING HYMN No. 398

"Jesus Calls Us"

GALILEE

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us pray together as we confess our sins before God.

All: **Gracious God, we come to you with brokenness. We confess that though you call us to compassion, we have hardened our hearts. Though you call us to extend**

our embrace, we have withheld our touch. Though you have called us to speak out, we have remained silent. Though you have called us to community, we mostly have cared just for our own. We see our brokenness as a nation, resulting in children without health care, families left in poverty, youth limited by low expectations and little support, and in the growing canyon between rich and poor.

Heal us, O Great Physician. Create in us new hearts that love, hands that reach out, voices that proclaim your justice, and a mended community that cares for all and not just for some. Amen.

Leader: There is healing in the name of the Lord, whose mercy is everlasting. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

(National Observance of Children’s Sabbaths Manual, Volume 16)

SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

CALL TO PRAYER No. 186 (sing through twice)

*He’s my Savior, He’s my Savior, He’s my Savior, He’s my Savior,
He’s my Savior, He’s my Savior, He’s my Savior, He’s my Savior.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM UMW Choir

“We Are Called”

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

If you wish to give electronically, please text fhumc to 77977, or download our Forest Hill app.

OFFERTORY

“My Tribute” Crouch, arr. Fred. Bock

† RESPONSE No. 94

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

† THE PEACE

CHILDREN INVITED TO KIDSWORSHIP

Children ages Kindergarten through third grade may bring forward their tithes and exit to KidsWorship in Room 9 in the Education Wing. Parents should pick up their children from Room 9 immediately following Worship.

† HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 396

“O Jesus, I Have Promised” ANGEL’S STORY

† THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:14-19

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *“Come, Follow Me”* Doris Thurman

LITANY OF COMMITMENT

Leader: We are called to follow Christ. We are called to be faithful servants and witnesses. We are called to action in a world that cries for help. We are called to give bread to the hungry and shelter to the homeless.

All: Lord, find us faithful.

Leader: We are called to treat our neighbors with respect, and to look for the good in all people.

All: Lord, find us faithful.

Leader: We are called to overcome differences with understanding, and to solve conflict with peaceful means.

All: Lord, find us faithful.

Leader: We are called to speak boldly in the face of prejudice and injustice, and to provide hope in the midst of despair.

All: Lord, find us faithful.

Leader: We are called to use our influence justly, and in the service of love for all of God’s children.

All: Lord, find us faithful as we answer Your call to make a difference in the lives of Your children and Your world today. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN No. 2130 (The Faith We Sing)

“The Summons” KELVINGROVE

† BENEDICTION

† CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

† POSTLUDE

“Thine Is the Glory” Anna Laura Page

Our Service of Worship has ended, but our worship continues as we go forth to love, grow, and serve.