

*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: Birth-2 years, Room 12, Preschoolers 3-4 in Room 14. 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](http://www.foresthillumc.org)  
or call the church office at [704-782-1109](tel:704-782-1109).



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.



December 25, 2016  
Christmas Day  
Sunday 10:00 AM

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

*SERVING TODAY*

*All who Gather for Worship*

**Visitor Contact:** Jenny Burkhart

**Bread Ministry:** Carolyn Barnes

**OUR STAFF**

Senior Pastor ..... Rev. Mandy Jones  
Associate Pastor ..... Rev. Suzanne Dornsmith  
Director of Music.....Justin Snyder  
Organist.....M. L. Marley  
Director of Youth and Children's Ministries..... Vera Smith  
Director of Preschool ..... Dawn Gustafson  
Faith Community Nurse ..... Laura Tolbert, RN  
Administrative Secretary..... Connie Moss  
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**PRELUDE**

*"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"*

Settings by E. Diemer and J. Linker

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER**

† **HYMN No. 248**

*"On This Day Earth Shall Ring"*

PERSONENT HODIE

**CHRISTMAS HYMN SING**

(We will take requests – any hymns between #216 and #252 except #228 and #248,  
which we are singing this morning.)

**SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS**

**CALL TO PRAYER No. 72**

*Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!*  
*Gloria, Gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**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**

*“Jesus, the Light of the World”*

Chancel Choir

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES**

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

**OFFERTORY**

*“It Came Upon A Midnight Clear”*

arr. Diane Bish

**† RESPONSE**

VENI EMMANUEL

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*  
*Praise him, all creatures here below;*  
*Praise him above ye heavenly host;*  
*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel*  
*shall come to thee, O Israel.*

**† THE PEACE**

**NO KIDSWORSHIP TODAY**

*Children are invited to worship with their families. KidsWorship will resume next Sunday.*

**† HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 228**

*“He Is Born”*

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**THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS** Romans 15:3 and Luke 2:8-14

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*“Christmas Hope”*

Rev. Suzanne Dornsmith

**† CLOSING HYMN** (see back of bulletin insert)

*“God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen”*

GOD REST YOU MERRY

**† BENEDICTION**

**† CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**† POSTLUDE**

*“Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts”*

C. Saint Saëns

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

† Please stand as you are able.

**NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup> – New Year’s Day – 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

**Scriptures:** Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Matthew 2:1-12