

## FOREST HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



NOVEMBER 23, 2025

### WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

*Visiting today? Our ministry team would love to connect with you. You are invited to meet one of our ministers by the Altar after the service.*

### GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

#### GATHERING MUSIC

##### WELCOME

Kevin Shuford

##### CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice in the Lord always;  
again I will say, rejoice.  
Give thanks to the LORD,  
for he is good;  
his love endures forever.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him  
and praise his name  
Rejoice in the Lord always;  
again I will say, rejoice.

*Philippians 4:4; 1 Chronicles 16:34*

*Psalms 100:4*

#### SONGS OF PRAISE

*Rejoice*

#### PRAYER

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

### PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

#### FAITH STORY

Betsy Dunnagan

### OUR MISSION

Our mission at Forest Hills Baptist Church is to be a passionate, international, intergenerational community, building deeply devoted disciples of Jesus Christ. We believe that everyone has a role to play in this mission and we hope to help you find yours!

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Elena Hibbs

#### SCRIPTURE READING AND COMMUNITY PRAYER

Brian Doll

#### THE NICENE CREED

#### SONG

*The God We Love*

#### THE MESSAGE

Mark White  
One Holy Church  
Ephesians 4:1-16

### RESPONDING TO GOD

#### TIME OF RESPONSE

*By Faith*

#### BENEDICTION

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### THE MESSAGE

MARK WHITE

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A CHRISTIAN?

#### “ONE HOLY CHURCH”

#### EPHESIANS 4:1-16

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1, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: 4 there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

7 But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8 Therefore it is said,

“When he ascended on high, he made captivity itself a captive;  
he gave gifts to his people.”

9 (When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) 11 He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. 14 We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; 15 but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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## QUESTION TO CONSIDER

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1. The Nicene Creed describes the church as “one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.” How do these terms deepen your understanding of the church?
2. How is the church more than a human institution?
3. In your own words, why does the church exist? What is your role within the church? What is God calling you to do?



## TIME OF RESPONSE

Worshiping God always invites a response from us. How will you respond today? In what ways are you being invited to surrender to God's purposes? What is God calling you to be or do? As you consider your response to today's service, we invite you to join us at one or more of the following response stations following the sermon:



### PERSONAL RESPONSE

What do you need to bring to the cross? What is Jesus leading you to do? Come to the cross where you can write your response on a card and leave it with Christ. A pastor will be happy to follow up with you upon request.



### GIVING

Bring your tithes and offerings, as well as Connection Cards, to the altar table; offerings can also be placed in the designated boxes by the sanctuary doors.



### INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Pray for someone else and light a candle as a symbol of your prayer request to God. This station is located at the back/left of the sanctuary.



### REFLECT/PRAY

Reflect on how you have encountered God's Word today; pray at your seat as you feel led. Pastors and members of our prayer team will also be available to pray with you in the back of the sanctuary, right side.



### CHILDREN'S RESPONSE

If you are a child, there is a space just for you to respond. You can meet at the front of the Sanctuary.



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### THIS WEEK AT FOREST HILLS

More information and events can be found at [foresthills.org/events](https://foresthills.org/events) and in the insert.

#### Choir Rehearsal and Lunch

TODAY | 12:15 PM | The Choir Room

#### Christmas Decorating

TODAY | 2:00 PM | The Sanctuary

#### College Thanksgiving Dinner

TODAY | 5:30 PM | Larry and Jerry Hester's house

#### Men's Bible Study

MONDAY | 7:00 PM | The Attic

#### No Wednesday Night Activities

WEDNESDAY

#### Office Closed

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

### OUR PRIORITIES

**Life Transformation:** We are followers of Jesus Christ, who are on a journey of personal transformation and thus, we are committed to the practice of spiritual disciplines.

**Engaging Worship:** Worship is at the heart of our community life for it connects us deeply with God and inspires us to live the Great Commission each and every day.

**Purposeful Missions and Service:** We are the body of Christ who are called to carry on Jesus' mission of living the gospel and serving the world around us.

**Welcoming of All:** We welcome and embrace the diversity of God's kingdom, cherishing all who want to walk in the way of Jesus Christ.

**Nurturing Faith in Future Generations:** We take seriously our call to raise up and equip the next generations of Jesus followers

### CONNECT WITH OUR MINISTRY STAFF

**Mark White:** Senior Pastor ([mark@foresthills.org](mailto:mark@foresthills.org))

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### LOVE GOD. LOVE PEOPLE. LIVE THE GOSPEL.

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