



APRIL 12, 2026

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

The risen Lord comes alongside us
this morning.

Because he lives, we also live.

He speaks the truth of Scripture
into our waxing and waning hearts.

He blesses us with his presence
on our pilgrim journey through life's
often difficult way.

Let us worship him
with our heart, soul, mind, and strength,
for great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again

SONG OF PRAISE

*Crown Him with Many Crowns | No. 161
Great Things*

PRAYER

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

MESSAGE IN SONG

Sanctuary Choir

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

San Francisco Mission Trip

SCRIPTURE READING

Fain Barker

Hebrew 10:23-25

COMMUNITY PRAYER

SONG

Blessed Assurance

THE MESSAGE

Mark White

Called to Encourage

1 Peter 1:3-9

RESPONDING TO GOD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

COMMUNION

RESPONSE STATIONS

SONG OF RESPONSE

Hymn of Heaven

BENEDICTION

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!

THE MESSAGE

Mark White

FOLLOWING THE SAVIOR'S CALL: CALLED TO ENCOURAGE

1 Peter 1:3-9

- 3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
- 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you,
- 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.
- 6 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.
- 7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.
- 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,
- 9 for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. When have you experienced encouragement from others during times of difficulty or suffering? How did it impact your faith or outlook on life?
2. What role does encouragement play in building up the church and helping others live out their new identity in Christ?
3. How can you be an encourager to someone who may be struggling or feeling discouraged this week?



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.



FOREST HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

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More information and events can be found at foresthills.org/events and in the insert.

The Art of the Arless Day

TODAY | The Art Gallery S306 | 7:00 PM

College Reflections at Bojangles

TODAY | Bojangles | Following Service

Men's Bible Study

MONDAY | The Attic | 7:00 PM

Arty Party

WEDNESDAY | S-308 | 6:00 PM

Midweek Connection

WEDNESDAY | The Attic | 6:30 PM

ESL Classes

WEDNESDAY | E-300 Hallway | 6:30 PM

Church Workday

SATURDAY | Fellowship Hall | 8:30 AM

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

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LOVE GOD. LOVE PEOPLE. LIVE THE GOSPEL.

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