

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Sunday, March 15:

- The Power of Choice as We Age at 12:15 pm.
- Family Faith Every Day Parent Group at 12:15 pm.

### Wednesday, March 18:

- Lenten potluck dinner and table conversations: God in the wilderness with you at 6:00 pm.

### Saturday, March 21:

- Meaningful Conversations at 9:00 am.

### Sunday, March 22:

- Hard and Holy Work: A Lenten Journey through the Book of Exodus at 9:15 am.
- Labre Ministry Serving at North Church at 10:15 am.
- Drum Circle with Don Davis at 12:30 pm.
- Sharing Abundance at 12:30 pm.

### Thursday, March 26:

- Family Faith Every Day Parent Group at 6:00 pm.

### Sunday, March 29, Palm Sunday:

- Hard and Holy Work: A Lenten Journey through the Book of Exodus at 9:15 am.
- The Power of Choice as We Age at 12:15 pm.

### Monday, March 30:

- Last day to place Easter lily orders.

### Thursday, April 2, Maundy Thursday:

- Family Faith Every Day Parent Group at 5:30 pm.
- Potluck dinner at 5:30 pm then communion with candlelight and music at 7:00 pm.

### Friday, April 3, Good Friday:

- Ecumenical service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 12:00 pm.

### Sunday, April 5, Easter:

- Service of praise starting in the courtyard garden and moving to our chapel at 9:00 am.
- Celebration of Easter joy in our sanctuary with special music at 11:00 am.

### Saturday, April 11:

- Fiber Fellowship at 10:00 am.
- Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? at 6:00 pm.



**Prayer Requests:** To request prayers for a personal concern, please email the church office ([office@fhcpresb.org](mailto:office@fhcpresb.org)).

**Prayers are requested this week for:** Doris Bartlett, Janet Dauer, Bob Dawson, Grace Glaros, Kathryn Himmelsteib, Deborah Howard, Chuck and Jane Ishler, Mark Le Master, Ellie Linden, Linda Martin, Jessica Owusu, Roz Peters, Joyce Senger, Sharon Shumaker, Kate Tzepronis, Doreen Underwood, Carolyn Vrtunski, Ann Williams, and the family and friends of Grace Uhle.

**Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:** Kemp Jaycox, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, and Warren Young.

**Care Groups** will assist our pastor with members' needs. Please call the church office to report an illness, hospitalization, family emergency, birth or death. Information will be passed on to the head of the Deacons.

**The Deacon Card Ministry**, with cards for all occasions, is available in Fellowship Hall most Sundays after worship. Deacon Nathaniel Martin will be happy to help you pick a card for someone who needs to hear from you and our church. Brighten someone's day with a reminder of our care.

**Thank you, office volunteers:** Joan Bacon, Lynda Bernays, Cathy Ghiandoni, Nancy Grube, and Kim Hill.

**Thank you, Stream Team Volunteers!** Anyone interested in helping stream Sunday services should contact Kurt Haas at [kurt@dangereddy.com](mailto:kurt@dangereddy.com).

**Please remember to leave your name tag** in the appropriate column on the magnetic board outside Fellowship Hall before you leave today. You want it to be waiting for you next week!

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March 15, 2026

The Fourth Sunday in Lent



You may also join worship online using this link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=00mi1nxL96A>

*\*Please stand in body and/or spirit.*

*Childcare is provided for children ages birth to 4 years from 10:45 am – 12:15 pm in Rooms 201/203. Children ages 5+ join their families for the opening moments of worship. Following the passing of the peace, children leave the sanctuary with their adult leaders to go to Sunday School.*

#### CENTERING WORDS

*“People bind themselves into political teams that share moral narratives. Once they accept a particular narrative, they become blind to alternative moral worlds.” – Jonathan Haidt, author of The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion (2012)*

#### CENTERING MUSIC

Marcel Dupré

“Christus, der uns selig macht”

#### WELCOME

#### CHORAL INTROIT

Dunstan/Rowan

“Come to Me”

Chancel Choir

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Deborah Erwin

Those who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**And have we walked differently?**

On us, the light of Christ has shined.

**And are we walking differently?**

We have gathered to hear again of those who see but cannot see.

**We have gathered to have our eyes opened once again by the grace of God.**

#### \*HYMN NO. 687

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, you send light into the world again and again, yet we often prefer the comfort of shadows. You open our eyes to the suffering of others, yet we turn away. You reveal your truth, yet we cling to what is familiar rather than what is faithful. Like those who questioned the miracle before them, we resist your call to radical obedience. Forgive us, God, so that with our eyes and hearts opened, we may follow Christ with trust and courage.**

#### SILENCE

#### KYRIE (HYMN NO. 575)

“Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

*Lord, have mercy upon us;*

*Christ, have mercy upon us;*

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### \*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (HYMN NO. 626)

*As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.*

*You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.*

*You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my*

*spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to*

*worship you.*

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### FRIENDSHIP REGISTER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

*To participate in our online Friendship Register, please leave a comment in the Live Chat box listing the names of those participating in this morning's Live Worship or email the office.*

#### MUSIC

Darius Lim

“Ashes to Dust”

*Ushers will collect prayer requests.*

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

**Our Loving Parent, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### CALL TO GIVING

#### OFFERING

*By texting: 216-400-5300*

*You may give online with PayPal, credit or debit card: [www.fhcpresb.org](http://www.fhcpresb.org)*

*Or you may also mail a check to the church office*

#### OFFERTORY

Hine arr. Stephen DeCesare

“How Great Thou Art”

Laura Minder, soprano

Clayton Minder, tenor

#### \*SONG OF DEDICATION

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*praise Christ, all people here below;*

*praise Holy Spirit evermore;*

*praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Generous God, may our offerings—and our lives—bear witness to Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.**

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 9:1-41 (page 871)

#### AFTER THE READINGS

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### \*HYMN NO. 829

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

#### SERMON

“Spiritual Blindness: More Than Spots”

#### \*HYMN NO. 182

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

#### \*BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

#### DEPARTING MUSIC

John Stanley

“Voluntary V”

*Special thanks to Elder Deborah Erwin for her help in worship today.*