

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, March 19:

- 5:45pm Lenten Potluck Dinner in Fellowship Hall.
- 7:00pm Discussion on Spiritual Practices in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, March 23:

- Labre Ministry Serving at North Church from 10:15am – 1:00pm.

Monday, March 24:

- Book Study on *James* by Percival Everett in the FHC library from 6:00 – 8:00pm.

Friday, March 28:

- Pacesetters: Cleveland Museum of Art (and Pizza!) from 2:00 – 7:00pm.

Saturday, April 5:

- Honoring the Life and Work of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. from 10:00am – 1:00pm at North Church.

Thursday, April 17:

- 5:45pm Maundy Thursday Potluck Dinner in Fellowship Hall.
- 7:00pm Tenebrae Service in Fellowship Hall.

Information on all events are listed on the church website (www.fhcpresb.org), monthly TOWER located on the church information tables in the church hallways, and our digital and paper bulletin boards located outside of the sanctuary. You may also use the QR code below.



One Great Hour of Sharing Offering (March 5 - April 20)

Please consider supporting the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering this Lenten season. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promotes development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assists in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Please be a part of this effort that supports programs in over 100 countries!

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

Prayers are requested this week for: Elsie Boyd, Janet Dauer, Bob Dawson, Deborah Howard, Grace Glaros, Sonji Kenyatta, Ellen McChesney, Wanda Nelson (sister of Sharon Wiggins), Carolyn Smith and Susan Way.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Kemp Jaycox, Ron Klein, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Pat Musick, Roz Peters, Grace Uhle 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, and Nancy Grube.

Thank you, Stream Team Volunteers! Anyone interested in helping stream Sunday services should contact Kurt Haas at 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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The Rev. Dr. Gene McAfee, Transitional Pastor
Dr. Amy Wheatley, Dir. of Family, Youth & Children's Ministry
Dr. QinYing Tan, Director of Music
The Rev. Carol Wedell, Parish Associate

FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

March 16, 2025 – 11:00AM



You may also join worship online using this link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-GQCrt2_rfs

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

CENTERING WORDS

*“When it comes down to democracy or power,
white Christian nationalism will choose power every time.”*
— Andrew L. Whitehead, Associate Professor of Sociology,
Indiana University, in *American Idolatry: How Christian
Nationalism Betrays the Gospel and Threatens the Church*

PRELUDE

Élisabeth Jacquet de la Guerre
“Allemande”
In honor of Women’s History Month

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

South African Folk Song
“Sikhulule/ Liberate Us, Lord”
Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

(adapted from Psalm 33 and Matthew 5)

Lucas Ryman

Blessed are the people whose God is Yahweh.

**Blessed are the lovers of justice and the
makers of peace.**

Blessed, Jesus said, are the peacemakers, for they shall
be called God’s children.

**Would that we knew the things that make for
peace.**

We gather to hear, to hope, and to offer ourselves again.

And we are welcomed home!

*HYMN NO. 314

“Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness”
(vv. 1-3)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, you have made us in your image and
have called us to be your people. Yet we resist your
call and wander from your ways. Bring us back, we
humbly pray, to lives of justice, righteousness, and
peace for ourselves and for your world. Enable us to
live more fully the abundant life promised by your
Child, our Savior, Jesus the Christ.**

SILENCE

KYRIE

“Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us.



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN NO. 586

“Alleluia”

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Children are invited to leave the sanctuary with
their adult leaders to go to Sunday School.*

ANTHEM

Mary Ann Breisch

“I Want to Choose Joy”
Mary Ann Breisch, voice and piano

Ushers will collect prayer requests.

SCRIPTURE

Eileen Vizcaino

Psalm 33:12-22 (page 441)
Acts 10:34-48 (page 895)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

“There Is a Longing in Our Hearts”

HYMN NO. 470

*The choir will sing the Refrain once,
then everyone will sing the Refrain.
The leader will then sing the verses with everyone
singing the Refrain as indicated.*

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Gene McAfee

“The Heresy of Christian Nationalism”

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.**

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.*

CALL TO GIVING

OFFERING

*By texting: 216-400-5300
You may give online with PayPal, credit or debit card:
www.fhcpresb.org
Or you may also mail a check to the church office.*

OFFERTORY

Allen Pote

“Psalm 139”
Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Giver of all good and beautiful things, may what we
have given advance your realm of justice and peace in
our shadowed and fractured world. May our love be
carried on our gifts. In Jesus’ name we ask this.
Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 314

“Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness”
(vv. 4-5)

*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.*

POSTLUDE

J.S. Bach

“Fantasia”

*Special thanks to Lucas Ryman and
Eileen Vizcaino for their help in
leading worship today.*