

### Easter Lily Dedications

**Mary Ann and Jack Breisch:** In memory of Benjamin Breisch.

**Rachel Martinez-Finn and Bill Finn:** In memory of their loved ones.

**Barbara Hansen:** In memory of my beloved husband. Lamont Hansen; and my mom Ethel VanFleet.

**Jane and Cliff Kowall:** In memory of parents Paul and Dorothy Kowall and Walter and Elaine Grasson.

**Linda Martin:** In honor of her family.

**Nathanial Martin:** In loving memory of Emma Jean Martin, Delorien Martin and Betty Mae Cowherd.

**Gene McAfee:** In Thanksgiving for Forest Hill Church.

**Derry Stauffer and Kathy Hanna-Stauffer:** In honor of family.

**Eileen Vizcaino:** In honor of our Risen Lord Jesus.

**Peg Weissbrod:** In memory of Steve Marunowski.

**Rev. Sally Wile:** In memory of Virginia and Frank, Robin and Ed.

*He is risen*

**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:** Elsie Boyd, Janet Dauer, Bob Dawson, Deborah Howard, Grace Glaros, Chuck and Jane Ishler, Ron Register, Joyce Senger and Carolyn Smith.

**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](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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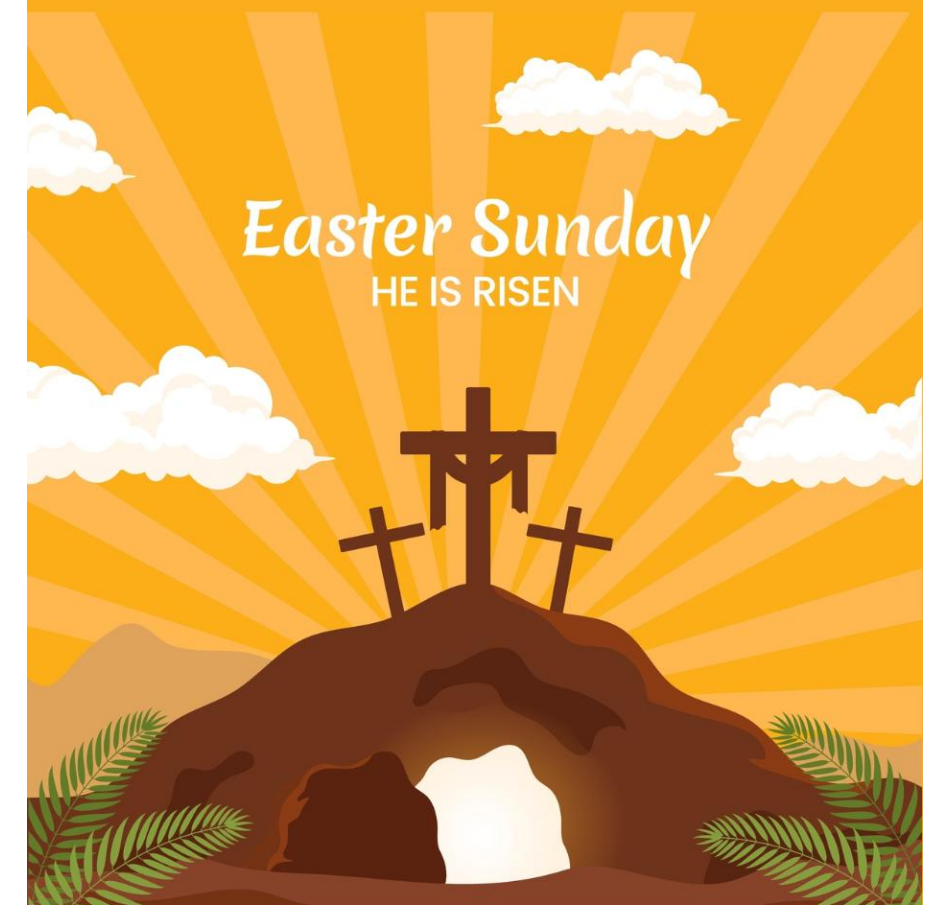
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The Rev. Dr. Gene McAfee, Transitional Pastor  
Dr. Amy Wheatley, Dir. of Family, Youth & Children's Ministry  
Dr. QinYing Tan, Director of Music  
The Rev. Carol Wedell, Parish Associate

### FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

**April 20, 2025 – 9:00AM**



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

**CENTERING WORDS**  
“If Christ has been raised from the dead, nothing else matters. If Christ has not been raised from the dead, nothing else matters.”  
– Theologian, church historian, and Akron native Jaroslav Pelikan (1923-2006)

**COURTYARD GARDEN GATHERING AND WELCOME**

**BELL PROCESSION TO THE CHAPEL**

**CHORAL INTROIT** Trad. Honduran  
“Alleluia”  
Quartet

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Linda Martin  
O give thanks to God!  
**For God is good! God’s steadfast love endures forever.**  
God is our strength and our might.  
**God is our salvation and our hope.**  
God has opened to us the gates of righteousness.  
**And we will enter and give thanks to God!**


**\*HYMN NO. 232** “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

**CALL TO CONFESSION**


**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
God our Salvation, on this day of resurrection and celebration, may our hearts be filled with your love, our souls be filled with your calm, and our lips be filled with your praise. May the new and unending life of Jesus, our crucified and risen Savior, empower us, transform us, and equip us for service to you and all your creation. In the strength of your abiding presence, may we face the future with boldness, peace, and joy. At the same time, we acknowledge before you and one another that we fall short of your loving will, and so we pray now for the forgiveness of our sins, which we name silently in our hearts.

**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. 591** “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*ANTHEM** Joseph Martin  
“Set Free Your Alleluia”  
Madelaine Matej MacQueen, soprano  
Laura Minder, alto  
Clayton Minder, tenor  
Seth Ungemach, bass  
(Congregation to join in when indicated to do so)  
*Set free your life eternal. Receive the risen Son.*  
*Embrace this new beginning and all that God has done.*  
*For all things now are hopeful. God made us all to soar.*  
*Unchained, we reach for heaven and glory ever more.*

**SCRIPTURE**  
1 Corinthians 15:19-26 (page 935)  
Luke 24:1-12 (page 860)

**\*HYMN NO. 273** “He Is King of Kings”

**SERMON** The Rev. Dr. Gene McAfee  
“Easter, Seriously? Seriously!”

**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** G.F. Handel  
“As with Rosy Steps the Morn”  
Madelaine Matej MacQueen, soprano

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND BENEDICTION**  
God, the gift of resurrected love surpasses our highest joys. May that love make us generous in all we think, feel, say, and do. Bless the gifts we have offered, that their good may be multiplied and your name be glorified. Amen.

**\*HYMN NO. 260** “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

**\*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** Felix Mendelssohn  
“Heaven and Earth Display”

*Special thanks to Linda Martin for her help in leading worship today.*