

Join Us in April!

Sundays at 9:15 AM

"Sabbath Rest" Adult Spiritual Growth
(Every Sunday Morning through May 12)

TODAY at 11:00 AM

Labre Ministry @ North Church

TODAY at 12:15 PM

Ushers Luncheon

Coming in May!

May 5 at 12:00 PM

"Linger a While" with Ron Register

May 5 at 3:00 PM

"Splendid Sounds: American Vignettes"

May 19 Pentecost

Wear Red

May 19 at 12:15 PM

Dedication of the Kemp Jaycox Garden

Do you want to contribute flowers for Sunday worship?

If so, use this link to signup:

<https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/641db770112776329>



If you wish to give online, please use this QR Code
and select your giving option.



This morning we use prayers from the Iona Abbey Worship Book.

Prayer Request: To request prayers for a personal concern, please email Pastor Lentz (pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org) no later than Thursday afternoon of each week for inclusion in next week's congregational prayer.

Prayers are requested this week for: Joe Dauer, Mark Davidson, Barb Hansen, Deborah Howard, Kemp Jaycox, Cate Monaghan, Beverly Thomas, Grace Uhle, Ann Williams, the family of Robert (Bob) Young, Warren Young and Karen & Dan Yourd.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Ron Klein, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Roz and Graham Peters.

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, Susan Kay Dunlap** (susandnlp@gmail.com or deacons@fhcpresb.org).

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

Thank you, all Stream Team Volunteers! Anyone interested in helping stream Sunday services should contact Kurt Haas at kurt@dangereddy.com.

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FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

PIANO DEDICATION SERVICE

APRIL 28, 2024 – 11:00AM

You may also join worship online using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2VbwuNK0KuE>

**Please stand if able*

CENTERING WORDS

If our love of God does not directly influence, and even change, how we engage in the issues of our time on this earth, I wonder what good religion is.
~Richard Rohr

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

Cathy Moglebust
"Sherekea Usafari (Celebrate the Journey)"
Voices in Bronze

CALL TO WORSHIP

The world belongs to God! **The earth and all its people.**
How good it is, how wonderful, **to live together in unity.**
Love and justice come together, **justice and peace join hands.**
If Christ's disciples keep silent **these stones would shout aloud.** Open our lips, O God, **and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

*HYMN NO. 267

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, Maker of all. **Have mercy on us.**
Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor. **Have mercy on us.**
Holy Spirit, Breath of life. **Have mercy on us.**
Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty.
(Silence)

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to you my brokenness: to the ways I wound my life, and the lives of others, and the life of the world. **May God forgive you; Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love. Amen.**

Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness: To the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world. May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love. **Amen.**

Move among us, O God; give us life. **Let your people rejoice in you.** Make our hearts clean within us. **Renew us in mind and in spirit.** Give us again the joy of your help. **With your spirit of freedom sustain us.**

A TIME OF REFLECTION

KYRIE (Hymn No. 576)

"Lord, Have Mercy"

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GLORIA (Hymn No. 582)

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*
(sing twice)

PIANO DEDICATION

QinYing Tan

Following the piano dedication, children are invited to go to childcare and Sunday School with their adult leaders.

ANTHEM

Arr. Rollo Dilworth
"Shine on Me"
Chancel Choir

LIVING WORD (NRSV)

Acts 8:26-40 (page 892)

After the reading

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

*HYMN NO. 641

"When in Our Music God is Glorified"
verses (1, 2, 5)

SERMON

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.
"Why Not?"

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father Mother, 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. 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.

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

Arr. Gwyneth Walker

"How Can I Keep from Singing"
Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN NO. 313

"Lord, Make Us More Holy"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION (Hymn No. 80)

"You Shall Go Out with Joy"
Little Crescendos
Julie Minder, Director

*You shall go out with joy
And be led forth with peace
The mountains and the hills
Will break forth before you
There'll be shouts of joy
And all the trees of the field
Will clap, will clap their hands*

Chorus

*And all the trees of the field will clap their hands XX
The trees of the field will clap their hands. XX
The trees of the field will clap their hands XX
While you go out with joy*

POSTLUDE

Frederic Chopin
"Polonaise in A major, op. 40 no. 1"
QinYing Tan, piano

We thank Ahren Stock for serving as Lay Leader this morning.

Join us for next **Sunday afternoon, May 5, 3 PM** in the FHC Sanctuary, "Splendid Sounds: American Vignettes" featuring Ann Yu (violin) and Irwin Shung (piano) celebrating Forest Hill Church's new piano! The hour-long concert will feature pieces by George Gershwin, Amy Beach, Florence Price, Samuel Barber, and Caroline Shaw. The concert is free but we gratefully accept freewill offerings for Friends of Music. Reception to follow.

