

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, April 10:

- The Goldberg Variations: Irwin Shung in Recital at Plymouth Church UCC at 7:30 pm.

Saturday, April 11:

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

Sunday, April 12:

- Contemplative Scripture Study at 4:00 pm.

Saturday, April 18:

- Homeless Stand Down at 10:00 am.

Friday, April 20:

- Final day to register for the book discussion with Pastor Gene: *The Reluctant Parting: How the New Testament's Jewish Writers Created a Christian Book* by Professor Julie Galambush.

Saturday, April 25:

- AMIS Cultural Connections 6.0 fundraiser at 6:00 pm.

Sunday, April 26:

- Book Discussion with Pastor Gene: *The Reluctant Parting: How the New Testament's Jewish Writers Created a Christian Book* by Professor Julie Galambush at 9:15 am.
- Labre Ministry serving at North Church at 10:15 am.
- Justice Ministry Community Grant Luncheon at 12:15 pm.
- Contemplative Scripture Study at 4:00 pm.

EASTER LILIES:

- Dave and Chris Bell with thanksgiving for beloved family and friends.
- Burcham and Halkerston family in memory of family members no longer with us.
- Art and Adrienne Busby in memory of their parents here and in heaven.
- Andrea Denton in honor of Dr. Marcie Denton.
- Kathy Hanna-Stauffer and Derry Stauffer in celebration of the life of Grace Uhle.
- Barb Hansen in loving memory of Lamont Hansen and Ethel Van Fleet.
- Darlene Holt in thanksgiving for the FHC staff and members.
- Anne Hunter in memory of loved ones.
- Cliff and Jane Kowall in memory of parents Paul and Dorothy Kowall and Walter and Elaine Grasson.
- Finn family in memory of their loved ones.
- Rev. Gene McAfee in memory and honor of Beth, Jeanne, and Norm Overly.
- Liz Nau in loving memory of Lt. Col. Ernest Brass Jr., Mary Brass, Ernest Brass III and Carol J. Brezina.
- Jeanette Nemcek in memory of Bob Nemcek.
- Linda and David Rainey in memory of loved ones.
- Schultz Family in memory of Walter A. Schultz.
- Sasha Vrtunski in honor of Carolyn Vrtunski.
- Peg Weissbrod in memory of those who came before.
- Ed Gernerchak and Sally Wile in memory of and thanksgiving for their parents and for their friend Eda who taught and loved them with their lives.
- Ann and Peter Williams in memory of loved ones.

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

Prayers are requested this week for: Doris Bartlett, Janet Dauer, Bob Dawson, Deborah Erwin, Grace Glaros, Kathryn Himmelsteib, Deborah Howard, Chuck and Jane Ishler, Mark Le Master, Ellie Linden, Linda Martin, Laura Minder, Jessica Owusu, Roz Peters, Joyce Senger, Sharon Shumaker, Kate Tzeffronis, Doreen Underwood, Carolyn Vrtunski, Sharon Wiggins, and Ann Williams.

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.

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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FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

April 5, 2026 - 9 am

Easter Service



Service of praise starting in the courtyard garden and moving to our Chapel.

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

Childcare is provided for children ages birth to 3 years from 10:45 am – 12:15 pm in Rooms 201/203. Children ages 4+ join their families today for Easter worship. Special worship activity bags are available for young children as you enter the sanctuary. Sunday School resumes next week, April 12.

CENTERING WORDS

“If Christ is risen, nothing else matters. If Christ is not risen — nothing else matters.” – Jaroslav Pelikan (1923-2006)

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

Steven Seigart

“Easter Introit”

Naomi Grace McMahon, soprano

Julie Minder, alto

Clayton Minder, tenor

Seth Ungemach, bass

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day.

This is the day of days.

This is the day of resurrection.

This is the day of victory for our God.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is God’s doing and it is marvelous in our sight!

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! Amen!

*HYMN NO. 232

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, forgive us for our reluctance to live the new life of resurrection love. Forgive us for clinging to the world’s ways and not embracing your way of healing and wholeness. Forgive us for allowing fear, rather than your love, to guide us. Forgive us of our public sins and forgive us of our private sins. Forgive us of all our sins, we humbly pray.

SILENCE

KYRIE (HYMN NO. 551)

Lord, have mercy upon us;

Christ, have mercy upon us;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (HYMN NO. 619)

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;

Glad of heart your carols raise;

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,

Who, like me, should sing God’s praise?

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise the Maker all your days!

*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

“Blessed Assurance”

Naomi Grace McMahon, soprano

Julie Minder, alto

Clayton Minder, tenor

Seth Ungemach, bass

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.fhcbresb.org

Or you may also mail a check to the church office

OFFERTORY

G.F. Handel

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth”

Naomi Grace McMahon, soprano

*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

God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the empty grave: accept our gifts, we ask in Jesus’ name, for the healing of your world and to your glory and praise. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-17 (page 492)

John 20:1-18 (page 882)

AFTER THE READINGS

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

*HYMN NO. 273

“He Is King of Kings”

SERMON

“Keep Easter Weird”

*HYMN NO. 260

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”
(vv. 1, 3, 4)

*BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

DEPARTING MUSIC

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

“Fanfare”

