

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the precious gift of communion, in which we have received your true presence, the very love of Christ poured out for us. As we have partaken in this sacred meal, we have been reminded of the depth of your love and your call to love one another.

As we leave this holy table, may the love we have received from Christ empower us to live out that love in our daily lives. May it never fail in us, but continue to grow, even when faced with hardship or challenge. And, through the strength of your love, may we continue to strive for a world where faith, hope, and love abound. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 240 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

*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 Seth Bingham
"In the Cross of Christ, I Glory"

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, May 10:

- Spring Church Workday at 9 am.
- Fiber Fellowship at 10 am.

Thursday, May 15:

- Racial Repair Celebration Reception at 6 pm.

Friday, May 16:

- Pacesetters Picnic and Hike at noon.

Sunday, May 18:

- Beginning Genealogy Course at 9:15 am
- Justice Ministry Gathering with FHC Grantees at 12:15 pm.

Sunday, May 25:

- Labre Ministry Serving at North Church at 10:15am

PER CAPITA

Per capita is the amount of support per member that Forest Hill Church contributes annually to the work of our presbytery, synod and General Assembly of the PCUSA. It is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together and furthers the mission of Jesus Christ around the world. Your contribution of \$40 for each member of your household can be made via your usual method of giving to the church. If you contribute by check, remember to write "Per Capita" on the memo line. Thank you!

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, Chuck and Jane Ishler, Ron Register, Joyce Senger, Carolyn Smith and the family of Joe Andrews.

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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*Special thanks to Lisa Vahey and Bob Moncrief
for their help in worship today.*

FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

May 4, 2025 – 11:00AM



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

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

CENTERING WORDS
“*The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need, those who have nothing apart from their poverty.*” – *Jorge Mario Bergoglio, Pope Francis (1936-2025)*

PRELUDE Jean-Francois Dandrieu
“O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing”

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT Pablo Sosa
“Heaven Is Singing for Joy”
Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Lisa Vahey
Come, people of God, from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
We gather to celebrate, to remember, and to give thanks.
We gather as the sheep served by many shepherds.
We gather as the one flock of the crucified and resurrected One.
Wherever we are on our life’s journey,
we are welcomed in this house of prayer for all people, in this company of the faithful, and at the table of the risen Jesus Christ!

***HYMN NO. 258** “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”
(vv. 1, 3, 4, 5)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Most gracious and marvelous God, forgive us for those times when we have succumbed to our worst selves. Forgive us for defaulting to a stance of the world’s making or our own making rather than your making. Allow the still, small voice by which you speak to be the drum major of our souls. Be with us now, as we acknowledge before you and one another how we have fallen short of your loving will.

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

ANTHEM W.A. Mozart
“Laudate Dominum”
Larissa Boley-Ungemach, soprano
Ushers will collect prayer requests.

LIVING WORD
Wisdom 3:1-6, 9
1 Corinthians 1:10-25

***HYMN NO. 250** “In the Bulb There Is a Flower”
(vv. 1-2)

***LIVING WORD**
Matthew 25:31-40

After the reading
This is the Good News of Jesus the Christ.
Thanks be to God.

***HYMN NO. 250** “In the Bulb There Is a Flower”
(v. 3)

SERMON The Rev. Dr. Gene McAfee
“A Powerful Voice for the Voiceless, Now Stilled”

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 Emma Lou Diemer
“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
We are grateful, God, for every blessing, especially in this season of Easter. May we always remember the triumph of your love over the powers and sin and death, and may that memory make us generous, joyful, and kind! Amen.

***HYMN NO. 526** “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER
The Lord be with you, **and also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION Dan Locklair
“The Peace May Be Kept”