

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Friday, May 15:

- Memorial Service for Dr. Carolyn Putnam Vrtunski at 11:00 am.

### Saturday, May 16:

- Scottish Music Workshop at 10:30 am and concert at 2:15 pm.

### Sunday, May 17:

- Exploring Membership 2026 at 12:15 pm.
- Drum circle in the courtyard at 12:30 pm.

### Sunday, May 24:

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

### Saturday, May 30:

- Friends of Heights Parks Native Plant Sale at 10:00 am.
- North Presbyterian Church Art Auction and Music Concert (4515 Superior Ave. Cleveland, OH 44103) at 5:00 pm.

*Special thanks to Lisa Vahey  
for her help in worship today.*



**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:** Janet Dauer, Bob Dawson, Kathryn Himmelsteib, Deborah Howard, Chuck and Jane Ishler, Jane Kowall, Mark Le Master, Ellie Linden, Linda Martin, Laura Minder, Kevin Monaghan, Roz Peters, Joyce Senger, Kate Tzefronis, Doreen Underwood, Sharon Wiggins, Ann Williams and the family of Carolyn Vrtunski.

**Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:** 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](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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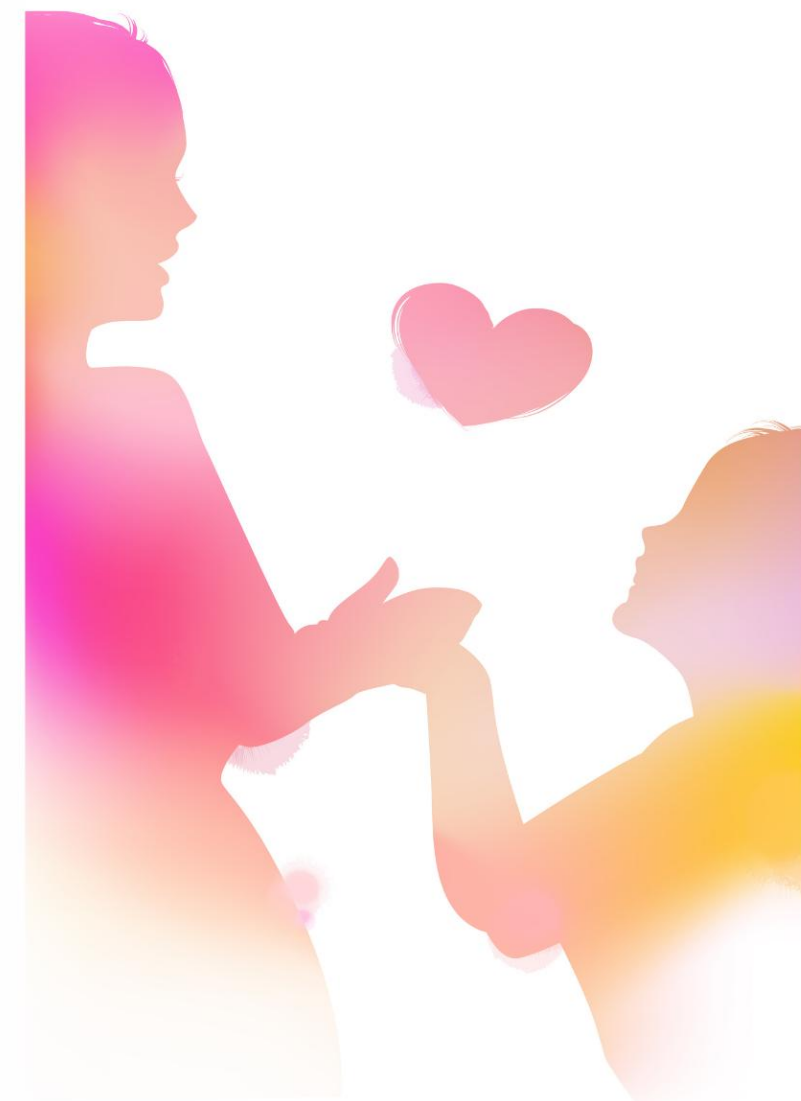


Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

## FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

May 10, 2026 – 11:00 am

Mother's Day



You may also join worship online using this link:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZnipkRv6\\_CE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZnipkRv6_CE)

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

*Childcare is provided for children ages birth to 4 years from 10:45am - 12:15pm in Rooms 201/203. Children ages 5+ join their families for the opening moments of worship. Children and their adult leaders leave the sanctuary after the Passing of the Peace to go to Sunday School.*

### **CENTERING WORDS**

“My mother said the cure for thinking too much about yourself was helping somebody who was worse off than you.” – Sylvia Plath, *The Bell Jar*

### **CENTERING MUSIC**

Charles H. Gabriel

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

### **WELCOME**

### **CHORAL INTROIT**

Pablo Sosa

“El cielo canta alegría”

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lisa Vahey

*Adapted from Isaiah 66 and Revelation 22*

I will extend peace to Jerusalem like a river, says the Holy One of Israel.

**The wealth of nations shall come flooding like a stream.**

From the throne of God and the Lamb flows a river full of life.

**From that river we draw life and love.**

Let us assemble ourselves on the banks of that life-giving river.

**Let us worship the God of nourishment, refreshment, and peace!**

### **\*HYMN NO. 375**

“Shall We Gather at the River”

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Creator of all, forgive us of the many ways we sin. Forgive us of our forgetfulness and forgive us of our distorted mindfulness. Forgive us of the words that harm and forgive us of the silences that conceal. For deeds done which we should not have done and for acts we ought to have done and failed to do, we ask your forgiveness. For all our sins, named and unnamed, we pray.**

### **SILENCE**

### **KYRIE (HYMN NO. 551)**

*Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
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**

### **UPDATE ON THE REFURBISHMENT OF FELLOWSHIP HALL**

### **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**

Tom Trenny

“Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth”

Chancel Choir  
James MacQueen, violin

*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.fhcpresb.org](http://www.fhcpresb.org)  
Or you may also mail a check to the church office*

### **OFFERTORY**

J.S Bach

“May God Bless You”

### **\*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**

**Thank you, God, for all the ways you bless our lives. For the gifts of family, friends, and home we thank you. For all the mothers in our lives, who reflect your love in so many ways, we give you thanks and praise. May our offerings reflect the beauty of their holiness. Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 49:13-23a (page 593)

### **AFTER THE READING**

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

### **\*HYMN NO. 760**

“Bring Many Names”  
*(v. 1- all, v. 2- high, v. 3- low, v. 6- all)*

### **SERMON**

“God's Love and Our Mothers' Arms”

### **\*HYMN NO. 363**

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”

### **\*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.*

### **DEPARTING MUSIC**

Traditional

“He's Got the Whole World in His Hands”