

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### 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 Elder Joe Frolik  
for his 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, and Ann Williams.

**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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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



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## FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

May 17, 2026 – 11:00 am

Ascension Sunday



You may also join worship online using this link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QQv2EmbmiMU>

**Please take a moment, as you prepare for worship, to silence any electronic device(s) you may have with you.**

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.

**Asterisks (\*) indicate standing in body and/or spirit.**

#### CENTERING WORDS

"I am convinced that contemplation, including the common worship of [believers], is a political act of the highest value, implying the riskiest of consequences to those taking part." – Daniel Berrigan, "Life at the Edge," *The Christian Century* (1970)

**CENTERING MUSIC** Reinhold Moritzevich Glière  
"Morning"

#### WELCOME

**CHORAL INTROIT** Bridges/Elvey  
"Crown Him with Many Crowns"  
Chancel Choir

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Joe Frolik  
Beloved of God, the risen Christ promises us power from the Most High.

**We do not gather by our own strength alone.**  
We come in the power of the Spirit who makes all things new.

**We pray for that Spirit to fill this place and our hearts with courage and joy!**

**\*HYMN NO. 265** "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you call us into the freedom only you can provide, yet we cling to chains of our own making. You call us to courage, but we cling to fear. You call us to delight, but we cling to dismay. You call us to joy, but we cling to bitterness and rancor. For our resistance to your will, in all the ways we resist, we ask your forgiveness.

#### 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

**RECOGNITION OF CAREGIVERS** Dr. Amy Wheatley

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** Adult Spiritual Growth Ministry

#### 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** Gabriel Fauré  
"Prayer"

*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

Dmitry Kabalevsky

"Andante"

#### \*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

**Holy One, we ask your Spirit's blessing upon these gifts, that they, with us, may strengthen the church, serve the vulnerable, and proclaim your good news of justice and peace. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 24:44-53 (page 861)

#### AFTER THE READING

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

**\*HYMN NO. 288** "Spirit of the Living God"

**SERMON** "Promised Power"

**\*HYMN NO. 637** "O Sing to the Lord"

#### \*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** J.S. Bach

"What God Ordains Is Always Good"