

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, May 18:

- Justice Ministry Gathering with FHC Grantees at 12:15 pm.
- Contemplative Scripture at 4 pm.

Sunday, May 25:

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

Sunday, June 1:

- Last Resonance Project Concert: *Songs of Nature* at 5 pm.

Saturday, June 7:

- Pride in CLE at Old Stone Church 10:00 am

Sunday, June 8:

- Transplant House of Cleveland 5K Run & 1 Mile Walk at 8:30 am.

Saturday, June 14:

- Racial Equity Book Club: *Begin Again* at 10:30 am.

Information on all events are listed on the church website (www.fhcpresb.org), monthly TOWER located on the church information tables in the church hallways, and our digital and paper bulletin boards located outside of the sanctuary. You may also scan the QR code below.



Through our gifts to the Pentecost Offering, we have an opportunity to join with other Presbyterians to support the faith of young people all around the globe who enrich the Church with creativity and vibrancy. This is an opportunity to be like those first Christians and share the Good News we know in Christ Jesus.

Our gifts enable the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to work to correct the lack of access to education for children-at-risk, nurture the faith and vocation of youth and create space for young adults to explore and grow as leaders in Christ's church.

*Help us strengthen our faith community that draws us closer to God whom we meet through the Holy Spirit on Pentecost and every day. Please give generously for this offering which will be taken through **June 8**. Forest Hill Church will keep 40% of the offering to support local children and youth-focused ministries and programs. 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 and Joyce Senger.

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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The Rev. Carol Wedell, Parish Associate

FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

May 18, 2025 – 11:00AM



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

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

CENTERING WORDS
“Beware of refusing to go to the funeral of your own independence.”– Scottish evangelist and missionary Oswald Chambers (1874-1917), from Bread and Wine: Readings for Lent and Easter

PRELUDE
César Franck
“Moderato con moto”

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT
South African song arr. John Bell
"God Welcomes All"
Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP
Adapted from Psalm 148
Praise Yahweh, y'all!
Praise Yahweh from the heavens; praise God in the heights!
Praise God,
all God’s angels!
Praise God,
all the heavenly host!
Praise God,
sun and moon!
Praise God,
all you shining stars!
Let them praise Yahweh’s name,
for God’s name alone is exalted! Praise Yahweh, all y'all!

***HYMN NO. 267**
“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Merciful God, you have called all creation to praise you, and your creatures respond – except, sadly, for us. We, created in your likeness and image, often fall in love with our own likeness and our own image, gazing, like Narcissus, lovingly upon our own reflection. Forgive us for preferring our ways to your way, our loves to your love, our diminished lives to your eternal life. Forgive us and restore us, we humbly pray.

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
John Rutter
“Be Thou My Vision”
Ushers will collect prayer requests.

SCRIPTURE
Acts 11:1-18
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:33-35

***HYMN NO. 808**
“When Memory Fades”

SERMON
The Rev. Dr. Gene McAfee
“The Grace to Question Ourselves”

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
Kenyan arr. Greg Scheer
“Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand”
Kwake Yesu Nasimama

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
We dedicate our lives, Holy One, along with our gifts. We ask for your blessing on both, that they may benefit your world and advance your realm on earth. In Jesus’ name we ask for this blessing. Amen.

***HYMN NO. 263**
“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

***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
Louis-Nicolas Clérambault
“Basse et Dessus de Trompette”

Special thanks to Eileen Vizcaino for her help in worship today.