

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### Sunday, May 25:

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

### Saturday, May 31:

- Friends of Heights Parks Native plant sale at 10:00 am.

### Sunday, June 1:

- Summer worship 10:00 am service begins.
- 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.
- Outdoor worship service on the church lawn at 10:00 am.

### Saturday, June 14:

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

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!

### Justice Ministry 2025 Community Grant Nominations

The Justice Ministry is now looking for nominations for the 2025 Community Grants! For this, we are asking Forest Hill Church members to nominate organizations who embody the Matthew 25 movement and the three pillars of building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty. Thank you for helping us develop our partnerships of justice with our surrounding community through this process. Please contact Chenoa Stock at [jm@fhcpresb.org](mailto:jm@fhcpresb.org) for more information.

**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:** Elsie Boyd, Janet Dauer, Bob Dawson, Diane Doyle, Deborah Howard, Grace Glaros, Chuck and Jane Ishler, Jessica Owusu, Roz Peters, Ron Register and Joyce Senger.

**Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:** Kemp Jaycox, Ron Klein, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Pat Musick, 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](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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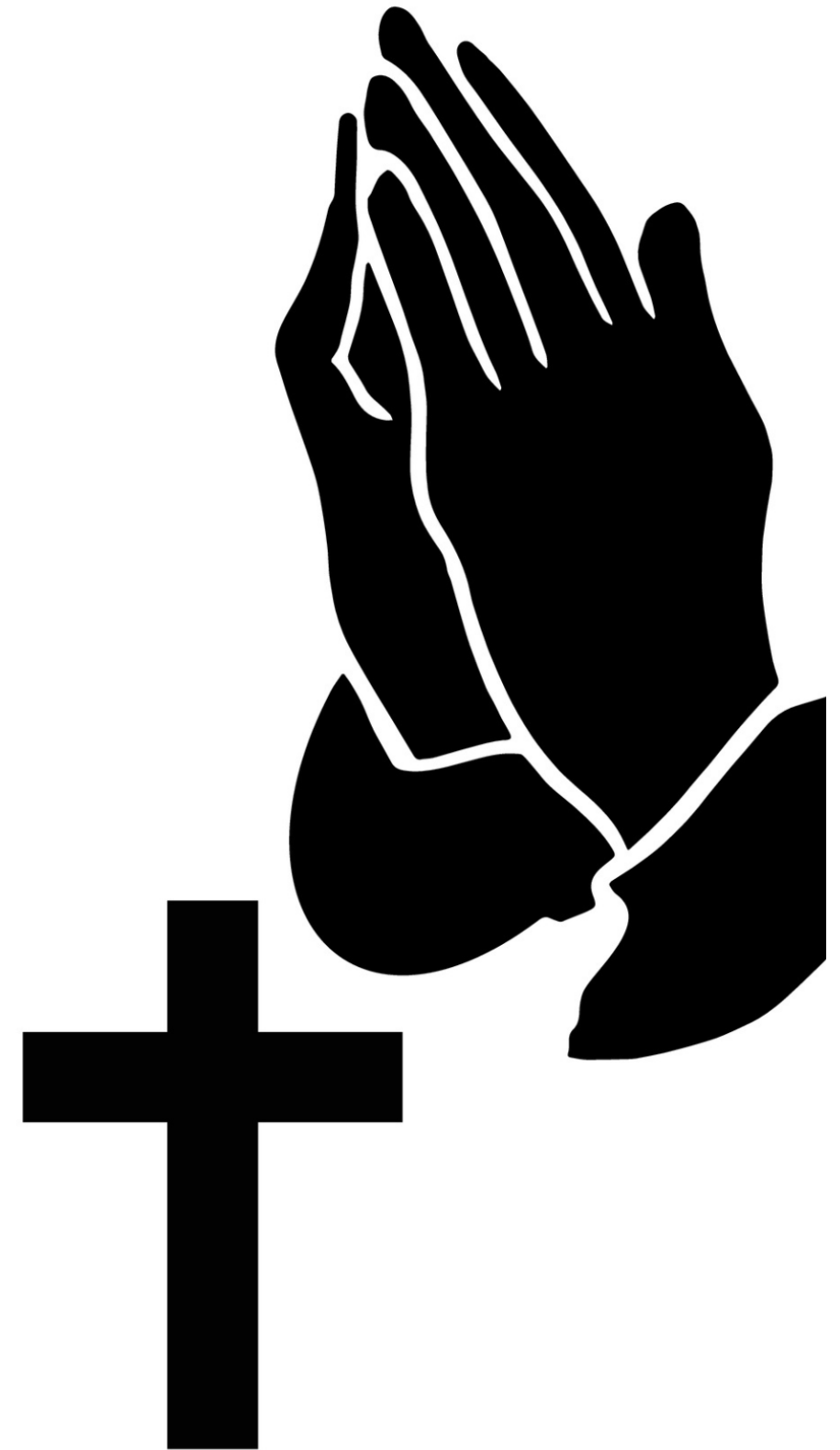
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The Rev. Dr. Gene McAfee, Transitional Pastor  
Dr. Amy Wheatley, Dir. of Family, Youth & Children's Ministry  
Dr. QinYing Tan, Director of Music  
The Rev. Carol Wedell, Parish Associate

## FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

May 25, 2025 – 11:00AM



You may also join worship online using this link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qPy5BEQpL14>

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

CENTERING WORDS

*“The past may live inside the present, but it does not govern our growth. However sordid or sublime, our origins are not our destinies; our daily journey into the future is not fixed by moral arcs or genetic instructions.” – Historian Matthew Karp*

PRELUDE J.S. Bach  
“Gottes Sohn ist Kommen”

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT Thangaraj  
"Rejoice, Hallelu"

CALL TO WORSHIP Lia Clement  
May God be gracious to us and bless us.  
**May God’s face shine upon us, that God’s way may be made known upon earth.**  
May God’s saving power be known among all nations.  
**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, Holy One, for you judge the peoples with equity and are the guide for all.**  
Let the peoples praise you, O God!  
**Let all the peoples praise you!**

\*HYMN NO. 248 “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**Most merciful God, with infinite patience you regard us in our weakness and willfulness, waiting for us to come to ourselves and return to you. Forgive our slowness to turn to the light of the resurrection. Give us courage, strength, and grace. And, we humbly pray, be thou our vision.**

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

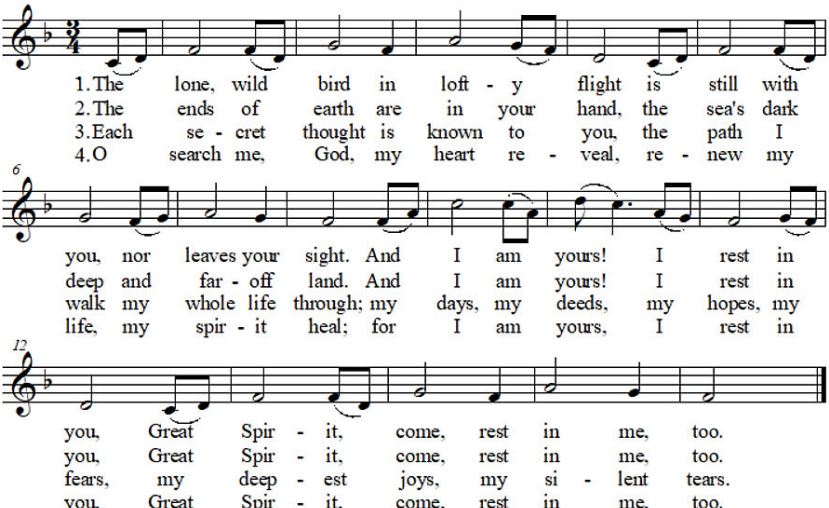
*Children are invited to leave the sanctuary with their adult leaders to go to Sunday School.*

ANTHEM Frank Tichelli  
“Earth Song”  
Chancel Choir

*Ushers will collect prayer requests.*

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 (page 1007)  
John 14:23-29 (page 877)

\*HYMN NO. 320 “The Lone, Wild Bird”  
  
1. The lone, wild bird in loft - y flight is still with  
2. The ends of earth are in your hand, the sea's dark  
3. Each se - cret thought is known to you, the path I  
4. O search me, God, my heart re - veal, re - new my  
6  
you, nor leaves your sight. And I am yours! I rest in  
deep and far - off land. And I am yours! I rest in  
walk my whole life through; my days, my deeds, my hopes, my  
life, my spir - it heal; for I am yours, I rest in  
12  
you, Great Spir - it, come, rest in me, too.  
you, Great Spir - it, come, rest in me, too.  
fears, my deep - est joys, my si - lent tears.  
you, Great Spir - it, come, rest in me, too.

SERMON The Rev. Dr. Gene McAfee  
“As Jesus Gives”

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.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION Racial Repair and Restoration

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

OFFERTORY G.F. Handel  
“Angels Ever Bright and Fair”  
Madelaine Matej-MacQueen, soprano

PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
**Riches we heed not, Holy One, except for the riches that come from you. Bless the gifts we have given – tokens of our lives – that their good may be magnified and your name glorified, now and always. In Jesus’ name we ask this. Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 246 “Christ Is Alive!”  
(vv. 1, 2, 4, 5)

\*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 J. Pachelbel  
“Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan”

*Special thanks to Lia Clement for her help in worship today.*