

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Be with us, God, this day and every day, and be with the gifts we have offered. May your blessing make them a blessing as well. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Ahren Stock  
Acts 7:44-60 (page 891)

**AFTER THE READING**

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

**\*HYMN NO. 796**

"We Come to You for Healing, Lord"  
(vv. 1, 2, 3, 5)

**SERMON**

"From Saul to Paul"

**\*HYMN NO. 775**

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

**\*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**

William Doane  
"To God Be the Glory"

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Sunday, May 3:**

- Exploring Membership class at 12:15 pm.

**Friday, May 8:**

- The Resonance Project presents *A Candlelight Recital: Lullabies and Laments* at 7:30 pm. More information at [RMSeries.com](http://RMSeries.com)

**Saturday, May 9:**

- Spring Church Work Day at 9:00 am.
- Fiber Fellowship at 10:00 am.

**Saturday, May 16:**

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

**Sunday, May 17:**

- Drum circle in the courtyard at 12:30 pm.

*We recognize and celebrate the parents who participated in the Family Faith Every Day program and served as leaders in worship today.*

*Lane and Nathan Baldwin  
Em and Jake Ezell*

*Madelaine and James Matej MacQueen*

*Robin and Chris Nau*

*Charity and Ahren Stock*

*Molly Sustar*

**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:** Doris Bartlett, Janet Dauer, Bob Dawson, Deborah Erwin, Grace Glaros, Kathryn Himmelsteib, Deborah Howard, Chuck and Jane Ishler, Mark Le Master, Ellie Linden, Linda Martin, Laura Minder, Kevin Monaghan, Roz Peters, Joyce Senger, Kate Tzefronis, Doreen Underwood, Sharon Wiggins, and Ann Williams. We also hold in our prayers the family and friends of Kemp Jaycox, and the family and friends 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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**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: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

**FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN**

May 3, 2026 – 11:00 am

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion



You may also join worship online using this link:  
<https://youtube.com/live/oc-VdQ0GAll>

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

Childcare is provided for children ages birth to 4 years from 10:45 am – 12:15 pm in Rooms 201/203. Today, children ages 5+ join the congregation for the beginning of worship and communion. (Younger children are welcome as well.) After receiving communion with their families, children leave the sanctuary with their adult leaders to go to childcare/Sunday School.

### CENTERING WORDS

“Nothing paralyzes our lives like the attitude that things can never change. We need to remind ourselves that God can change things. Outlook determines outcome. If we see only the problems, we will be defeated; but if we see the possibilities in the problems, we can have victory.”  
– Warren Wierbse, pastor and writer

### CENTERING MUSIC

“Prelude” Gabriel Urbain Fauré

### WELCOME

### CHORAL INTROIT

arr. Paul Jennings  
“One More River”  
Little Crescendos  
Julie Minder, director

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The Ezell Family  
*Adapted from Psalm 31*

Our times are in God’s hands.

**All times are in God’s hands.**

With steadfast love those hands cradle creation.

**That love is powerful and trustworthy.**

We worship to celebrate that love, to share that love, and to live that love.

**Come, let us worship the God of love!**

### \*HYMN NO. 805

“Come Sing to God”  
(vv. 1, 2, 4)

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Charity Stock

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of every new day, help us to overcome our fear of change. You call us to walk into the future by faith, yet we cling to what is familiar and safe, sometimes resisting your call with force and violence. The future is where you wait for us. Remind us that where you are we can be also, and when we are with you, we have nothing to fear.**

### 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

### A MOMENT FROM THE FAMILY, YOUTH AND CHILDREN’S 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

Burleigh/Schrader  
“Order My Steps in Your Word”  
Chancel Choir

*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.**

### THE MYSTERY OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise. . . .**

*The Choir will sing “Holy, Holy, Holy” from Deutsche Messe by Franz Schubert (Hymn No. 562) during the Communion Prayer.*

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, surrounded by his friends, Jesus offered the bread in thanksgiving and said . . .

**“Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”**

In the same way, Jesus offered the cup in thanksgiving and said,

**“Take, drink. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.”**

Come, Holy Spirit. Come. Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless us in our eating and drinking that our eyes may be opened and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died. We eat this meal together...

**to be reminded that love endures forever.**

We eat this meal together...

**to be ready to serve the Lord.**

### COMMUNION HYMN (NO. 301)

“Let Us Build a House”  
(vv. 1, 2, 3, 5)

### UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

**Thank you, God, for this meal we have shared. Thank you for the company of friends. Thank you for your church in heaven and on earth. Thank you, dear God, for being with us and among us today. Amen.**

### CALL TO GIVING

Molly Sustar

### 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

Reinhold Glière  
“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.*