

Join Us In April!

Sunday at 9:15 AM:

"Sabbath Rest" Adult Spiritual Growth
(Every Sunday Morning through May 12)

Sunday at 9:15 AM:

Contemplative Worship in the Chapel

April 14 at 12:15 PM:

Holy Cow! Consulting Report to the Congregation (lunch served)

April 20 at 10:00 AM

Homeless Stand Down - See Jack Breisch

April 20 at 6:00 PM

"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" - Fellowship Night

April 28 at 11:00 AM: Piano Dedication Service

April 28 at 11:00 AM: Labre Ministry @ North Church

April 28 at 12:15 PM: Ushers Luncheon

Do you want to contribute flowers for Sunday worship?

If so, use this link to signup:

<https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/641db7701127776329>

We thank Marcie Denton for serving as Lay Leader this morning.

Prayer Request: To request prayers for a personal concern, please email Pastor Lentz (pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org) no later than Thursday afternoon of each week for inclusion in next week's congregational prayer.

Prayers are requested this week for: Joe Dauer, Mark Davidson, Barb Hansen, Deborah Howard, Kemp Jaycox, Cate Monaghan, Beverly Thomas, Grace Uhle, Ann Williams, Warren Young and Karen & Dan Yourd.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Ron Klein, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Roz and Graham Peters.

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, Susan Kay Dunlap** (susandnlp@gmail.com or deacons@fhcpresb.org).

Thank you, all office volunteers: Joan Bacon, Lynda Bernays, Cathy Ghiandoni, Nancy Grube and Pat Jenkins.

Thank you, all Stream Team Volunteers! Anyone interested in helping stream Sunday services should contact Kurt Haas at kurt@dangereddy.com.

The deadline for the bulletin and weekly email is Tuesday of each week at 5 pm. The next TOWER deadline is **April 18, 2024 (for the May TOWER) at 8:00 am**. Please submit your written requests to office@fhcpresb.org.

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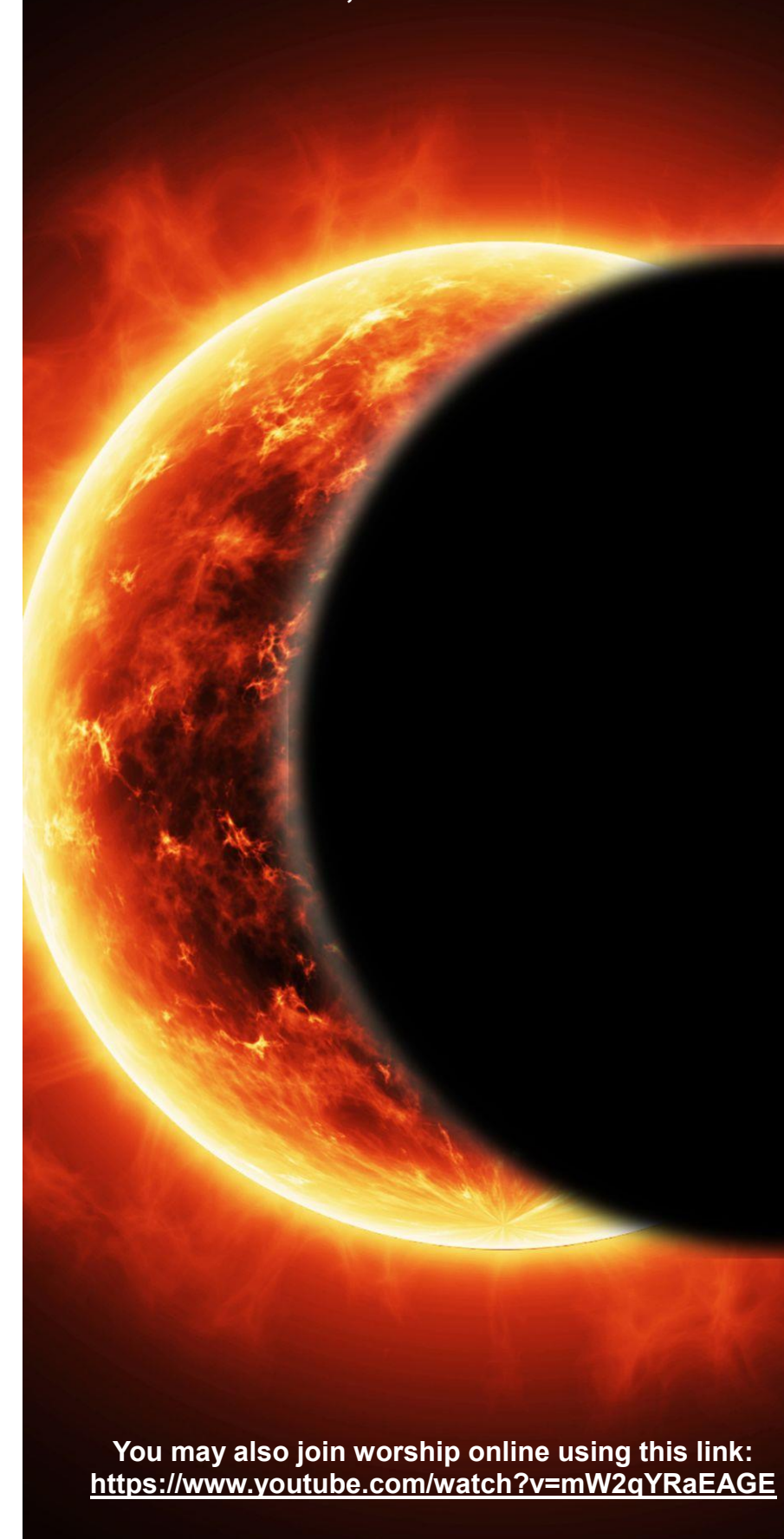
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Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr., Pastor
Dr. Amy Wheatley, Dir. of Family, Youth & Children's Ministry
Dr. Qin Ying Tan, Director of Music



FOREST HILL CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN

APRIL 7, 2024 – 11:00AM



You may also join worship online using this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mW2qYRaEAGE>

**Please stand if able*

CENTERING WORDS

It is as if a person stumbling in the darkness, having lost their way, finds that the spot at which they fall is at the foot of a stairway that leads from darkness into light. Such is the glad surprise. This is what Easter means in the experience of the race. This is the resurrection!

~Howard Thurman

PRELUDE

“Andante”
Qinying Tan, organ

Mendelssohn

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

“Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen/ ¡Aleluya! Cristo resucitó”
Chancel Choir

Luis Bojos

CALL TO WORSHIP

Peace be with you. Jesus stands among us.
Peace be with you. The risen Lord is here.
Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 248

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

A TIME OF REFLECTION

KYRIE (Hymn No. 576)

“Lord, Have Mercy”

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

All of us, like sheep, have gone astray, but now we have returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls. Proclaim the good news of God’s promise: **I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all the saints. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN NO. 582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. (X2)

CHILDREN’S WELCOME

Amy Wheatley

ANTHEM

“The Holy City”
Chancel Choir
Em Ezell, soloist

Stephen Adams

LIVING WORD (NRSV)

Luke 24:13-35 (page 860)

After the reading

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

HYMN NO. 250

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

SERMON

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.
“Where Jesus Can be Found”

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father Mother, 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. 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.

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

“Interlude”

Reinhold Glière

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION/ GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Please come to the railing to kneel or stand to receive the elements by intinction. When you have received the elements, return to your seats.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”
Chancel Choir

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth into the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 266

“Joy to the World”

*Choir will sing the first verse
Congregation will join in second verse onwards*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION

“Sanctuary”
*Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary pure and holy tried and true,
with thanksgiving, I’ll be a living Sanctuary for you.*

POSTLUDE

“Give Thanks Unto God”
Qinying Tan, organ
E.L. Ashford



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