

Forest Hill Church: Outdoor Worship

Communion Service

June 4, 2023 ~ 10:00 am

You may also join worship online using this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3DQGLccJAUM>

**Please stand if able*

Centering Words

*Take three deep breaths
Give thanks to God
Relax and be present
Know that you are loved*

Greeting Our God with Joy

***SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is the day, **this is the day**
That the Lord has made, **that the Lord has made**
We will rejoice, **we will rejoice**
And be glad in it, **and be glad in it.**
This is the day that the Lord has made. **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**
This is the day. **This is the day.**
That the Lord has made.

***PRAYER OF THE FOUR DIRECTIONS (PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)**

***HYMN NO. 406**

"We Are Standing on Holy Ground"

*We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around;
Let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have given us the world. Yet too often, we have taken it for granted, and failed to respect and care for your great gift. Remind us, O God, that we are part of creation, not separate from it; that we are part of your people, not separate from them. Forgive us when we take your gifts and your people for granted, and help us start again. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.

TIME OF SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HYMN NO. 519

"You Are My Strength When I Am Weak"

*You are my strength when I am weak; you are the treasure that I seek; you are my all in all.
When I fall down you pick me up; when I am dry you fill my cup; you are my all in all.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name! Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!*

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

ANTHEM Trad. Gaelic melody

"Morning Has Broken"
Janice Alexander, soloist

SERMON Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

"In The Big Inning"

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father, 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
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

Giving and Offering is available by texting: 216-400-5300
Or you may give online: <https://fhc.breezechms.com/give/online/>
You may also mail a check to the church office.

OFFERTORY George Gershwin

"Summertime"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE 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.**

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION Lynn Baird

"Come Into His Presence"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bless the Lord, O my soul; **and all that is within me bless God’s holy name.**
Bless the Lord, O my soul; **and forget not all his benefits.**
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. Send us forth in 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.

Going Forth to Live as God’s People

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 727**

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

- 1. Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.*
- 2. We are pilgrims on a journey; we’re together on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and share the load.*
- 4. I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I’ll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we’ve seen this journey through.*
- 6. Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.*

***BENEDICTION**

"Sanctuary"

POSTLUDE

William Doane

“To God be The Glory”



What is a Matthew 25 church?

Matthew 25:31–46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. Convicted by this passage, both the 222nd and 223rd General Assemblies (2016 and 2018) exhorted the PC(USA) to act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned or poor.

How the vision unites all Presbyterians

By accepting the Matthew 25 invitation, we recognize Christ’s urgent call to be a church of action, where God’s love, justice and mercy shine forth and are contagious. And we rejoice how our re-energized faith can unite all Presbyterians for a common and holy purpose: our common identity to do mission.

The invitation, open to any church or mid council, has three goals:

- **Building congregational vitality** by challenging congregations and their members to deepen and energize their faith and grow as joyful leaders and disciples, actively engaged with their community as they share the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed.
- **Dismantling structural racism** by fearlessly applying our faith to advocate and break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color.
- **Eradicating systemic poverty** by acting on our beliefs and working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATES IN OUR FHC FAMILY!

Emmanuel Carter graduated from Richmond Hill High School in Richmond Hill, Georgia. He will attend Georgia Southern University, pursuing a degree in Engineering. Emmanuel is the grandson of Marina Grant.

Devyn Etling graduated with honors from Cleveland Heights High School. She will continue to dance professionally with The Cleveland Ballet while attending Cleveland State University where she will pursue a career in Physical Therapy. Devyn is the daughter of Tracy and Keith Etling and granddaughter of Jim and Pat Seeders.

Lincoln Glaros graduated from Worthington Kilbourne High School in Worthington, Ohio. He will attend Columbia University in New York City where he'll study biomedical engineering. Lincoln is the grandson of Margie and Mike Glaros.

Ben Hidek graduated from Brush High School in Lyndhurst, Ohio. He will attend Kent State University where he will pursue a degree in Music. Ben is the son of Christina and Jason Hidek.

Willie Jackson graduated from Shaker Heights High School. He received a City Year Fellowship and will join City Year Cleveland this year. His proud family here at FHC is Katherine, Scott, Cora, Eden and Juliette Bissett.

Aurora Krec graduated from Liberty University with an M.S. in Forensic Psychology. Aurora is the granddaughter of Don and Cathy Ghiandoni.

James Krec graduated from North Carolina State University with a B.S. in Nuclear Engineering. James is the grandson of Don and Cathy Ghiandoni.

Zachary Lee graduated from Michigan Great Lakes Virtual Academy High School. Zachary is the grandson of Don and Cathy Ghiandoni.

Jessica Owusu graduated from the Cleveland School of Science and Medicine and will attend the Ohio State University in Mansfield, majoring in Public Health. She intends to complete her undergraduate degree and attend graduate school and medical school to become a pediatrician. Jessica is the daughter of Dora and Bernard Owusu.

Caleb Peters graduated from Emory University with a B.A. in Economics. He will join the PNC Bank three-year management program based in Cleveland. Caleb is the son of Jeannine Gury and Scott Peters.

Sammy Stawovy graduated from Case Western University in Cleveland with a degree in History. He will attend Law School at Cleveland State University in the fall. Sammy is the son of Rebecca and Michael Stawovy.

Noel Ullom graduated from Hathaway Brown and will be attending Barnard College in New York City this fall. Noel is the daughter of Megan and Jeffrey Ullom and the granddaughter of Melanie Alban.

Ellie Vahey graduated from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She has received a Fulbright Scholarship and will work in Austria. Ellie is the daughter of Lisa and Doug Vahey.

Molly Webster graduated from The Brown School of Social Work with a Masters in Social Work (Policy Concentration) from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. She is moving to Washington state this summer to join the Washington State Budget and Policy Center. Molly is the daughter of Todd Webster and Ann Lentz. Molly is also Nancy Grube's granddaughter.

Katherine Wheatley graduated from Cleveland State University with a Bachelors of Social Work degree. She plans to continue to work in hospice and attend graduate school in a year. Katherine is the daughter of Amy and Karl Wheatley.

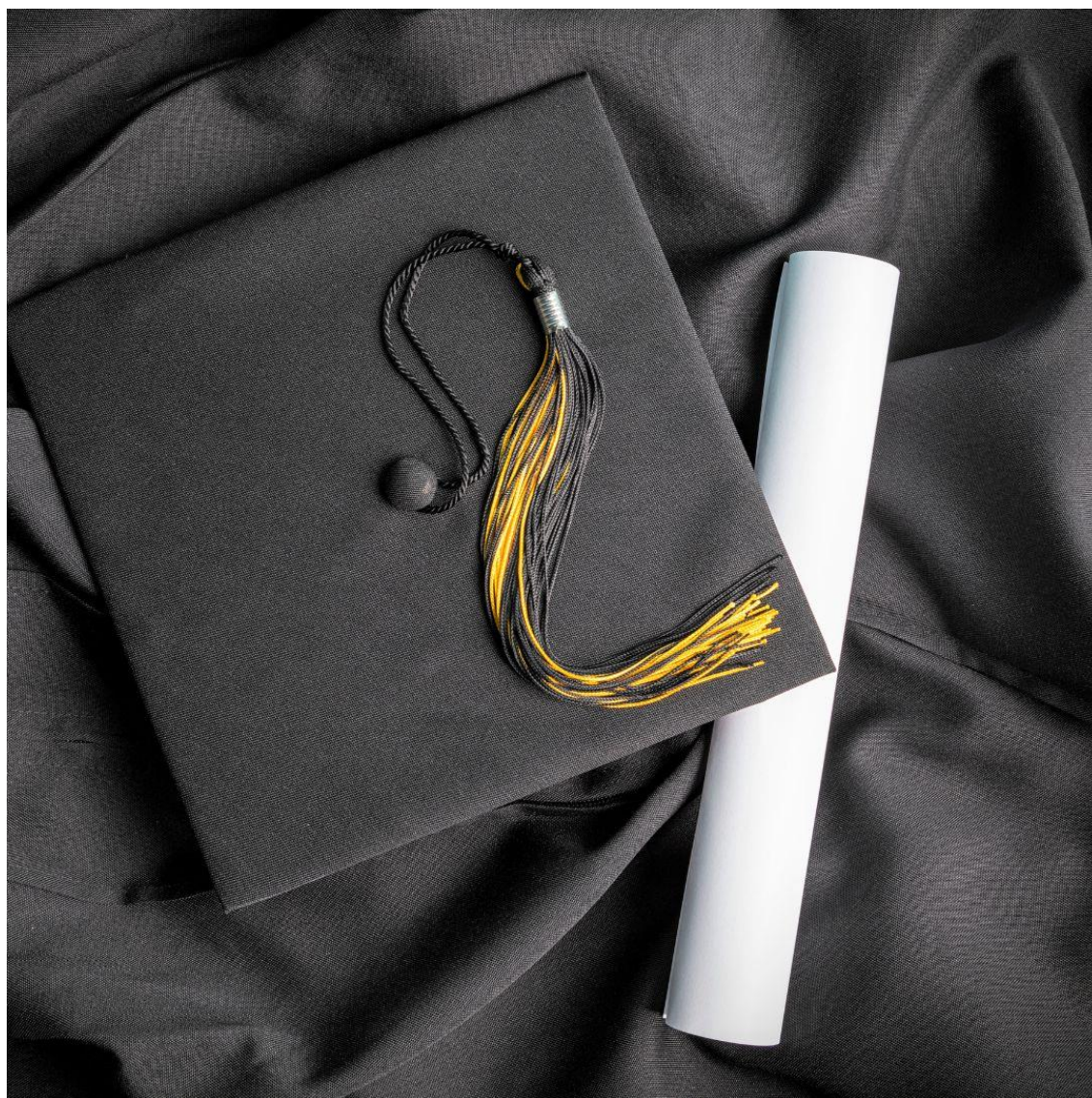
RON REGISTER SCHOLARS 2023



(Left to Right: Nogoye Cisse, Taylor Evans, Reg T. Evans, Jervon Cole)

Congratulations to this year's Ron Register Scholars, who were presented with their awards by Reg T. Evans, a member of the scholarship committee. Nogoye Cisse will attend Washington University in St. Louis, majoring in bio and pre-med. Taylor Evans will attend Ohio University, majoring in Education. Jervon Cole will attend the University of Rochester, majoring in psychology.

The Ron Register Scholarship is named in honor of FHC's own Ron Register, who served on the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Board of Education for 16 years, including four terms as president. The scholarship committee, comprised of Forest Hill Church members and members of the community (Reg. T. Evans, Susie Kaeser, Louisa Oliver, Quentin Smith, and Diana Woodbridge), presented scholarships of \$2500 to the graduates at an award ceremony in May.





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:

The family of Cooper Andrews, Kiva Bohanon, Deborah Howard, Jan Kious, Beverly Thomas, Grace Uhle, Doreen Underwood, Anne Way, Susan Way, the family of Beryl Williams, and Sharon Wiggins.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Robert Kellermeyer, Florence and Ron Klein, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Emelia McGuire and Henrietta Williams.

Care Groups will assist our pastors 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, Dean Sieck** (deacons@fhcpresb.org).

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

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 **July 13 (for the August TOWER) at 8:00 am**. Please submit your written requests to office@fhcpresb.org.

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