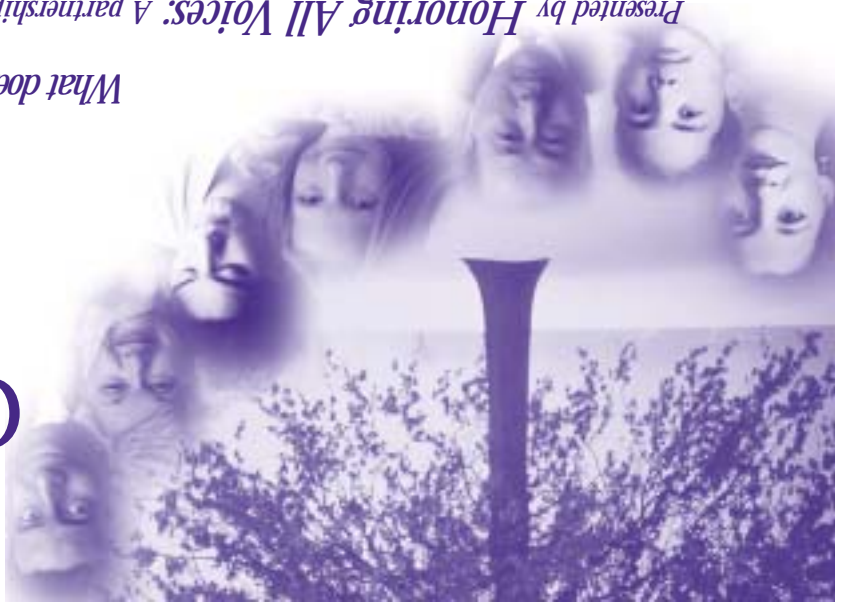


*Presented by Honoring All Voices: A Partnership of Long Island Presbyterian Churches  
Saturday, April 16, 2005 ~ 9:00 am - 2:30 pm ~ First Presbyterian Church of Levittown*

*What does it mean to be a Christian in America today..*

# Colorful Christian Values: Red, Blue or Purple?



**First Presbyterian Church of Levittown**  
474 Wantagh Ave.  
Levittown, NY 11756

## DIRECTIONS

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474 Wantagh Ave.  
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#### From the South

Southern State Parkway - take Exit 28N. Proceed North on Wantagh Ave. for 0.9 miles. The Church will be on your left side.

#### From the North

Northern State Parkway - take Exit 35S. Long Island Expressway - take Exit 41S. Proceed South on Rt. 107 (South Broadway) for about 3.6 miles. Bear right onto Wantagh Ave. Continue South on Wantagh Ave for 2 miles. The Church will be on your right side.

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Just as the 2004 national, state and local elections revealed that our nation is deeply divided, our own denomination has been rocked by similar upheavals. America's division has become symbolized by the stark contrast of red and blue states in the election results. We, as Long Island Presbyterians, know the complexity underlying these maps. Town-by-town, person-by-person, issue-by-issue, there is no red or blue, only shades of purple.

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The Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr.

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## prayer and *praise...*

Morning prayer and song includes exciting vocal music and liturgical dance by ChoresisKai, a multi-church group choreographed by Robin Marshall.

Afternoon worship includes traditional elements of corporate worship combined with inspiring music delivered by voices of all ages from various churches in the Presbytery as well as a larger liturgical dance piece from ChoresisKai. The services promises to be one that uplifts and inspires, reminding us how blessed we are by "the ties that bind" even as we continue to struggle with issues that concern us all as a faithful people of God.

## keynote *address...*

### **Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr.**

On June 1, 1989, The Rev. Dr. James Alexander Forbes, Jr. was installed as the fifth Senior Minister of The Riverside Church, an interdenominational, interracial, and international church built by John D. Rockefeller Jr. in 1927. The 2,400-member church is affiliated with the American Baptist Churches and the United Church of Christ. Forbes is the first African-American to serve as Senior Minister of one of the largest multicultural congregations in the nation. He is an ordained minister in the American Baptist Churches and the Original United Holy Church of America.



Before being called to Riverside's pulpit, Dr. Forbes served from 1976-1985 as the Brown and Sockman Associate Professor of Preaching at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. From 1985-1989 he was Union's first Joe R. Engle Professor of Preaching. Union named him the first Harry Emerson Fosdick Adjunct Professor of Preaching in 1989, when he accepted the pastorate at Riverside. Dr. Forbes also serves on the Core Teaching Staff at Auburn Theological Seminary in New York.

Dr. Forbes is known as the preacher's preacher. In their March 4, 1996 issue, Newsweek recognized Forbes as one of the 12 "most effective preachers" in the English-speaking world. Dr. Forbes, a pastor, educator, administrator, community activist and interfaith leader, was designated as one of America's greatest Black preachers by Ebony in 1984 and 1993. He won the Alumni Charter Day Award of Howard University for Distinguished Post Graduate Achievement in Ministry. In 1995 he emerged in the Baylor University Survey as one of twelve remarkable and most effective preachers in the English-speaking world.

Dr. Forbes has earned three degrees and has been awarded 13 honorary degrees. Among his numerous accolades, Dr. Forbes was asked to speak on behalf of the progressive faith community at the Democratic National Convention in 2004.

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**To make reservations call:  
516-731-3808 or email  
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**Lunch available at \$6.00 per person,  
please let us know at time of reservation  
if you will be joining us for the meal.**

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