

First Presbyterian Church Hastings



**First Sunday of Lent
February 18, 2018**

PRELUDE

“Fantasia”
Organist Linda Vollweiler

Jon Pieter Sweelinck

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT

“Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”
Chancel Choir – Robin Koozer, director

SOUTHERN HARMONY

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Genesis 9, Psalm 25)

God said, “I will be your God.”

God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.

God said, “I will lead you in the paths of truth.”

God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.

God said, “I will forgive you.”

God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.

God said, “My kingdom is near.”

Come let us worship our God who has promised, who remembers, who is always faithful!

*HYMN

“In the Midst of New Dimensions”

315 (Verses 1-4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Damen Heitmann

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Genesis 9, Psalm 25)

God of the rainbow, you made a covenant with all creatures, promising life and hope. God of pathways, you show us how we should walk.

Yet we forget or neglect our connections with one another and this world you created and think that we are the center of the universe.

We wander from your paths of truth into paths of deceit and pride.

As we walk with you towards the cross on this Lenten journey, forgive us and lead us back into the arms of your love. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is merciful and full of steadfast love.

God will not forget us. God will wash us clean, and lead us on paths of steadfast love and faithfulness.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and loved.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Glory Be to the Father”

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*PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

(Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those around you.)

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please pass the Friendship Pads and sign in to let us know you were here this morning.)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Lauren Canady

ANTHEM

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

J.S. Bach

Accompanied by Kara Baxter, violin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord, on this first Sunday of the season of Lent, may your holy word guide us to walk in the paths of steadfast love and faithfulness.

May your word teach us to dwell under the rainbow of God’s love.

May your word help us to proclaim the good news of God, for God’s realm is near.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 25:1-10

REFLECTION

William Oliver

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Genesis 9:8-17

MESSAGE

“A Global Guarantee – God’s Covenant with Noah”

*HYMN

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We belong to God, creator of all that is and all that is to come, abundant provider of the gifts in this life and the gifts in our own hearts. It is God alone who gives life, who is generous beyond measure with grace and blessing.

We follow Christ, whom God sent to teach and heal, to show us a new way of living, with love and trust and courage, with joy and generosity. In this faith Jesus gave of himself, even his very life. He was crucified and buried; yet God raised him from death, and he lives among us, and grants his spirit to us.

We live by that Holy Spirit, and entrust ourselves to its guidance and empowerment. As members of the church, the Body of Christ, we devote ourselves to lives of love, rejoicing in the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection, and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.

OFFERING (All loose coins in the offering plate will be donated to PC(USA) Hunger Fund.)

OFFERTORY "Chromatic Fugue" Johann Pachelbel

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of steadfast love and faithfulness, we are humbled as we try to do what is right and to walk in your ways. Receive, we ask, these offerings, and use them for your own good purposes in the church and in all creation. Amen.

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.

*HYMN "If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers" Insert

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE "God is Here!" 469/verse 4

*POSTLUDE "Toccata in F Major" Dietrich Buxtehude

**COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS!
8:30AM – CELEBRATE CONTEMPORARY-STYLE SERVICE
9:15AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
10:30AM – TRADITIONAL SERVICE**

Covenant *Season of Lent Sermon Series*

As we journey with Christ to the cross during the season of Lent, we will reflect on the theme of covenant, culminating in the ultimate covenant that God made with us through the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

February 18: God's Covenant with Noah (Genesis 9:8-17)

February 25: God's Covenant with Abraham & Sarah (Genesis 17)

March 4: Contracts and Covenants (Exodus 20:1-17)

March 11: Unbreakable Covenants (Ephesians 2:1-8)

March 18: Marriage Vows (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

March 25: Assumptions - Palm Sunday (Mark 11:1-11)



***First Presbyterian Church of Hastings
Sharing the love of Christ in the heart of Hastings since 1873***

Head of Church: Jesus Christ

Senior Pastor: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

Director of Children & Family

Ministries: Stephanie Brader

Organist: Linda Vollweiler

Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer

Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson

Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady

Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Susan Oliver

Accompanists: Mary Plock and Alice Throckmorton

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

Ministers: Members of the Church

Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Heitmann

Director of Adult Education &

Spiritual Formation: Kili Wenburg

Parish Associate: Rev. Don Canady

Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster

Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen

Music Coordinator: Tim Canady

Administrative Specialist: Tarci Matthews

Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun

Announcements

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given by JoAnn and Les Seiler.

Today's service will be broadcast live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings and on Channel 181 Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

For those living at Good Samaritan Village - today's service will be broadcast on Channel 3 on Sunday at 12:00 noon and on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

A copy of any Sunday service is available on DVD disc upon request at no charge. Contact Tarci at 402-462-5147 or tarci@fpchastings.org.

Need a ride to church on Sundays? Request a ride by calling Deacon Moderator Dawna Whitcomb at 402-469-4805 or the church office at 402-462-5147.

Flowers are given in honor of Irva Smith on her 100th birthday.

Ushers (Team #6): Chanda Essink, Lynne Friedewald, Jim Harrenstein, Belinda & Paul Nuss, Chuck Shoemaker

Greeters: Carla & Ken Fike

Acolytes: Grace Brader, Tanner Bauer

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Leah Ratzlaff

Prayers for: Erica Brooks, Judy Brown, Ruth Caldwell, Fiona (Louie & Kristen) Eckhardt, Stacy Eddleman, Zelma Fobben, Jane Foote, Celia & Wayne Ganow, Lois Hahne, Carol Harrenstein & her mother Ethel Johansen, John Harrington, Irmise (& Elmer) Heeren, Kathy (& Steve) Illingworth, Linda Johnson, Richard & Wanda Langer, Mary (& Jim) Lewis, Carol & Frank Medsker (& Sue Medsker-Nedderman), Bob Nedderman, Larry & Carolyn Nowka, Ramona Shetler, Erv & Betty Lou Siemoneit (Shirley Maul & Sandy Siemoneit's parents), Elaine & son Jonathan Specht, Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in-law), Beth (Peggy Thomson's sister), Audrey Watson and families.

Condolences to the Brooks family for the loss of Alison Lenters, Erica's father.

February communion offering is for Souper Bowl of Caring, Hastings Middle School Food Pantry, and will be collected throughout the month.

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**Register NOW for 2018 Summer Camp--3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, PLUS Intergenerational camps for adults/children age 5-12!**

Benefits of Christian Camping...

- Campers can grow in their spiritual development in a fun, positive environment.
- Camp is an extension of your local church ministry program.
- Campers engage with others—building on the connectional strength of the reformed tradition.
- Child development experts believe that residential camp experiences help children and youth mature socially, emotionally, intellectually, morally and physically. This is supported by research conducted by the American Camp Association.

Calvin Crest and Highlands Presbyterian Camp & Retreat Center Summer Camp brochures are now available on the Child & Youth Announcements Bulletin Board near the church offices. Scholarship Applications are also available.

Please contact Stephanie at [stephanie@fpchastings.org](mailto:stephanie@fpchastings.org) with any questions.

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ATTENTION: Mandatory Training for ALL First Presbyterian Church Child & Youth Adult Volunteers!!!!

First Presbyterian Church

Child Protection Policy Training

Who: All persons 18 years of age or older who desire to or presently work with the children participating in FPC programs and activities

When: Sunday, March 18; 11:30am–12:00pm (following worship)

Where: First Presbyterian Church–Sanctuary

*First Presbyterian Church seeks to provide a safe and secure environment for the children who participate in our programs and activities. Training of adults working with FPC children is a **MANDATORY** requirement of the FPC Session-adopted policy. Questions? Contact Stephanie at 402-462-5147 or stephanie@fpchastings.org*

Langenberg Legacy Lesson Program Applications for Spring 2018 are now available on the glass shelf in front of the church office or online at www.fpchastings.org. Call the office if you'd like a copy mailed.

Financial Peace University Series Begins February 20

Financial Peace University is open to anyone: couples or singles, young or "more experienced," just starting out or retired. Anyone who needs to clean up their finances or just wants to understand better how money works can benefit from this material. Managing our money is a life skill that is becoming increasingly important in this rapidly changing world. If you have taken the class before and want a "refresh," it is free. If you are new to FPU, there is a fee for materials. FPU will be held on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church starting on February 20, and concluding on April 24 (with no class on March 20). Childcare will be available upon request for a free will donation. You can register online at www.daveramsey.com, or contact Deb Johnson at [402-469-5847](tel:402-469-5847) for more information.

Mark Your Calendars: Parenting Workshop on April 14

Children don't come with instruction manuals, but expert advice, instruction, and encouragement is on the way! Make plans now to attend (and invite any community parents you know) our parenting workshop on Saturday, April 14, 1-5 p.m. The workshop will be led by Dr. Nancy Foster, professor and clinician specializing in pediatric psychology. Presented by the FPC Adult Ed Committee.

Did you know that most of our Forums (the adult education classes taught on Sunday morning), are recorded and available on our website? You can watch previous forums by visiting this webpage:

<https://fpchastings.org/adult-education/>

Beyond Survival: Thriving and Faithful to the End

FORUM
Sun., Feb. 25.
9:15 a.m.
Fellowship Hall



SPEAKER
Rev. Bill
Nottage-Tacey

Sharing inspiring stories of rural churches,
like Hanover Presbyterian Church,
which have made a difference in the landscape of
ministry and mission on the prairies.



"A Judge's
Observations of
Pilate's Judgment
of Jesus"

FORUM: March 4
9:15 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

Speaker: The Honorable
John Marsh,
District Judge of the
9th Judicial District



**Presbyterian Women invite you to join them at Sermons a la Carte
Weds, Mar. 7. @ St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Beginning at 12:05p, Kili Wenburg will be preaching!
PW will then be serving lunch, cost is \$4.00 per person.
Located @ 422 N. Burlington St., we hope to see you there!**

2018 Directory is available 3-hole punched or as a stapled booklet and may be found on the wooden table in the common office area. It is also available in digital format as a .pdf. Please contact Tarci in the office if you'd like a copy mailed or emailed.

Irva Smith has been a member of FPC Hastings since April 2, 1933! Her family is hosting **an open house for Irva's 100th birthday** TODAY from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Join us in the 200 wing dining hall in Perkins at Good Samaritan Village.

This Week --- Feb 19 – Feb. 24, 2018

Mon, Feb. 19	7:00p-9:00p	Boy Scouts Meet in Basement Scout Room
Tue, Feb. 20	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in Anderson Conference Room
	12:30p-2:00p	Grief Healing Group in Kessler
	1:00p	Quilters Meet in Annex
	5:30p-6:30p	Congregational Life Committee Meeting in the Parlor
	5:30p-6:30p	Trustees Meeting in Anderson Conference Room
	5:30p-6:30p	Life Source Dance Class in NE Classroom, Annex
	6:30p-8:00p	Financial Peace University in Memorial Room
	6:45p-7:45p	Deacons Meet in Anderson Conference Room
	7:00p-8:00p	CCC Dog Obedience Class in NE Classroom, Annex
Wed, Feb. 21	7:00a-8:00a	Bible@Breakfast in the Parlor
	9:30a	Circle 1 Meets -Hostess: Mary Jeanne Cooke
	9:30a	Circle 2 Meets -Hostess Susie Graham
	1:15p	Circle 3 Meets in Library, Hostess Katharine Davis
	4:00p-6:00p	WNL Activities (Pre-K thru 5 th Grades)
	6:00p-6:45p	WNL Family Time Meal (All Ages Welcome!)
	6:30p-8:00p	Wood Carvers in Basement
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir Practice
	6:45p-7:30p	Cal/West Choir Practice (6 th thru 12 th Grades)
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bells Practice
	7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study/Fellowship Jr./Sr. High (6 th thru 8 th Grades)
Thu, Feb. 22	6:30p-7:30p	Spanish Class in NW Classroom, Annex
	7:00p-9:00p	Boy Scouts Troop 200 Den Meeting in Fellowship Hall
Fri, Feb. 23	10:00a	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
	3:00p-9:00p	Private Wedding Rehearsal
Sat, Feb. 24	4:00p-8:00p	Private Wedding