

Second Sunday of Lent February 25, 2018

PRELUDE

Fanfare on "Old One Hundredth" Organist Linda Vollweiler Thomas R. Schadi

**Greg Allen-Pickett** 

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

"Let Us Go Into the House of the Lord" Chancel Choir – Robin Koozer, director Koozer

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Mark 8)

Today we take another step on our Lenten Journey.

We are called to move from contemplation to action.

Are you ready to take the next step?

Yes, we are ready. The cross is before us.

Come, walk together on this journey to the cross.

Lord, prepare our hearts and our spirits for this next step. Come, let us worship God!

\*HYMN

"All People that on Earth Do Dwell"

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

Damen Heitmann

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Mark 8)

Guiding Lord, even though we hesitated on our Lenten journey; we vowed to come with you through all the trials and fears toward the cross. Today we face the challenge which true commitment brings. Are we willing to offer our whole selves to you in service? We would like to think that we can do that, but we are aware of how many times we have turned away from service and instead focused on our own desires. Remind us again of the commitment you would have us give if we are to become disciples. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Lead us forward, gracious Lord, up these steps toward the cross. AMEN.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON The journey of discipleship is never easy; But we are assured that we will not be on this journey alone. Place your trust in Jesus. In his name you are forgiven and loved! "Glory Be to the Father" \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE \*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

"Amen" Chancel Choir - Karli Cabrera, soloist

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

# Holy Spirit, open our hearts to receive your Word, reveal to us the good news, and enable us to trust in the promise of salvation in Jesus Christ. Amen.

1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 8:31-38

REFLECTION

ANTHEM

2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Genesis 17:1-7, 15-19

"God's Covenant with Abraham and Sarah" SERMON

\*HYMN

# "To Abraham and Sarah"

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# **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We belong to God, eternal and infinite, Creator of all things and all that is to come. God made a covenant with humanity, placing the rainbow in the sky. God made a covenant with Abraham and Sarah, an everlasting covenant to be our God.

We follow Christ, who comes to us from God, and reveals God to us. He heals people and transforms lives, and calls us to join in his ministry. He was crucified, died, and was raised again by God, and reigns over all Creation; and he bids us to take up our cross, to die and rise with him in the service of the healing of the world.

**Stephanie Brader** 

Jester Hairston

Kili Wenburg

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We are moved by the Holy Spirit, together with the communion of saints, as members of the Body of Christ, God's holy universal church.

We are confident in God's covenant with us, in the forgiveness of sin, the power of resurrection and the reality of eternal life. In all things it is our desire to follow Christ, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for God's glory. Amen.

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

OFFERTORY	"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"	arr. Dale Wood
*DOXOLOGY	"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"	606

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, we thank you for the covenant you established with Abraham and Sarah, which you have opened to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept these offerings with the dedication of our lives, that we may be for the world a sign of your abiding love and a testament to your enduring promise.

### 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	"What Does	It Mean to Lose (	One's Life"	Insert
*CHARGE AND BLESSING				
*CHORAL RESPON	SE	"God is Here!"		469/verse 4
*POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune in D from th		in D from the "Ita	lian Baroque" Petronio Francesch	iini/arr. Wolff

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



Tune: William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, 1815 Text: Copyright © 2018 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. All rights reserved.

# 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: Dr. 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 <u>www.facebook.com/fpchastings</u> 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 <u>tarci@fpchastings.org</u>.

**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 memory of Mrs. Besse Byrne Foote, Mrs. Gwendolyn Foote Back, Dr. & Mrs. E. C. Foote, and Dr. & Mrs. E. C. Foote Jr.

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

Greeters: Linda & Jim Donohue, Mary Fisk

Acolytes: Chudier Duang, Luke Brooks

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Erika Nielsen

#### Celebrating the Gifts of Women Sunday (March 4) Servers:

**Ushers:** Gayle Fandry, Elaine Specht, Laurie Johnson, Flossie Sanderson **Greeters:** Eleanor Jorgenson, Marilyn Nielsen, Sally Smith, and May Wierenga **Communion Servers:** Nancy Grams, Marie Rasmussen, Sharon Brooks, Kris Horton, Sue Horton, Lois Hafer, Sue Medsker-Nedderman, Katharine Davis, Steph Brader, Carol Wheeler, Mary Fisk, Leah Ratzlaff

**Prayers for:** Erica Brooks, Judy Brown, Ruth Caldwell, Fiona (Louie & Kristen) Eckhardt, Stacy Eddleman, Zelma Fobben, 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, Bob Nedderman, Larry & Carolyn Nowka, Ramona Shetler, Erv & Betty Lou Siemoneit (Shirley Maul & Sandy Siemoneit's parents), Irva Smith, Elaine & son Jonathan Specht, Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in-law), Beth (Peggy Thomson's sister), Audrey Watson and families.

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

#### March communion offerings will be for Sixpence Early Learning Fund:

The **Sixpence Early Learning Fund** is Nebraska's signature effort to put our state's youngest and most vulnerable children on the path to success in school and life. Sixpence promotes high-quality early care and learning opportunities that help parents guide the healthy development of their infants and toddlers. As public-private collaboration at the state and local levels, Sixpence delivers efficiency, fiscal responsibility and measurable results for our investment in the next generation of Nebraska's citizens. -- Retrieved from & for additional information visit: http://www.singasongofsixpence.org/

**Easter Egg Hunt Candy Donations Needed**: First Presbyterian Church will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31 at 11:00am for children thru 3rd grade. Donations of individually wrapped candies and/or toys would be greatly appreciated. Drop off your donation in the common office area as soon as possible so that volunteers can begin stuffing eggs. Thank you!

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



#### **Houston Service Trip**

An inter-generational service trip is heading to Houston, Texas March 18-24. Open to both college students and members of First Presbyterian Church, we'll travel by van to Houston. Once there we will partner with the Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church in their Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts. They have recovery efforts going in 15 different counties in the Houston area which we will assist as best we are able. We will be hosted at a church and provided access to showers, a kitchen, and a place to sleep. Most likely that means air mattresses though there is a slight possibility that other arrangements could be made if necessary. Also, we will probably be participating in more physical labor kinds of tasks but we'll know more about what we'll be asked to do in the next couple of weeks. In order to cover costs and make a donation to our service partners we are asking folks to contribute \$200 to participate in the trip. There is scholarship funding available and the cost includes meals, gas, and funds for a fun day before we leave Houston. Some have already indicated their interest but if you are interested or have other questions please contact Pastor Damen.

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

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 with any questions.



### Moms Group: Information, Encouragement, Support

Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in the Library, noon-1.

<u>Mar. 1</u>: *Raising Boys*. Specifically, we'll talk about how movies teach "manhood."

<u>Mar. 15</u>: *Talking About Sex.* How to know when it's time and how to have "the talk."

# *Financial Peace University* is underway, but there's still time to join!

Financial Peace University is open to anyone. 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 is being held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings through April 24 (with no class on March 20). Childcare will be available upon request for a free will donation. You can register online at <u>www.daveramsey.com</u>, or contact Deb Johnson at <u>402-469-5847</u> for more information.

**Fourth Sunday Fellowship** offers a monthly chance to slow down and take a few minutes after worship to enjoy a cookie and a cup of coffee and get to know your church family better. Today's fellowship time is hosted by the Worship Arts and Music (WAM) Committee with coffee provided by the Mission Committee.

**Red Cross Blood Drive** will be Friday, March 2, from 12 noon – 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to donate or volunteer your time, go to redcrossblood.org or call Erica at 402-469-9285.

### 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: <u>https://fpchastings.org/adult-education</u>. Today is the final day for the 2018 Winter Olympics. Thus, today's



featured Forum from the past is a recent one entitled "Olympic Miracles." Check it out!



**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.

Join Church Women United for *World Day of Prayer* this Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> (Good Friday) at Salvation Army (400 S. BURLINGTON AVE.) 9:30am coffee, 10am prayer celebration. Pastor Greg will be leading.



9:30 am Coffee, 10:00 am Prayer Celebration CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

<ul> <li>ALL GOD'S CREATION IS VERY GOOD Church Women United Location: SALVATION ARMY 400 S. Burlington, Hastings NE Friday March 2, 2018 9:30 am Coffee 10:00 am Celebration</li> <li>WDP's motto, "Informed prayer leads to prayenful action," affirms that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence. As we observe WDP 2018, millions of God's people are being affected by human abuse of God's creation—the earth, its creatures, God's people. We encourage you to begin thinking about actions that you can take to heal and protect God's creation. Throughout the service, the women name ways we can care for the earth and its people. Let us walk in faith and prayenful action!</li> </ul>	ALL G Locatio Date:
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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3/1	Lam Dieth	3/13	Joshua Brooks	3/24	Cindy Springer
	Sandra Siemoneit		Kirk Dielman		Kelly Swanson
3/2	Tony Eddleman	3/14	Joyce Harrenstein	3/25	Kaylee Baldwin
	Cheryl Lockwood	3/15	Jennifer Boeve		Mary Jo Boerigter
3/3	Joan Shaw		Linda Donohue		Dayna Grimmett
3/4	Kim Hermann		Jack Osborne		John LaMaster
	Kim Maul		Darlene Payne	3/26	Frank Cassidy
3/5	Alli Gustafson		"Tommy" Thomsen		Nathan Halbert
	Margaret Thomson	3/16	Tyson Schroeder		Jenni Welsch
3/6	Carver Abbott	3/17	Shirley Maul		Bryce Willicott
	Annie Davis	3/18	Kathleen Nelson	3/27	Grace Canady
3/7	Austin Telecky		Douglas Sabadu		Erik Nielsen
	Todd Welton		Jessica Springer	3/28	Stacy Eddleman
3/8	David McCarthy		Cole Shardelow		Ignatius Ewool
3/9	Lesa Cropley	3/19	Bill Boyd		Arich Fruehling
	Evelyn Viglicky		Suzan Hall		Erlene Gessford
3/10	Henry Black	3/20	Ryan Bauer		Frank Georgiana
	Stan Essink		Tyler Musgrave		Allison Kern
	Beth Funkey	3/21	Eden Dieth	3/29	Glenn Hunnicutt
	Les Seiler		Irene Lindau		Libby Knapple
	Justin Stein	3/22	Stephanie Adam	3/30	Olivia Knoedler
3/11	Amy Black		JoAnn Finley		Ben Pehl
	Phyllis O'Dey		Mark Zajack	3/31	Deb Freeburger
3/12	Maggie Nielsen	3/23	Samuel Reimer		Hannah Jensen
			Ruth Tut		Delores Levander
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# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Mark & Dianne Scheidegger	03/06/2003
Jeff & Ashley Hermann	03/08/2014
Elmer & Irmise Heeren	03/12/1947
Eldon & Cathy Mitzelfelt	03/13/1971
George & Joy White	03/19/1972
Chris & Janna Johnson	03/19/1983
Brian & Laurie Johnson	03/20/1982
Jim & Carol Harrenstein	03/22/1980
Terry & Linda Hall	03/30/1996

# This Week --- Feb. 26 – Mar. 3, 2018

Mon, Feb. 26	4:30p-5:30p	Pooh Corner Board Meeting in Anderson Conference Room
	7:00p-9:00p	Boy Scouts Meet in Basement Scout Room
<b>Tue, Feb. 27</b>	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office (with Child Protection Policy
		Renewal Training Available)
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in Anderson Conference Room
	1:00p	Quilters Meet in Annex
	5:30p-6:30p	Life Source Dance Class in NE Classroom, Annex
	6:30p-8:00p	Financial Peace University in the Parlor
	7:00p-8:00p	CCC Dog Obedience Class in NE Classroom, Annex
Wed, Feb. 28	7:00a-8:00a	Bible@Breakfast in the Parlor
	4:00p-6:00p	WNL Activities (Pre-K thru 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades)
	6:00p-6:45p	WNL Family Time Meal (All Ages Welcome!)
	6:30p-8:00p	Wood Carvers Meet in Basement
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir Practice
	6:45p-7:30p	<b>Cal/West Choir Practice</b> (6 <sup>th</sup> thru 12 <sup>th</sup> Grades)
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bells Practice
	7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study/Fellowship Jr./Sr. High (6 <sup>th</sup> thru 8 <sup>th</sup> Grades)
<b>Thu, Mar.</b> 1	12:00p-1:00p	Mom's Group Meets in Library
	5:30p-6:30p	Christian Ed Committee Meeting in the Parlor
	6:30p-7:30p	Spanish Class in NW Classroom, Annex
Fri, Mar. 2	10:00a	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
	12:00 noon – 6:00p	Red Cross Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall