

First Presbyterian Church Hastings



Third Sunday of Lent – Celebrating the Gifts of Women March 04, 2018

PRELUDE “What Wondrous Love Is This?” American Folk Hymn/arr. Innes
Linda Vollweiler, organist

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT “Praise Him, All Ye Little Children”
Pre-School Choir
Susan Oliver, director

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 19)
Weary and overwhelmed, we gather.
God’s holy word revives us.
Wandering and sometimes confused, we yield.
God’s word gives us direction and wisdom.
Blind and uncomprehending, we await.
God’s word opens our eyes and enlightens our hearts.
More precious than gold is God’s word.
Sweeter than honey are God’s commands. Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN “For All the Faithful Women” 324

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Psalm 19, John 2)
With hearts of sorrow, we come before you, O God, to confess what you already know— we have failed to obey the call you place on our lives. Sometimes it is the sin of arrogance and pride, believing we know what is best instead of looking to you. Sometimes it is the sin of self-deprecation, believing we are not worthy of your love. All too often, we fall into these patterns rather than your holy and life-giving will for our lives. Forgive us, O God, and cleanse us from hidden faults. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God shows us steadfast love.

In love, God sent Jesus to bless and redeem God's people.

God forgives us our sins and restores us to new life.

Let us rejoice in God's mercy.

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

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory Be to the Father”

581

*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.)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN RECOGNITION

ANTHEM

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Praise and Alleluia Choir

Tim and Teresa Canady, directors

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, as we prepare to hear your word to us, quiet other voices that would draw us away from attentive listening and faithful responding. Grant us new understanding and insights to help us follow you more faithfully. We pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Exodus 20:1-17

REFLECTION

Teresa Luther

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – John 2:13-22

SERMON

“The Joy of Covenant”

Kili Wenburg

*HYMN

“O God, Who Gives Us Life”

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

OFFERTORY "Ah, Holy Jesus"
Praise Bells
Tim and Teresa Canady, directors

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The wisdom of the world tells us to hoard what we own, O God, while you invite us to share what we have with those in need. Accept these gifts for your purposes, that we may be your servants in the world.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE Served by the Women of First Presbyterian Church
Take and eat the bread when it is passed to you.
Take the cup and hold it until the entire congregation has been served. We drink the cup together as a sign of unity in the Body of Christ.

COMMUNION ANTHEM "Can You Drink the Cup" Martin/Courtney
The Chancel Choir
Robin R. Koozer, director

Can you drink the cup, embrace it in your hands?
Can you look inside and face what it demands?
In the wine you see reflections of your soul.
No one else can drink this cup that you must hold.

Can you drink the cup?
Then you must lift it high though this cup of joy holds pain and sacrifice.
When you lift your cup, raise it unafraid.
Lift it up, this cup of life, and celebrate.

Can you drink the cup until there is no more?
When the wine is gone, Christ himself will pour.
Though you drink it all - the cup in never dry,
God keep filling it with everlasting life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" 291
(During the singing of the final hymn, we will take a second offering to benefit Sixpence. The congregation is invited to come down to the communion table and place their offering in the basket.)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE "Tocatta in E Minor" Johann Pachelbel

**COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY!
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS!
8:30AM – CONTEMPORARY-STYLE CELEBRATE SERVICE
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL DUE TO SPRING BREAK
10:30AM – TRADITIONAL SERVICE**

***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 in memory of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Geyerman.

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 memory of Rose and Robert Ryan, and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Geyerman.

Ushers: Daveta Brader, Gayle Fandry, Laurie Johnson, Chris Junker, Flossie Sanderson, Elaine Specht,

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, Leah Ratzlaff

Acolytes: Abbie Kerr, Nathan Kerr

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Abby Shetler

The rose bud on the altar this morning is to celebrate the arrival of a future member of our church: Marcus & Ashley (Schroeder) Fitzgerald welcomed their daughter, Maliya Grace, into the world on December 30th.

Congratulations to the grandparents, Ted & Lori Schroeder on the birth of their granddaughter!

"We thank God for blessing our family with this new precious life!" –Lori & Ted

Prayers for: Erica Brooks, Judy Brown, Ruth Caldwell, Fiona (Louie & Kristen) Eckhardt, Stacy Eddleman, Zelma Fobben, Celia & Wayne Ganow, Bonnie Grams, Carol Harrenstein, 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.

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/>

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hastings is so grateful for your contribution of \$495 to our programs during your January Minute For Mission! We cherish community partnerships and so appreciate that your giving includes our work and the work of all the 93 'Bigs' - high school students in the community who spend an hour or more each week mentoring their 'Littles' at community elementary schools in Hastings, Blue Hill and Harvard. Your gift will also impact the 30 students in our Beyond School Walls program who receive career mentoring at area manufacturers and Mary Lanning Hospital as a vital work pathway. Mentoring is a win-win-win for everyone involved and we are grateful for your partnership! -- *The Board of Directors and Staff*

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 www.fpchastings.org. Call the office if you'd like a copy mailed.

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.

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*

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.



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!

Hastings College Choir Spring Vespers have postponed their concert to a date not yet determined. They will NOT be performing at the church this afternoon.

No Sunday School

(all ages)

March 11
(spring break)

Don't forget to set your clocks
ahead on the weekend of the 11th!

"The Mobile Phone's Impact on the Human Spirit"

A Forum class led by FPC
High School Students
Sun., Mar. 18, 9:15 a.m.

*Which mobile phone uses are enhancing life; which are draining?
Which apps facilitate true community; which foster a sense of aloneness?*

- Basic information on common apps will be provided.
- Reflections on positive and negative effects of phone use will be shared.
- Suggestions of apps to strengthen one's spiritual life will be given.

This Week --- Mar. 5 – Mar. 10, 2018

Mon, Mar. 5	7:00p-9:00p	Boy Scouts Meet in Basement Scout Room
Tue, Mar. 6	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office
	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, Mar. 7	7:00a-8:00a	Bible@Breakfast in the Parlor
	12:05p – 1:05p	PW serves lunch @ Sermons a la Carte at Saint Marks - Kili Wenburg will be preaching
		No Wednesday Night Live (WNL)
	6:30p-8:00p	Wood Carvers Meet in Basement
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir Practice
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bells Practice
Thu, Mar. 8	6:30p-7:30p	Spanish Class in NW Classroom, Annex
	7:00p-8:30p	Boy Scout Troop 200 Pack Meeting in Fellowship Hall
Fri, Mar. 9	10:00a	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
	6:00p-9:00p	RedTide BB End of Year Celebration in Annex Gym

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: The Joy of Covenant (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)

