

First Presbyterian Church Hastings



**Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 18, 2018**

PRELUDE

“Prelude in G Major”
Linda Vollweiler, Organist

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT

“Thy Word”
Calvin/Westminster Youth Choir
Linda Johnson, Director; Mary Plock, Accompanist

arr. Lloyd Larson

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 119)

How can we walk in your ways, O God?

With my whole heart I seek you;

I treasure your word in my heart,

Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your ways.

I delight in your ways O Lord, as much as in all riches.

I will pray to you, sing to you and worship you God!

*HYMN

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Psalm 119)

Redeeming God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, and have not loved our neighbors as we ought; we have strayed from your way. Forgive our iniquities, that we may fix our eyes on you, follow your way, and sin no more, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Following the way of Jesus is hard

But God is with us every step of the way

By the faith of Christ, you are forgiven and loved. May you delight in the joy of your salvation!

*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

“The Storm is Passing Over”

arr. Barbara W. Baker

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Your Word, O God, has power to change our lives and to create a whole new world. As we hear and meditate on your word today, fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may treasure your word with our whole hearts and fix our eyes on you. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Jeremiah 31:31-34

REFLECTION

Erica Brooks

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – John 12:20-24

SERMON

“A ‘New’ Covenant”

*HYMN

“‘The Days Are Coming,’ Said the Lord”

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From “Song of Faith” of the United Church of Canada)

God is Holy Mystery, beyond complete knowledge, above perfect description. Yet, in love, the one eternal God seeks relationship... God is creative and self-giving, generously moving in all the near and distant corners of the universe. Nothing exists that does not find its source in God. Our first response to God’s providence is gratitude.

God forgives, and calls all of us to confess our fears and failings with honesty and humility. God reconciles, and calls us to repent the part we have played in damaging our world, ourselves, and each other. God transforms, and calls us to protect the vulnerable, to pray for deliverance from evil, to work with God for the healing of the world, that all might have abundant life. We sing of grace.

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

OFFERTORY "Sweet Hour of Prayer" 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 us, 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 "Fight the Good Fight" 846

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE "Trumpet Voluntary in D Major" Henry Purcell

COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK FOR PALM SUNDAY!

INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

8:30AM – CELEBRATE CONTEMPORARY-STLYE SERVICE

9:15AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

10:30AM – TRADITIONAL SERVICE





Help the young women of Pine Ridge Reservation.

Beginning on Women's Sunday, March 4 a special project has come to our attention. Many teenage girls on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, SD are missing up to one week of school each month because they can not afford Sanitary Supplies.

You can help us and these young ladies. A group of FPC women along with the Presbyterian Women's Committee are asking for the congregation to either donate supplies or help with money to purchase products.

We will be doing an ongoing drive for feminine hygiene products for the young women living on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

You can buy the products and bring them to the church or you can donate money and they will buy the products in bulk to be shipped to the reservation.

The supplies can be placed in Memorial Room starting March 4 and continuing in the future by leaving them in the office or leave a check made out to First Presbyterian Church with a note on the memo line Pine Ridge.

If you would like to read more about this concern you can read the Huffington Post IMPACT article from August 25, 2017.

https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/what-its-like-to-be-a-teen-in-the-us-who-cant-afford-tampons_us_597216dde4b09e5f6cceddff

For further information contact
Kim Hermann, Margaret Marsh or Georgie Evans.

“The Days Are Coming,” Said the Lord

WOODWORTH LM (“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”)

"The days are com - ing," said the Lord, "when
 "I'll write my words up on the heart, and
 O In God, ev - 'ry sin - ful, is with - in be -
 In God, ev - 'ry sin - ful, is with - in place, our

I will bring in some - thing new. My
 I will put in my law - thing in them. Though
 comes hearts know what by it which we're free. No
 hearts know what by it which we're to yearn. We

peo - ple now re - ject my word, so look and
 they have wa - re - ject from the start, my peo - ple
 lon - ger bound - vered by hu - man sin, in Christ we're
 hear your pro - mised love and grace; now at your

see what I will do.
 will re - turn a - gain.
 who we're called to be.
 cross may we we re - turn.

Biblical Reference: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Tune: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1849, Harm. *The Hymnbook*, 1955 Text:

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Announcements

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Isabelle and Chester Gates by their daughter, Ann, and son, Jerry.

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 Mildred and Victor Lutkemeier by family.

Ushers: Luke Brooks, LaVern Franzen, Chuck Hastings – Captain, Roger Sunderman

Greeters: Jeff & Vicki Howard, Marilyn Nielsen

Acolytes: Eleanor Oliver, Madeleine Johnson

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Leah Ratzlaff

Prayers for: Lynn Barrows, Judy Brown, Ruth Caldwell, Fiona (Louie & Kristen) Eckhardt, Stacy Eddleman, Zelma Fobben, Celia & Wayne Ganow, Bonnie Grams, John Harrington, Irmise (& Elmer) Heeren, Kathy (& Steve) Illingworth, Mary Kay LaMaster, Richard & Wanda Langer, Mary (& Jim) Lewis, Carol Medsker, 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.

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

Condolences to Mary Kay LaMaster and family for the loss of Jean Houser of Griswold, Iowa, Mary Kay's mother.

Condolences to Will Locke and family for the loss of Rosemary Gfeller, Will's aunt.

Rosemary Gfeller, Will Locke's aunt, passed away last Thursday morning. Services will be in her home church in her hometown of El Dorado, Kansas. Will and Ginny thank Rev. Greg, pastoral staff, and the deacons for taking communion to her.

March communion offerings are for Sixpence Early Learning Fund and will be collected throughout the month.

In Loving Memory of Irva Smith., February 18, 1918 – March 15, 2018

Viewing will be Mon. evening, March 19, 6:30p-8:00p at Butler-Volland. Graveside services will be Tues., March 20 @ 10:00a, followed by her Celebration of Life in FPC sanctuary at 11:00a, then lunch in Fellowship Hall. In lieu of flowers, memorials made payable to FPC and noted, 'Irva Smith' will be designated for church camp scholarships.

Special Attendance Recognition

Children who routinely attend Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live will get a chance at a worship leadership role. Each month, all children preschool thru 8th grade with 100% Sunday School or Wednesday Night Live attendance will be entered into a drawing. Two children will be chosen each month. The children will get a chance to extend their faith growth to others by choosing to serve in one of the following worship roles:

- Acolyte (if under 4th grade)
- Usher
- Music soloist
- Call to Worship leader
- Prayer leader
- Children's Moment leader or helper

During the month of February, fifteen (15) children had 100% Sunday School attendance. Twenty-four (24) children had 100% Wednesday Night Live attendance. The two children whose names were drawn for February's recognition are Esther Allen-Pickett (Sunday School) and Raegan Welsch (WNL). Thanks be to God for our faithful attenders!





Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings – March 21st

Circle I – 9:30am: Hostess - Jean Barber; Lesson - Mary Jeanne Cooke

Circle II – 9:30am: Hostess - Mary Fisk; Lesson - Susie Graham

Circle III – 1:15pm: Hostess - Marie Rasmussen; Lesson - Katharine Davis

This Week --- Mar. 19 – Mar. 24, 2018

Mon, Mar. 19	7:00p-9:00p Boy Scouts Meet in Scout Room
	7:30p-9:30p Chorus of the Plains Practice in Choir Room
Tue, Mar. 20	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
	6:45p- 7:45p Deacon's Meet in Anderson Conference Room
	NO Financial Peace University Class - this week only
	7:00p-8:00p CCC Dog Obedience Class in NE Classroom, Annex
Wed, Mar. 21	7:00a-8:00a Bible@Breakfast in the Parlor
	9:30a Circles 1 & 2 Meet
	1:15p Circle 3 Meets in Library
	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)
	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. 22	6:30p-7:30p Spanish Class in NW Classroom, Annex
Fri, Mar. 23	10:00a-12:00p Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room

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

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