

First Presbyterian Church Hastings



**Sixth Sunday of Lent – Palm Sunday
March 25, 2018**

PRELUDE

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”
Linda Vollweiler, Organist

arr. Dan Miller

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT/PROCESSION OF PALMS

Praise and Alleluia Choir
Tim and Teresa Canady, Directors

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 118)

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Open wide the gates of your hearts.

Let the Savior enter!

Shout with joy, all you people.

The Savior has come forth bringing peace. Come let us worship God!

*HYMN

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We love parades! We love the excitement, the energy, the noise! Today we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, reenacting the joyful scene and waving our palm branches. But there is a reality here. The reality is that although we wave our branches and shout "Hosanna!" we do not always behave as disciples. Too often we have wandered from the path of Christ and stumbled along on our own, believing our way to be superior. At times we have turned from those who have needed help because it wasn't convenient for us. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to turn our lives around and truly serve you. Help us to really mean it when we say "Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the Name of the Lord!" Make your love a transforming agent in our lives so that, finally, our celebration may truly reflect our faith and joy in Jesus Christ. Let Jesus enter our hearts and transform our lives today, for we ask this in his holy name. AMEN.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Through the shouts and branches, the Savior rides again into our hearts.

Hosanna! Blessed is Jesus! Blessed is He who has come and who continues to come into our lives forever.

In the name of Jesus Christ, the one we worship today, you are forgiven and loved.

Hosanna! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

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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.)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

One Great Hour of Sharing

Jan Ham

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

Nancy Grams and Raegan Welsch

We invite the children forward to sit on the floor around the baptismal font so they share in the Time With Children and then welcome their newest sister into the family of faith. While the children are coming forward, we invite the congregation to sing:

Jesus loves me, this I know.

BAPTISM

This morning we joyfully celebrate the baptism of Jade Susan Raissa Guiai-Lou
Daughter of Rachel and Bi Guiai

ANTHEM

“Look Who’s Coming”

Josh Brooks, Trumpet

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come Holy Spirit, source of all life. As we hear the familiar stories of the last week of Jesus’ life again, let the same mind be in us that was in Christ. Awaken our ears, open our hearts, and sustain the weary with your word. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Zechariah 9:9-10

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 11:1-11

SERMON

“Assumptions and Parades”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostle’s Creed, traditionally spoken at Baptisms)

***I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence
He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy
Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.***

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

OFFERTORY

“Sweet Hosannas Ring!”

M. Teschner, arr. T. Waldrop

Praise Bell Choir

Susan Oliver, Director

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***Holy God, we give thanks for your saving love made known to us in the
life, death and resurrection of Christ. Bless these gifts that they may
bring life on earth as it is in heaven. In Christ’s name we pray. 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

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

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During the final hymn, we will take a second offering to benefit the “One Great Hour of Sharing.” The congregation is invited to come down and place their offerings in the basket on the communion table.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Danish Amen”

arr. J. Van Varley, S. Berry

Alleluia Bell Choir

Susan Oliver, Director

*POSTLUDE

“March Triumphant Into Jerusalem”

Robert Thygerson

**COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP THIS HOLY WEEK
AND INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS
MARCH 29, 7PM: MAUNDY THURSDAY WITH COMMUNION &
LITURGY OF FOOT WASHING (PARTICIPATE AS YOU ARE COMFORTABLE)
MARCH 30, 12PM AND 7PM: GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES IN THE CHAPEL
EASTER MORNING:
7AM – EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
AT HASTINGS COLLEGE BARRETT ALUMNI CENTER
10:30AM – TRADITIONAL SERVICE, CHOIR, BELLS, BRASS ENSEMBLE,
ORGAN AND THE “HALLELUJAH CHORUS” FROM HANDEL’S MESSIAH**

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: A “New” Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

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



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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

March 25, 2018 Service

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 memory of Kevin Charles Heineman, Mary Alice and Joe Heineman

March 25, 2018:

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

Greeters: Carol Wheeler, Margaret Koontz

Acolytes: Campbell Schukei, Claire Schwarz

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Erika Nielsen

Upcoming Greeters:

March 29, Maundy Thursday: Anne Bohlke, Paula Crozier

April 1, Easter Sunday: Jim and Carol Harrenstein, Pamela Lay

April Ushers (Team #2): Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Brian Johnson, Laurie Johnson, Al Meyer - Captain, Clyde Sachtleben, Carter Wenburg

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.

Easter lilies may be purchased in honor or in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$12. Twenty will be purchased, placed in the sanctuary for 10:30am Easter Sunday service, and available for the taking immediately following.

All additional proceeds will be donated to Adams/Clay County ARC (Advocate for the Rights of Citizens).

Orders will be accepted thru Thursday, March 29th for Sunday, April 1st publication.

Forms are in the memorial room and on the glass shelf in front of the church office. Please contact Tarci at 402-462-5147 if you need a form mailed.

Palm Sunday offerings are for One Great Hour of Sharing. One Great Hour of Sharing is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time. Today, projects are underway in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada. In the 1990s, receipts have exceeded \$20 million annually. While specific allocations differ in each denomination, all use their One Great Hour of Sharing funds to make possible disaster relief, refugee assistance, development aid and more.



One Great Hour (<http://onegreathourofsharing.org/>)
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One Great Hour is a Christian effort to empower, provide water, supply food, and give relief from disasters.



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Water Projects:

We currently have projects in over 20 countries.



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Hunger Relief:

See how we are feeding the hungry all over the world.



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Disaster Relief:

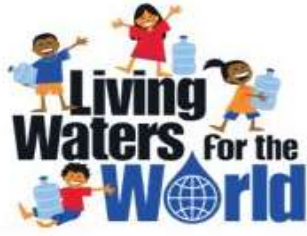
Not just immediate responses, but long-term commitment.



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Empowerment:

Helping men and women provide for their families.



2018 VBS Volunteer Sign-Up

First Presbyterian Church--Hastings, NE

We are preparing for another great Vacation Bible School! This year, we are using Living Waters for the World's VBS curriculum. It is designed to help children experience God's love while exploring scriptures that refer particularly to God's use of water as an agent of creation, salvation, healing, blessing, and health. It will also give children an idea of the world water situation, and some suggestions about ways they may help.

Our VBS will be held May 21-25, 9:00am-12:00pm.

It is our prayer that God has VBS in His plan for your life! We know Jesus will work through YOU at VBS. Would you prayerfully consider serving in VBS? Please register as a volunteer at <https://fpchastings.org/vbs/>. Please contact Stephanie at stephanie@fpchastings.org or 402-462-5147 with any questions or if you'd like a printed registration form.

College Planning Workshop Postponed... The workshop originally scheduled for Thursday, April 12, has been postponed until the Fall. Please watch for details later in the summer.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Holy Week

ALL WEEK

"Reflections of Holy Week" Photo Display, Chapel

THURSDAY, 3:29, 7 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Worship,
including footwashing and communion

FRIDAY, 3:30, 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Good Friday Worship services

FRIDAY, 3:30, 8 p.m. - SUNDAY, 4:1, 7 a.m.

Easter Prayer Vigil

SATURDAY, 3:31, 11 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt, Alexander Park

SUNDAY, 4:1, 7 a.m.

Sunrise Service, outside Barrett Alumni Center
(followed by breakfast, inside Alumni Center)

(No 8:30 service at the church. No Sunday School)

SUNDAY, 4:1, 10:30 a.m.

Easter Worship

Fourth Sunday Fellowship is hosted this month by the Go & Serve mission team. Hang around in the Memorial Room after worship for a cookie, and ask them about this summer's upcoming trip!

Easter Prayer Vigil still has some open slots. Please consider adding your heart and voice to FPC's beautiful tradition of maintaining 24 hour prayer from Good Friday to Easter Sunday. *Sign up in the Memorial Room.*

During the season of Lent, there is a photo exhibit set up in the Chapel called "**Reflections of Holy Week.**" The photos are from Pastor Greg's trip to Lebanon and Syria in October of 2016. Accompanying the photos are a scripture that reflects the last week of Christ's life along with a question or statement for reflection. You are invited to walk through the exhibit anytime between now and Easter. There is an accompanying booklet, also in the chapel, which includes the photos and scriptures for you to take home and use as a study guide during the Season of Lent.



Cleaning Out Your Closets???

The First Presbyterian Church Mission committee would love to receive your gently used winter coats for our coat drive that will be held in October. Coats of all sizes are needed for Men, Women and Children. (Adult XL and XXL are in high need) Donations accepted now through October at First Presbyterian Church, Hastings YMCA and Pershing Orthodontics.

If anyone is interested in assisting with minor mending and or cleaning, please contact Sharon Brooks at 402-705-4905. We are truly blessed to have such a giving community to help others in need. Please help get the word out before garage sale season so we can get a good start.



Presbyterian Women Luncheon: Wednesday, April 4

All church women are invited!

Lunch begins @ 11:45am. Mike Moritz from the National Weather Service will speak about weather preparedness and forecasting, and will answer any questions. \$5 is appreciated. Please RSVP to your circle leader or the church office by Monday, April 2.

Circle 2 will prepare the lunch; Circle 3 will set tables, centerpieces etc.

This Week --- Mar. 26 – Mar. 31, 2018

Mon, Mar. 26	3:00p-4:00p	Church Safety Committee Meeting in Anderson Conference
	4:30p-5:30p	Pooh Corner Board Meeting in Anderson Conference Room
	7:00p-9:00p	Boy Scouts Meet in Scout Room
	7:30p-9:30p	Chorus of the Plains Practice in Choir Room
Tue, Mar. 27	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 Class
	7:00p-8:00p	CCC Dog Obedience Class in NE Classroom, Annex
Wed, Mar. 28	7:00a-8:00a	Bible@Breakfast in the Parlor
	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, Mar. 29	12:00p-1:00p	Mom's Group Meeting in Library
	7:00p-8:00p	Maundy Thursday Service in Sanctuary
	6:30p-7:30p	Spanish Class in NW Classroom, Annex
Fri, Mar. 30	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
	12:00p-1:00p	Good Friday Service in Chapel
	7:00p-8:00p	Good Friday Service in Chapel
Sat, Mar. 31	11:00a-11:30a	FPC Easter Egg Hunt in Alexander Park

(Annex gym if inclement weather)