

First Presbyterian Church Hastings



Easter Sunday – April 1, 2018

PRELUDE

"My Spirit Be Joyful"
Cathedral Brass Quintet

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Pastor Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT

"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"
The Chancel Choir & the Calvin/Westminster Youth Choir
Director Robin R. Koozer

James Tallis

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Damen Heitmann

Today we come to the tomb;

And discover that the stone has been rolled away!

The tomb is empty, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We don't find Christ in the empty tomb; Christ is here among us;

Wherever two or more are gathered in his name;

In every act of compassion and love we show to the world;

Christ is present, resurrected and alive in us and in these acts of compassion and love! Come let us worship our risen Christ!

*HYMN

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Patient God, we come before you with many things which weigh us down. We would like an "easy" faith, one that doesn't cause us to look within ourselves, to identify those many ways in which we have not loved you or loved our neighbors. But faith is never easy. It requires our very souls. Forgive us, God, for what we have said, and what we have left unsaid. Forgive us for what we have done and what we have left undone. Heal and soften our hearts to love you and others more completely, and to accept love from you and from others. Prepare our lives to be of service to you. We long for your presence and your healing touch. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Good News of Jesus' resurrection is our rock and our salvation.

We are invited to accept God's love and mercy, and to live our lives in that freedom!

In the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior, you are forgiven and loved!

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Glory to God"

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*PEACE OF CHRIST

The congregation is invited to exchange signs of peace with one another using these traditional words that have been spoken by Easter Christians throughout the centuries:

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

(Greet others around you this morning with these words.)

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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

ANTHEM

"Rejoice the Lord is King"

Darwall's 148th/arr. Owens

*Congregation & Choir:

Rejoice in glorious hope!

Our Lord the judge shall come

And take his servants up to their eternal home:

Lift up your heart,

Lift up your voice this Easter Day

I say, rejoice!

Amen!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

As your Word is read and proclaimed, O God, help us to listen with open ears, think with open minds, and trust with open hearts. May we be open to receive and share the life-giving love found in your Word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 28:1-10

MESSAGE

"Fear not!"

Greg Allen-Pickett & Kili Wenburg

*HYMN

"Christ is Alive!"

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OFFERING

(The Special Offering this morning goes to the *One Great Hour of Sharing* to fund projects in the United States and around the world to support disaster relief and address root causes of hunger and poverty.

If you wish to contribute to this, put your offering in the Special Offering envelopes found in the pews.)

OFFERTORY

"Canzon duodecimi toni"

Giovanni Gabrieli

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, you shower us with gifts so abundant, we cannot measure them all. You give us life itself, and embrace us with your love. Then you invite us to share your love with others. Bless these gifts that they may be used to show your love to those in need. In your generous name we pray. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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...

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

(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 MUSIC "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise!" Robert Williams/
Chancel Bell Choir, Director Robin R. Koozer Arr. Dan Edwards

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN "O Jesus, I have Promised" Verses 1 & 4, 724
(During this hymn, if you would like to join the choir in singing "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's *Messiah*, you are invited to come forward to the choir loft.)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Hallelujah Chorus" from G.F. Handel's *Messiah*
The Chancel Choir, Calvin/Westminster Youth Choir, and Members of the Congregation

*POSTLUDE "Tocatta" Charles Widor
Organist Linda Vollweiler

*Special thanks to the Cathedral Brass Quintet for their worship leadership this morning:
Dr. Louie Eckhardt, trumpet | Erin Beave, trumpet | Dr. Robert Benton, euphonium
Dr. Marc LaChance, trombone | Dan Sodomka, tuba

A note of **welcome** and an **invitation** from **Pastor Greg** and the **First Presbyterian Church Family**:

We are so happy that you are here worshipping with us on Easter! Thank you for being here to share in this joyful celebration!

We are a community that is deeply committed to sharing the **love of Christ** in Hastings and beyond.

Our church is actively engaged in **local ministry and mission** including the United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry, Open Table, and support of many local organizations including Habitat for Humanity, SASA Crisis Center, Revive Ministries, Crossroads Rescue Mission, and more. Every summer we offer a Vacation Bible School for the whole community, including one for children with special needs. All of these activities and ministries provide **volunteer opportunities** for you to **share the love of Christ** and see where God is at work in Hastings!

We also participate in **national and global mission** through mission trips every year. These trips provide more opportunities for you to **share the love of Christ** and learn where God is at work around the world!

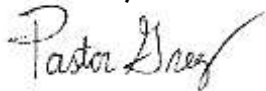
Our church seeks to engage our **hearts** and our **minds**, so we offer **amazing learning opportunities**. Come to **Sunday School** for all ages at 9:15am to hear engaging speakers and dig into the Bible to learn about what it means to you. Come to our **"Wednesday Night Live"** program for 4-12 year olds from 4-6:45pm for bible study, rec time, music and dinner. We also have an **active youth group** for 6th-12th graders from 7:30-8:15pm every Wednesday night.

Do you like to make **music**? Come join our Chancel Choir, play in the handbell choir, join the praise band, or bring your kids to our children and youth choirs or handbell groups.

Join us for **Sunday morning worship** at 8:30 for a service which alternates between a contemplative "Taize-style" worship and a contemporary "praise-style" worship. Or join us at 10:30 for a traditional worship experience with our glorious Chancel Choir, organ music, and **engaging bible-based preaching**.

At First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, we are a **community of hope** where you will always hear a message of hope proclaimed. Come engage your **hearts, hands, and minds** and help us share the **love of Christ** in Hastings and beyond. Reach out to any of our staff or volunteers to ask about how to get involved, or you can email Pastor Greg at greg@fpchastings.org

In Christ,



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

EASTER LILIES

In Memory Of:
Jon Bohlke

Brandon Brader

Lyle Davis

Alfred & Dorothy Friedewald

Nicole Jensen

Hal Lainson

Loved Ones

Loved Ones

Loved Ones

Darrell Nelson

David E. Northrop

Frank W. Northrop

Michele L. Northrop

Our Parents

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Given By:
Anne Bohlke

Dick & Daveta Brader

Ken & Bev Stein & family
Barb & Jennifer Davis

Shoemaker/Friedewald
Family

Byron, Deb, Hannah &
Nathan Jensen

Hermes, Bliss, & Olsen
families

Steve & Lesa Cropley

Marilyn Nielsen

Don Whitcomb Family

Kathleen Nelson, Steven &
Andrew

The Northrop Family

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Dr. George & Colleen Adam

Doug & Marnie Soderquist

In Memory Of:

Ira & Edna Perry

Carl Sanderson

Ome & Honor Shoemaker

Julie Soderquist

Willard & Della Stein

Dennis Utter

Thomas C. Vaughan

Given By:

Shirley Johnston & children

His Family

Shoemaker/Friedewald
Family

Her Family

Ken & Bev Stein & family

His Family

David, Katherine & James
Vaughan

In Honor Of:

Hannah & Nathan Jensen

Gretchen Lainson

Mary M. Northrop

Pastoral Staff (Rev. Greg,
Rev. Damon, Rev. Don)

Support & Music Staff

Winifred A. Vaughan

Given By:

Byron & Deb Jensen

Hermes, Bliss, & Olsen
families

John M. Northrop

Rev. William G. & Janey
Nottage-Tacey

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Announcements

April 1, 2018

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of O.J. McDougal by family.

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 the congregation by the Church.

April 1, 2018:

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

Greeters: Jim & Carol Harrenstein, Pamela Lay

Communion Servers: Greg Allen-Pickett, Chuck Bauer, Dick Brader, Erika Brooks, Travis & Carol Feezell, Damen Heitmann, Pamela Lay, Constance Malloy, Carolyn McKenzie, Dick McKenzie, William Oliver, Todd Pancratz, Chris Schukei, Barry & Peggy Thompson, Kili & Justin Wenburg

Acolytes: Techloach Duang, Tristan Propp

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Abby Shetler

Upcoming Greeters:

April 8, Boy Scout Troop 200 Scouts

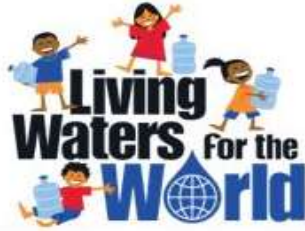
Prayers for: Lynn Barrows, Judy Brown, Ruth Caldwell, Stacy & son Ty Chapel, Fiona (Louie & Kristen) Eckhardt, Stacy Eddleman, Zelma Fobben, Celia & Wayne Ganow, Bonnie Grams, Irmise (& Elmer) Heeren, Kathy (& Steve) Illingworth, Lois Katt (Barbara Sunderman's mom), Mary Kay LaMaster, Richard & Wanda 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.

Offerings for **One Great Hour of Service** will be accepted throughout the month of April.



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 (large box in the Memorial Room), 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.



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.

Adult Study and Fellowship Opportunities

Sunday School for Adults

Forum.

April 8: "Celebrating 100 Years of Boy Scouts in Hastings, NE"

Learn about the amazing legacy of adventure, service, and character formation facilitated by FPC's connection to Troop 200.

April 15: "An Insider's Experience with Border Ministry and Coffee Production"

Visiting from Southern Mexico, Adrian Gonzalez will share how his company (Cafe Justo) combines great coffee with environmental stewardship and minimizing migration.

Heirs Apparent.

April 8: Final session in a study series entitled "Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet."

April 15-May 6: This small group will finish out the Spring semester with a series of discussion classes linking TED talks with spiritual growth.

Mid-Week Bible Study

Tuesdays at noon

Wednesdays at 7 a.m.

Both groups are led by Pastor Greg, and both study the scripture to be used in worship the following Sunday.

Thursday Noon Moms Group

April 5. "How to raise successful kids without over-parenting"

April 19. "Parenting taboos"

Group meets 12-1 on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month for information, discussion, and encouragement. Free childcare is provided. Bring your own lunch.

Thursday Night Spanish Classes

Classes are free, open to the public, welcoming to learners at all levels, taught by a native Spanish speaker. 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Annex's NW classroom.

Parenting Workshop

Saturday, April 14, 1-5 p.m.

1st Presbyterian Church, 7th and Lincoln Ave.

FREE Workshop! FREE Childcare!

Community Welcome!!



Children don't come with instruction manuals,
but help is on the way!

Workshop will provide expert advice, instruction, and encouragement from **Dr. Nancy Foster**, University of Nebraska Medical Center professor and clinician specializing in pediatric psychology.

Especially suitable for
parents with children ages 0-12.



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.

Update from Hands Around the World Store:

A new shipment of coffee has arrived!

And try our new product: organic Sunday morning pancake mix!

Open 9am-12noon on Sundays during the school year, come check us out!

This Week --- Apr. 2 – Apr. 7, 2018

Mon, Apr. 2

OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF EASTER

12:00p-1:00p Memorial Committee Meeting in Anderson Conference

7:00p-9:00p Boy Scouts Meet in Scout Room

7:30p-9:30p Chorus of the Plains Practice in Choir Room

Tue, Apr. 3

12:00p-1:00p Bible Study in Anderson Conference Room

1:00p Quilters Meet in Annex

5:00p-6:00p W.A.M. Committee Meeting in Anderson Conference

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, Apr. 4

7:00a-8:00a Bible@Breakfast in the Parlor

11:00a-12:00p Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office

11:00a-11:30a PW Coordinating Team meets in Library

11:45a-1:15p PW Luncheon in Fellowship Hall

4:00p-6:00p WNL Activities (Pre-K thru 5th 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 (6th thru 12th Grades)

7:30p-8:15p Chancel Bells Practice

7:30p-8:15p WNL Bible Study/Fellowship Jr./Sr. High (6th thru 12th Grades)

Thu, Apr. 5

9:00a-10:30a Safety Committee Meeting in Pastor's Office

12:00p-1:00p Mom's Group meets in Library

6:30p-7:30p Spanish Class in NW Classroom, Annex

Fri, Apr. 6

10:00a-12:00p Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room

HAVE A BLESSED EASTER!