

First Presbyterian Church Hastings



Third Sunday of the Easter Season: Celebrating our Mexico Partnership and Hastings College Department of Music April 15, 2018

PRELUDE "From Everlasting to Everlasting" Julie Turner
Hastings College Handbell Choir - Dr. Byron Jensen, conductor
(As you enter the sanctuary, the prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

HANDBELL INTROIT "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Kevin McChesney

*CALL TO WORSHIP Adrian Gonzalez
How joyful it is, to celebrate the good news of God's love!
We are called to be Easter people!
Darkness cannot claim us!
Fear cannot bind us!
We are called to be God's children.
God's love has been poured on us through Jesus Christ!
Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed! Come let us worship the risen Christ!

*HYMN "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" 248

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you give to us your greatest gift, your son Jesus Christ. You call us to be people of courage and hope; and yet sometimes we run and hide, doubting and fearing. You challenge us to proclaim our faith; but we often huddle in darkness, whispering our words of discouragement. Shake us up, Lord! Forgive us when we seem to need prodding over and over again. Help us to see the presence of Jesus in our lives; and remind us of all that He taught us. Help us to live as disciples, serving you by serving others.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Do not be afraid. The Light of God has vanquished the darkness!

Christ is risen! Our sins and doubts are erased. Rejoice!

God's love is poured upon us, now and forever. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Alleluia, 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.)

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

Stephanie Brader and Meredith Oliver

While the children are coming forward, we invite the congregation to sing:

Jesus loves me, this I know.

ANTHEM

“Breathe On Me Breath of God”

arr. Fritz Mountford

Hastings College Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of all who doubt and believe, by the gift of your Spirit enable us to hear with our ears, to see with our eyes, and to touch with our hands your Word of life—Jesus Christ—our Lord and our God. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – 1 John 3:1-3

Reflection

Adrian Gonzalez

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 24:36b-48

SERMON

“Showing Up”

*HYMN

“Gratefully Offer Talents and Service”

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (“Modern Affirmation of Faith” from the United Methodist Church)

We belong to God, eternal and infinite, Creator of all things and all that is to come.

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 die and rise with him in the service of the healing of the world.

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 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 “A Call to Heaven” Matthew Compton and Jacob Erdman
Hastings College Handbells

***DOXOLOGY** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” 606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Lord God, we offer to you only a portion of what you have given us. All that we have is from your creative hand. All that we can give away we do through Jesus' love. All our renewal comes from the Holy Spirit's wisdom. Deal graciously with these gifts so that others may have joy; in Jesus' name. 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** “Go to the World!” 295

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE** “Celtic Praise” Rolf Lovland/arr. Kevin McChesney
Hastings College Handbell Choir

**COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK AND INVITE YOUR
NEIGHBORS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS!**

8:30 Contemporary-Style worship service led by Celebrate Band

9:15 Sunday School for all ages

10:30 Traditional-Style worship service, High School Senior Recognition

We are an Easter people, Alleluia is our song!

-St. Augustine

April-May Easter Season Worship Themes

Sunday 4/8: "Service and Unity" Acts 4:32-35, 100 years of Boy Scouts at FPC

Sunday 4/15: "Showing up" Luke 24:36-48, Visit from mission partner from Mexico,
Hastings College Handbell Choir

Sunday 4/22: Senior Recognition Sunday, Psalm 23 and John 10:11-18

Sunday 4/29: "Guiding and Teaching" Acts 8:26-40

Sunday 5/6: Confirmation Sunday, Confirmands' Statements of Faith

Sunday 5/13: "A Spirit of Wisdom" Ephesians 1:15-23, Mother's Day

Sunday 5/20: Pentecost in the Park! Acts 2:1-21 Shared worship
and potluck with the Episcopal Church in Chautauqua Park



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

Gratefully Offer Talents and Service

Unison

1 Grate - ful - ly of - fer tal - ents and ser - vice, Meet - ing the
 2 Faith - ful - ly serv - ing all of God's chil - dren, Tell - ing our
 3 Joy - ful - ly prais - ing, learn - ing, sup - port - ing, Find - ing new

chal - lenge of this new day. Part - ners in mis - sion, work - ing with
 stor - ies, lis - tening to theirs, Teach - ing, up - hold - ing, with love en -
 paths of ser - vice and prayer, Led by the Spir - it, life we in -

vi - sion, Strength - en Christ's bod - y in a new way.
 fold - ing, We help to bear all bur - dens and cares.
 her - it, Giv - ing God glo - ry now ev - ery - where.

Jane Parker Huber, 1988

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Gaelic melody

Arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

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Announcements

April 15, 2018

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in honor of the Morhart and Kovar children.

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.

April 15, 2018:

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

Greeters: Jeni & George Howard, Georgie Evans

Acolytes: Addyson Hermes, Keira Erickson

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Leah Ratzlaff

Prayers for: Lynn Barrows, Judy Brown, Ruth Caldwell, Sharon 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, Teresa Luther, Dwight & Jane Marsh (Edie Perdew, Dwight's sister), Carol Medsker, Larry & Carolyn Nowka, Ramona Shetler, Erv & Betty Lou Siemoneit (Shirley Maul & Sandy Siemoneit's parents), Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in-law), Beth (Peggy Thomson's sister), Audrey Watson and families.

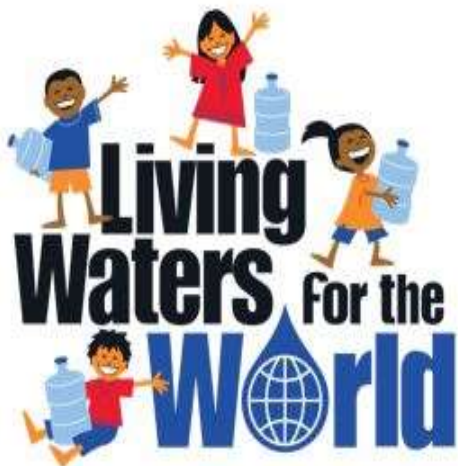
Offerings for **One Great Hour of Sharing** will be accepted throughout the month of April.

Moms Group: Information, Encouragement, Support

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

April 19: "Parenting Taboos"

*Free child care. *Bring a sack lunch if you like.



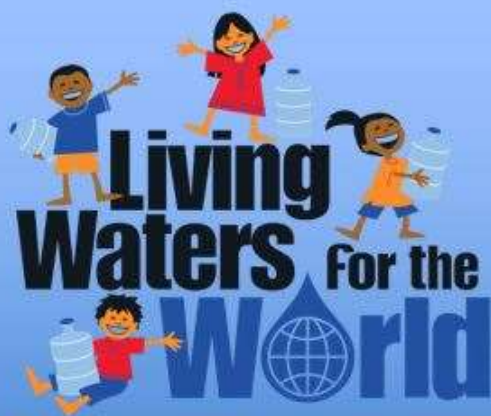
2018 VBS

First Presbyterian Church

May 21-25 9:00am-12:00pm

**Early drop-off option at 8:00am by pre-registration ONLY.

Everyone welcome! Pre-school (must be toilet trained) through 4th Grade. Register now at <https://fpchastings.org/vbs/> for the best week of the summer!



Clean Water for All God's Children!

Please join us for

Special-Needs VBS

May 22-24

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Hosted by: First Presbyterian Church



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.

Needed: Volunteers and Prayers

The next United Harvest distribution will be THIS Saturday, April 21.

Volunteers are needed! Main shift is 9:30-12:30. Clean up shift is 12:30-2:00.

Prayer Requests (as shared with us by a friend from FUMC):

In Nicolas Wolterstorff's book *Justice*, he used the term "quartet of the vulnerable" to describe four groups of people in the Old Testament that were the weakest and most vulnerable in society. The passage from Zechariah 7:9-10a (NIV) names those four groups. "This is what the Lord Almighty said: 'Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another. Do not oppress the **widow** or the **fatherless**, the **foreigner** or the **poor**.'" What groups in our time would we put in a "quartet of the vulnerable"? Are they present at the United Harvest distribution?

This month we start a caring ministry that plans to make available a time for recipients to meet with facilitators to pray and share concerns. We ask that you **pray**:

- That the Spirit brings and empowers people to serve in that capacity. The need is for 6 to 8 individuals. In some instances, a skill in Spanish is desirable.
- That those who come to receive food will also have the courage and trust to receive food for the soul through sharing of concerns and prayer.
- That from this sharing of concerns and prayer, recognition of the societal injustices innate to the community may be identified.
- That as injustices are identified, the body of the church chooses to act as directed in Psalm 82:3-4 (NIV). "Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

As we discover how vulnerability comes about and who is most susceptible, may we do as Jesus did and respond with compassion and justice.

REV. GREG ALLEN-PICKETT
FORUM: APRIL 22, 9:15 A.M.

REFLECTIONS ON HOLY WEEK

GREG'S PHOTOS FROM LEBANON, SYRIA, AND IRAQ
PROVIDE A CONTEMPORARY PHOTOGRAPHIC
INTERPRETATION OF JESUS' LAST WEEK.



Tacos and Fellowship: A Happy Combination!

You are invited to our **Fifth Sunday Potluck** event following the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, **April 29**. All members and friends of FPC are encouraged to gather for this meal simply for the sake of spending time in one another's company, making new friends, and enjoying some tacos!

Please consider contributing to the meal as follows (according to first letter of last name):

A-F: taco shells, tortillas, or chips

G-M: seasoned chicken or beef for tacos

N-R: taco toppings (e.g. guacamole, salsa, sour cream, lettuce...)

S-Z: dessert

COMING SOON!

The Congregational Life Committee is pleased to announce that personalized name tags will be available for each member of the congregation beginning next week. It is the committee's prayer that these tags will enhance worship and relationships as we put names with the faces of those with whom we worship weekly.

****Special thanks** to Brian and Laurie Johnson of Johnson Custom Carpentry, who built the beautiful name tag storage cabinet located in the Memorial Room.

*"No one is anonymous to God, and neither should we be to one another."
-Brian Johnson*

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**Ann L. Binfield and Chip Essex Memorial Scholarships** are now available. Applications may be found on the glass shelf in front of the church office, or online at: [www.fpchastings.org/scholarships/](http://www.fpchastings.org/scholarships/). Deadline is May 11, 2018.  
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Adult Sunday School interest survey

**Please check the boxes for items that would make you want to come to an adult Sunday School class.*

**If you feel neutral about an item, leave it blank.*

▪ **FORMAT**

- Location of class is not at the church (eg. at a coffee shop or Russ's)
- Class includes time for small talk
- Refreshments are served
- Class includes time for discussion of the topic
- Class meets only 3 or so weeks at a time and then takes a break
- There is reading or other suggested reflection between Sunday sessions
- Nothing is required of participants between Sunday sessions

▪ **CONTENT**

- Class is a serious Bible study
- Class studies/discusses a book (non-scriptural)
- Each week has its own topic
- Topics are addressed more deeply through a series of classes

▪ **PARTICIPANTS**

- Class is designated for people in your age range
- Class is only for women or only for men
- Class includes diversity of age, gender, and perspective

▪ **LEADER**

- Same leader each Sunday
- Variety of individuals take turns leading the class
- Class is led by an expert
- Class leader is similar in knowledge to class participants

▪ **OTHER**

- _____

If you currently participate in adult Sunday School, why do you do so?

If you currently do not participate in adult Sunday School, what do you do instead from 9:15-10:15 on Sunday mornings?

Topics you'd be interested in addressing through an adult class:

Other comments about the adult education program?

How do you prefer to get info about upcoming classes? (Circle all that apply.)

Home Page
Bulletin

Facebook
Fliers on church doors

Weekly "Learn, Grow, Serve!" email Kili sends out
Other _____

This Week --- Apr. 16 – Apr. 21, 2018

Mon, Apr. 16	7:00p-9:00p	Boy Scouts Meet in Scout Room
	7:30p-9:30p	Chorus of the Plains Practice in Choir Room
Tue, Apr. 17	10:30a-11:30p	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office
	12:00p-1:00p	Adult Education Meeting in the Parlor
	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
	6:00p-9:00p	P.E.O. Ch. FH Meet in the Parlor
	6:30p-8:00p	Financial Peace University Class
	6:45p-7:45p	Deacons Meet in Anderson Conference Room
	7:00p-8:00p	CCC Dog Obedience Class in NE Classroom, Annex
Wed, Apr. 18	7:00a-8:00a	Bible@Breakfast in the Parlor
	9:30 a.m.	Circle 1 Meets , Hostess May Wierenga
	9:30 a.m.	Circle 2 Meets , Hostess Lynnette Krieger
	1:15 p.m.	Circle 3 Meets in Library, Hostess June Nielsen
	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 Meet in Basement
	** 6:45p-7:30p	NO Chancel Choir Practice (tonight only) **
	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 12 th Grades)
Thu, Apr. 19	12:00p-1:00p	Mom's Group Meets in Library
	3:30p-9:30p	Girl Scouts Annual Meeting in FH & Kitchen
	5:30p-6:30p	Session Meets in Anderson Conference Room
	6:30p-7:30p	Spanish Class in NW Classroom, Annex
Fri, Apr. 20	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
Sat, Apr. 21		UNITED HARVEST FOOD DISTRIBUTION Volunteers are needed 9:30-12:30 &/or 12:30-2:00.