

March 10, 2019 First Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE "Preludes in F and C Major" Mendelssohn

Linda Vollweiler, Organist

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" Joachim Neander

The Chancel Choir, Directed by Robin Koozer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Romans 10, Psalm 91, Deuteronomy 26, Luke 4) In the quiet of this moment, in the stillness of this place;

Draw near to us, O God.

As we seek the shelter of your refuge, as we start this season of Lent;

Hearken to our need, Holy One.

Transform this time and place into a sanctuary for us;

Make your presence known among us.

You alone, O God, are worthy of our worship and service.

Come let us worship God!

*HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Lord, as we enter the season of Lent, we enter a time of self-examination and repentance, a time of preparation for the transforming power of Easter.

We are reminded of our weakness and our need for your strength.

We ask your forgiveness when we succumb to the temptations of this world, when we tread paths that are contrary to your will.

We ask your forgiveness when we fail to look beyond our own desires to see another's need.

We ask for your presence in our wilderness wanderings.

May your hand guide us from the arid land of sin into a land flowing with milk and honey — a land made rich and abundant by your saving love. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

PETITION FOR MERCY

"O Lord, Have Mercy"

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

No one who believes in Jesus will be put to shame.

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Glory Be to the Father"

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*PEACE OF CHRIST (Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those around you.) The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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

BAPTISM

Tyson Paul Dailey

Parents: Joe and Carrie Dailey

(While the family is coming up for the baptism and the children are coming to sit around the font, the congregation will sing, "Jesus Loves Me.")

BAPTISM QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION

Through the act of baptism, this child will be received into Christ's church and this congregation has a role in his nurture. To that end, I ask the congregation, do you promise, with God's help, to support and pray for this child and his parents? And, do you promise to love this child and to assist him in becoming a faithful follower of Jesus Christ? If so, please respond by saying say, "We do." **We Do.**

BAPTISM SONG

"God Claims You"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of signs and wonders, who speaks the world into being, speak again your words of life. May your word be ever near us, on our lips, and in our hearts. Transform us as we hear your word this day; that we may respond with acts of service and love. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING - Romans 10:8b-13

 2^{ND} SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 4:1-13

SERMON

"God moves... in the desert"

*HYMN

"Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days"

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

arr. Ramey & Sherman

Chancel Bell Choir, Directed by Byron Jensen

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We bring these gifts to you, O God, in recognition and gratitude for your loving provision. We offer you these gifts and our very lives and bow before you in tribute to your many blessings. Take us and use us, that your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. This we pray in the name of the One who came in holy love, that we might have abundant life. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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.

ANTHEM

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

by H. L. Hassler/ J.S. Bach

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

In this feast you have made us one with you, O God. Enliven us with your Holy Spirit that we may be united in ministry in every place. Send us, in your marvelous light, into the world, ready to serve others and work for peace. We pray this in the triune name of God. Amen.

*HYMN

"Come, Live in the Light" (vs. 1-2)

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Stanley

(*Indicates the congregation shall stand as they are able.)

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

8:30 – Taizé-Style Contemplative Worship 9:15 - Sunday School for all ages 11:00 – Combined Worship Service at First United Methodist Church



Join us for the Season of Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Week & Easter as we explore God's work through the travels, teachings, death & resurrection of Jesus

> March 10: God moves... in the desert Luke 4:1-13

March 24: God moves... over the fence Luke 13:1-9

March 31: God moves... down the road Luke 15:11-32

April 14: God moves... to the cross Luke 19:28-40 (Palm Sunday)

April 18: God moves... showing us what love looks like John 13:1-17, 31-35 (Maundy Thursday)

> April 19: God moves... to the end John 18:1-19:42 (Good Friday)

April 21: God moves... out of the tomb! Luke 24:1-12 (Easter Sunday)

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Head of Church: Jesus Christ

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March 10, 2019:

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM in loving memory of Carl Sanderson by his 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 Jean in the office at 402-462-5147 or jean@fpchastings.org.

Need a ride to church on Sundays? Request a ride by calling Deacon Moderator Joan Shaw at 402-460-8195 or the church office at 402-462-5147.

Flowers are given in in loving memory of Carl Sanderson by his family.

2019 Offering Envelopes are located on the built in wood shelf in the hall by the church office and on the welcome stand in the Memorial Room.

March Ushers (Team #1): Chuck Hastings – Captain, Luke Brooks,

LaVern Franzen, Roger Sunderman, Elaine Specht, Lorna Zajack,

Laura Kate Oliver (100% Attendance Recognition)

Greeters Today: Mary Kay LaMaster, Paula Crozier, **Acolytes:** Jonah Snell, Tethloach Duang

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Andrea Franzen, Laura Peterson, Abigail Shetler

Jim Harrenstein Update Jim has been moved to a cardiac rehab facility in Lincoln. He would love to receive cards or notes of encouragement. The address is: Select Specialty Hospital - Lincoln; 2300 South 16th St; 7th floor Room 714; Lincoln, NE 68502

In Loving Memory of

- **❖ Craig Balnicke** who passed away February 04, 2019. Graveside services were held at Parkview Cemetery in Hastings on February 16.
- ❖ Arlene Kort passed away February 24, 2019. Services were held at FPC at on March 1, with a reception following.

The Rose on the Lectern this morning is in celebration of the birth of Audrey Kathleen Miller born March 5, 2019, to proud parents Dana and Brett Miller.

FPC Prayers for:

Jim Cooke Jim Harrenstein Celia & Wayne Ganow

Andy Barrows John Harrington Zelma Fobben Sharon Harvey Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in law) Levi Kaiser

Jeff & Ashley Hermann Katharine Davis Arlene Kort family

Please let us know if you would like to be added to, or removed from, the prayer list by calling the church office at 402-462-5147.

March Communion Offering goes to Open Table Program created in 2004 to provide a daily sack lunch to people, no questions asked, no judgments made.

This Week at FPC --- March 11, 2019 - March 17, 2019

Mon, Mar 11	1:00p-3:00p	Pickle Ball in FPC Annex Gym
Wion, Mai 11	6:00p-3:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe in FPC Annex
	0.00p-0.00p	NW Classroom
	6:00p-8:00p	Missionary Presentation/Supper in
	0.00p-0.00p	Fellowship Hall
	7:00p-9:00p	Boy Scouts Troop 200 in Scout Room
	,	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal
Tues, Mar 12	7:30p-9:30p	Staff Meeting
rues, mai 12	10:30a-11:30a 12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in Anderson Room
	1:00p-1:00p	Quilters meet in FPC Annex
	-	Congregational Life meeting in Parlor
	5:30p-7:00p 5:30p-6:30p	Trustees meeting in Anderson Conference
	7:00p-8:30p	Knit Wits in the Parlor
Wed, Mar 13	7:00p-8:30p 7:00a-8:00a	Bible @ Breakfast in the Parlor
wea, mai 15	4:00p-6:00p	Pre-K thru 5 th Grade Bible Study,
	4.00p 0.00p	Recreation Time, Choir/Bells (WNL)
	4:30p-5:30p	Grief Group in the Kessler Room
	6:00p-6:45p	WNL Family Meal Time
	0.00p 0.43p	All are welcome!
	6:20p-6:50p	WNL Calvin Middle School and
	0.20p 0.30p	Westminster High School Bells
	6:30p-8:00p	Wood Carvers meet in Church Basement
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir
	6:50p-7:30p	WNL Calvin Middle School and
		Westminster High School Choir
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bells
	7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study and Fellowship:
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	7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study and Fellowship:
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Thurs, Mar 14	7:00a-7:45a	Spirituality Lab in the Library
,	4:15 p-5:15p	Mission Committee meet in Parlor
	5:30p-8:00p	Pickle Ball in the FPC Annex Gym
	6:00p-7:00p	Spanish Class in Annex NW Classroom
	5:00p-8:00p	Cub Scout Den in Fellowship Hall
Fri, Mar 15	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
Sat, Mar 16	9:30a	United Harvest
Sun, Mar 17	8:30a-9:15a	Taizé Style Worship Service
	9:15 a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Traditional Worship Service
	7:00 PM	Church@Campus HC French Memorial Chapel

Bible @ **Breakfast** (Wednesday's at 7 a.m. in the Parlor) The current study is on the development of the apocalyptic imagination in biblical history. Come join this class with Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh studying from scripture in the Old and New Testaments.



Knitters and Crocheters If you like knitting and/or crocheting, join us for our knitting/crocheting *fellowship group*, the **Knit Wits**. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, 7:00-8:00/8:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Bring whatever project you're currently working on, or stop in for pointers on how to get started. Join us for refreshments, fellowship, and fun!

Spirituality Lab Learn and practice together a different form of prayer or meditation at each gathering. Come find the information and support you need for a more interesting and fruitful prayer life. 7:00 a.m., in the Library (New Location).

- ❖ March 14: Using the Lord's Prayer as a guide for meditation How do you use the Bible in your prayer/meditation?
- ❖ March 28: Writing prayer as a letter between myself and God How is prayer different from other spiritual practices?



The Forum

❖ March 17 "Habitat for Humanity"

Anchored in our community for a number of decades, Habitat for Humanity engages the skills of many people. When the weather cooperates, the team will be ready for a new build. How does this process work? Come learn from a panel of seasoned volunteers.

Presenters: Members of the Board of Habitat for Humanity

2nd Semester Grief Group Find strength and comfort by gathering with others experiencing similar struggles at the loss of a loved one. The grief group for men and women started March 6 at 4:30-5:30 and will continue to meet every Wednesday for 8 weeks in the Kessler room. The group will be using the book "Praying our Goodbyes" by Joyce Rupp. Contact the church office if you are interested in attending.

Presbyterian Women.

- ✓ Circle I will meet March 20-9:30am in the Library (Hostess-Darlene Payne; Lesson-May Wierenga)
- ✓ Circle II will meet March 20–9:30am (Hostess-Bonnie Grams; Lesson-Pam Lay)
- ✓ Circle III will meet March 20 1:15 pm in the Library (Hostess-Nancy Grams; Lesson-Katherine Davis)



Heir's Apparent Adult Sunday School "Liking Jesus: Intimacy and Contentment in a Selfie-Centered World" is a study that looks at how social media works in relation to our emotions, relationships, attitude, beliefs and our biblical values.

Soup Group for Women 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, 12:00-1:00pm in the Library. Bring a sack lunch if you wish. March 21 – Topic to be Determined

Have you ever wondered what it is like to be a Christian in the Middle East? What does it take to practice your faith in Syria, Iraq, and Lebanon? Come find out, meet some faithful missionaries, and enjoy a delicious a Middle Eastern Dinner! Join us *Monday, March 11 at 6:00 in Fellowship Hall for dinner* and to hear from Rev. Scott and Rev. Elmarie Parker who will be sharing their observations, experiences, stories, and mission. RSVP to the church office or sign up following services in the Memorial Room.

Register NOW for 2019 Summer Camp Grades 3 - 12,

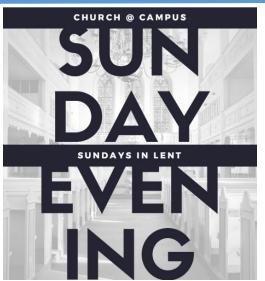
<u>PLUS Intergenerational & Family camps for Adults/Children age 5-12!</u> Benefits of Christian Camping...



☑ Campers can grow in their spiritual development in a fun, positive environment. ☑ Camp is an extension of your local church ministry program ☑ Child development experts believe that residential camp experiences help children and youth mature socially, emotionally, intellectually, morally, and physically.

(Supported by research conducted by the American Camp Association) Highlands Presbyterian Camp & Retreat Center Summer Camp brochures are available on the built in wood shelf in the hall by the church office. Scholarship Applications are also available.

Contact Stephanie at stephanie@fpchastings.org with any questions.



Church @ Campus – Sleep In? Out of town? Wi-Fi Out of Whack? Whatever the reason, if you missed church on Sunday morning, you don't need to worry because during Lent you'll get a second chance (seasonally appropriate, eh?).

Beginning Sunday, March 10 and continuing through Lent, we'll be holding Sunday evening worship services on the campus of Hastings College at 7:00 pm in French Memorial Chapel. The services will be similar to our regular 10:30 a.m. services.

Church @ Campus is open to all who would like to come so feel free to give it a try.

Sermons a La Carte – 2019 Theme: The Way of Love Practices for a Jesus Centered Life Please join us at St. Mark's Episcopal Pro-Chathedral on Wednesdays during Lent from 12:05 p.m.-12:30p.m. for a Lenten message followed by lunch.

- ❖ March 13 The Very Rev. Katie Hargis (St. Mark's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral); Lunch by the Women of Saint Mark's
- ❖ March 20 Pastor Kent Rogers (Grace United Methodist Church); Lunch by Grace United Methodist Women
- ❖ March 27 Pastor Dustin Bower (First Christian Church Disciples of Christ); Lunch by First Christian Church
- ❖ **April 3** Pastor Steven Peeler (Lutheran church of the Good Shepherd); Lunch by the Women of Lutheran church of the Good Shepherd
- ❖ **April 10** The Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett (First Presbyterian Church); Lunch by the Presbyterian Women

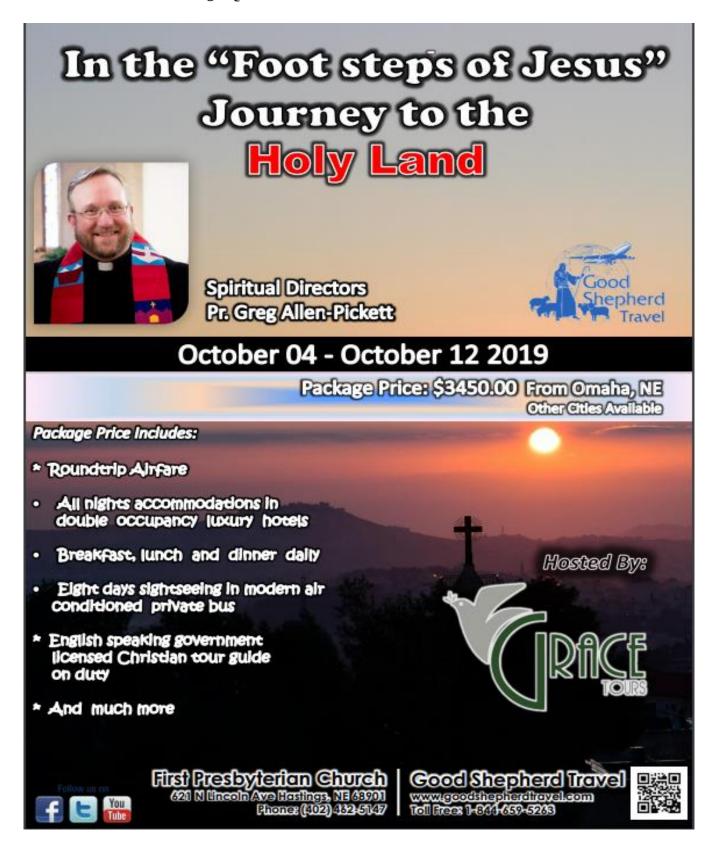


Hands around the World Store

New shipments have arrived with coffee, tea, spices, scarves, and Easter decorations. Please stop by to see all our New Spring merchandise.

Have you ever wanted to visit the Holy Land? Now is your chance!!

Pastor Greg will be traveling to the Holy Land October 4-12, 2019. The total package includes roundtrip airfare, all accommodations, meals, and eight days of sightseeing. Flyers are located in the office and in the Memorial Room. *The deadline to sign up has been extended to March 25*. Questions? Please call the office.



Welcome New Members!!

Bob and Kathy Amyot



Chris Dowdy



Danny and Jodi Graves



Dacia Hultman



Judy Hoch



Bill and Sharon Talbert



John and Lois Meeske

