

First Presbyterian Church Hastings



March 31, 2019 Fourth Sunday of Lent “Scout Sunday”

PRELUDE “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” *arr. Martin Shaw*
Linda Vollweiler, Organist

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”
Calvin/Westminster Youth Choirs
Linda Johnson, Director; Mary Plock, Piano

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.

Know that God’s love is lavished upon you forever.

We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope! Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love!

*HYMN “Here in this Place: Gather Us In” 401

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, when we keep silent about our sin, we waste away with regret and guilt; we feel your hand upon us, and our strength dries up. And so we acknowledge our sin to you, holding nothing back; like the prodigal son returning home and throwing himself at the mercy of his father; we trust in you to preserve us. Forgive us and reclaim us, we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

PETITION FOR MERCY “O Lord, Have Mercy” 576

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Steadfast love surrounds those who put their trust in God,

For God forgives the guilt of their sin.

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven! In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven and loved.

Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Glory Be to the Father” 581

*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!

MINUTE FOR MISSION

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, may your word teach us the way that we should go; and counsel us in the ways of life. We eagerly wait upon your teaching and counsel, for we are lost without it. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

ANTHEM “Pie Jesu” Mary Lynn Lightfoot

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 15:1-3, 11b-24

SERMON “God moves... down the road”

*HYMN “There Is Now a New Creation” (vs. 1-3, 5) 774

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – We Belong to God (Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes)

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.

CALL TO OFFERING Damen Heitmann & Video by Colleen Schukei

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY “A Celtic Ring” arr. Susan Geschke
Calvin/Westminster Hand Bell Choir,
Byron Jensen, Director

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Bless these gifts, Generous God, that they may be used to find your children – children who wander in hunger, children who long to come home. Through our gifts, may all who wander set off for home, and may we celebrate and rejoice in their homecoming. Amen.

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** “Come, Live in the Light” (vs. 1-2) 749

***BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**

***BLESSING RESPONSE** “Grant Us Peace” *Michael Scott*

POSTLUDE “Rondeau No. 2 in D Major” *David Lasky*

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

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

8:30 – Taize-Style Contemplative Service

9:15 – Sunday School for all ages

10:30 – Traditional Service “Celebrating the Gifts of Women” Sunday with Communion

7:00 p.m. – Church @ Campus (Hastings College French Memorial Chapel)

***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 and Music Coordinator: Linda Vollweiler

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

Parish Associate and Spiritual Formation: Kili Wenburg

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

Ministers: Members of the Church

Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Heitmann

Interim Director of Adult Education &

Fellowship: Sharon Brooks

Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer

Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster

Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen

Church Office Administrator: Jean Matheny

Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun

Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger

March 31, 2019:

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM is given by Les and JoAnn 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 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 by Les and JoAnn Seiler.

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,

Greeters Today: Eleanor Jorgensen, Rich & Carolyn McKenzie

Acolytes: Laura Kate Oliver, Peter Ratzlaff

Nursery: Kim Bogan

April Communion Offering goes to Mentoring Works (formerly known as Big Brothers/Big Sisters) established in 1957 so that all children can achieve success in life.

Jim Harrenstein Update Jim is now at home. His recovery is progressing. Cards are still appreciated.

The Rose on the Lectern this morning is in celebration of the birth of Henry James Hoff on March 26, 2019. He joins his parents Laura (Hoff) & Andy Little and big Sisters Genna & Hallie. Proud grandparents are Neal and Susan Hoff.

FPC Prayers for:

Jim Cooke	Jim Harrenstein	Arlene Kort family
Katharine Davis	John Harrington	Sharon Harvey
Zelma Fobben	Jeff & Ashley Hermann	Levi Kaiser
Celia & Wayne Ganow	Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in law)	Danna Wolford & 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.



5th Sunday Potluck is TODAY immediately following 2nd service. Please feel welcome to join us for food and fellowship even if you didn't bring a dish to share. All are welcome!

This Week at FPC --- April 1, 2019 – April 7, 2019

Mon, Apr 1	11:00a-7:00p	Red Cross Blood Drive
	12:00p-1:00p	Memorial Committee in Kessler
Tues, Apr 2	1:00p-3:00p	Pickle Ball in FPC Annex Gym
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe in FPC Annex NW Classroom
	7:00p-9:00p	Boy Scouts Troop 200 in Scout Room
	7:30p-9:30p	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal
	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in Anderson Room
	1:00p	Quilters meet in FPC Annex
	5:30p-6:30p	WAM Committee in Anderson
	5:30p-8:00p	Pickle Ball in FPC Annex Gym
	7:00p-8:00p	Scout Information Night in Fellowship
Wed, Apr 3	7:00a-8:00a	Bible @ Breakfast in the Parlor
	4:00p-6:00p	Pre-K thru 5th Grade Bible Study, Recreation Time, Choir/Bells (WNL)
	4:30p-5:30p	Grief Group in the Kessler Room
	6:00p-6:45p	WNL Family Meal Time <i>All are welcome!</i>
	6:20p-6:50p	WNL Calvin Middle School and 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: Middle School (6th – 8th) Youth Group
	7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: High School (9th - 12th) Youth Group
	Thurs, Apr 4	12:00p-1:00p
5:30p-8:00p		Pickle Ball in FPC Annex Gym
6:00p-7:00p		Spanish Class in Annex NW Classroom
Fri, Apr 5	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
Sun, Apr 7	8:30a-9:15a	Taizé Style Worship Service
	9:15 a	Sunday School (All Ages)
	10:30a	Traditional Worship Service
	7:00 p	Church@Campus HC French Memorial Chapel



Scout Information Night Boys and Girls ages 11 to 18 are invited to attend an informational meeting to join Scouting BSA. Meet the troop leaders April 2, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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.



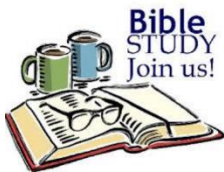
The Forum

❖ **April 7 “Willa Cather’s Journey of Faith”** There were many facets to Willa Cather’s faith. Indeed, there were several distinct faiths present in Cather’s life, as there are in all our lives. St. Paul seemed to think so, too, didn’t he? This presentation will try to link her faith to her life and her times and so give us a way of

seeing in one person’s experience how, for all of us, our beliefs, our calling, our many roles, and our circumstances create an evolving tapestry of faith, faith of many faces. *Presenter:* Charles Peek, Former President and long-time member of the Willa Cather Foundation board

❖ **April 14 “The 1st Native American Woman Physician & The Presbyterian Church”** Susan La Flesche Picotte grew up on the Omaha Reservation and went on to earn a medical degree and build a hospital in Walthill, Nebraska. Her story, including her connection to the Presbyterian Church, is the subject of a PBS special, “Medicine Woman.” Our forum will focus on an effort underway to preserve the hospital property and enhance opportunities to learn more about her work. *Presenter:* Bruce Sheffield

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!



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.

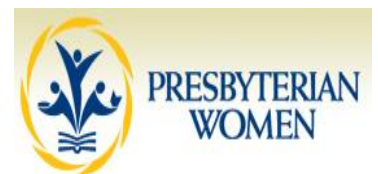
2nd Semester Grief Group Find strength and comfort by gathering with others experiencing similar struggles at the loss of a loved one. The grief group for men and women started March 6 at 4:30-5:30 and will continue through Wednesday, April 24 in the Kessler room. The 8 week study will be using the book “Praying our Goodbyes” by Joyce Rupp. Contact the church office if you are interested in attending.

PRAYING
Our
GOODBYES

Presbyterian Women.

There will be NO P.W. luncheon in April. Instead please attend the 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-Cathedral on Wednesdays during Lent from 12:05 p.m.-12:30p.m. for a Lenten message followed by lunch (\$4. per person).

- ✓ Circle I will meet April 17-9:30am
(Hostess-Jean Barber; Lesson-Peggy Thomson)
- ✓ Circle II will meet April 17-9:30am
(Hostess-Sally Smith; Lesson-Mary Jeanne Cooke)
- ✓ Circle III will meet April 17 – 1:15 pm in the Library
(Hostess-Marie Rasmussen; Lesson-Sue Medsker-Nedderman)





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.

April 4 – Giving Unexpected Gratitude to Those Who Need it Most

April 18 – No Soup Group due to Maundy Thursday

May 2 – How Thanking Awakens our Thinking

May 16 – Expressing Gratitude

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).

❖ April 11: *Praying via mandala creation*

How can we involve family in prayer?

❖ April 25: *Prayer walking (using the labyrinth at Hastings College)*

How do you understand the relationship b/w happiness and joy, and where do you find them in your life?

VBS 2019 Monday, June 3- Thursday, June 6 9:00am-12:00pm.



We are preparing for another great Vacation Bible School! This year, we are using Living Waters for the World's VBS curriculum: *Water All Around the World*. It is designed to enable children to understand the importance of access to clean water for health, and to make them aware of the way in which this access (or lack of access!) affects



the lives of children in other countries. It also teaches the value of water in our own lives.

2019 VBS Volunteer Sign-Up

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 SOON as a volunteer at <https://fpchastings.org/children/>. Please contact Stephanie at stephanie@fpchastings.org or 402-462-5147 with any questions or if you'd like a printed registration form.

To register your child to attend VBS go to <https://fpchastings.org/children/> for the best week of the summer! **Early drop-off option at 8:00am by pre-registration ONLY.

Everyone welcome! Pre-school (must be toilet trained) through 4th Grade

Special Needs VBS 2019 will be held Tuesday, June 4 – Thursday, June 6 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Our ecumenical Special-Needs VBS will be staffed by volunteer special education teachers and others familiar with children who have special needs...maybe even a teacher, para, or parent you know.

Registration is open to elementary-aged, special-needs children and siblings. Registration is limited so sign-up now at <https://fpchastings.org/children/>. If you would prefer a printed registration form, please contact Stephanie at the email or phone listed below. *All registrations must be received before May 29.*

Can't wait to see you there! For more information, e-mail stephanie@fpchastings.org or call Stephanie at 402-462-5147.

Church @ Campus

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.



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-Cathedral on Wednesdays during Lent from 12:05 p.m.-12:30p.m. for a Lenten message followed by lunch. (\$4.00 per person)

❖ **April 3** Pastor Steven Peeler (Lutheran church of the Good Shepherd); Lunch by the Women of Lutheran church of the Good Shepherd

❖ **April 10** Pastor Greg Allen-Pickett (First Presbyterian Church); Lunch by the Presbyterian Women



Come and
Join Us!

Flood Relief Volunteer Opportunities

Wishing you could help more but don't know where to turn? Here is your chance. We will be traveling to Wood River, NE on April 6 and 7 to lend a hand as they continue the clean-up process from the flooding.

Supplies to bring: tools, ladders, shop vac's, sheet rock tools, power screwdrivers, etc. We have the use of a trailer to transport everything.

Please notify the church office at 402-462-5147 by Wednesday, April 4th if you plan to participate.

Questions? Contact Tim Johnson at 402-463-4430 timjohnson5353@gmail.com or Deb at 402-469-5847 debjohnsonflute@gmail.com

→ Saturday, April 6

For those who want to work hanging drywall and other "construction" type labor:

- ✓ Meet in the Church Parking Lot at 7:30am to drive out to Wood River
- ✓ Return to Hastings around 6pm

→ Saturday, April 6

For those that don't want to do construction (or can't), but want to help:

- ✓ Gather at church at 10:30am to get food together
- ✓ Depart church at 11am for Wood River
- ✓ Help serve lunch to our work crew and other residents of Wood River
- ✓ Return to Hastings around 2pm

THANK YOU TO FRESH IDEAS/CHEF ERON
FOR PROVIDING THE MEAL AND MAKING THIS POSSIBLE

→ Sunday, April 7

For those who want to work hanging drywall and other "construction" type labor:

- ✓ Bring your work clothes to church! Depart from church parking lot at 12pm after worship.
- ✓ Return to Hastings around 6pm

Hastings Food Pantry-Your Donation Needed On the first Sunday of every month, please bring items to place in the blue bins in the Memorial Room for the Hastings Food Pantry. Non-perishable foods and paper products are always needed to keep the Pantry resupplied. Deacons will deliver the items to the pantry supply center.



Hands around the World Store

New SPRING shipments have arrived with coffee, tea, spices, scarves, and Easter decorations. Our products from SERRV, Equal Exchange, and Just Coffee are Fair Trade. Behind every product is a story of inspiration, hope, and change - of artisans being able to send their children to school, build a first home, and feel the security of becoming self-sufficient. Your purchase not only helps to lift artisans, farmers, and their families out of poverty, but also supports United Harvest, a local mission, to which our store donates \$100.00 every month. Your purchase makes a difference!

Easter Egg Hunt Candy Donations Needed:

First Presbyterian Church will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20 at 2:00 pm for children thru 2nd grade. Donations of individually wrapped candies and/or toys would be greatly appreciated. Drop off your donation in the common office area as soon as possible so that volunteers can begin stuffing eggs. Thank you in advance for your help in making this event a success. Questions? Contact Stephanie Brader at 402-462-5147.



In the "Foot steps of Jesus"
Journey to the Holy Land



Spiritual Directors
 Pr. Greg Allen-Pickett



October 04 - October 12 2019

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. Questions? Please call the office, time is running out! 5 tickets still available!


Welcome New Members



Tony Davis



Nan Huey



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)

God on the move!
 A Lenten Sermon Series

EASTER LILIES



Easter lilies may be purchased in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$12 each. Money raised over the cost will be donated to Adams/Clay County ARC (Advocate for the Rights of Citizens).

Lily in memory of:

Lily in honor of:

Given by:

I will take my Lily home after the Easter Sunday services: Yes No

I will leave my Lily at the church: Yes No

**(All lilies left will be delivered to a member of the church who is unable to attend services.)



First Presbyterian Church, Hastings

April 14 – Palm Sunday

- ♥ 8:30 a.m. Celebrate Worship Service
- ♥ 9:15 a.m. Sunday School (All Ages)
- ♥ 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- ♥ 7:00 p.m. Church @ Campus (French Memorial Chapel)

April 17 – International Day of Farmers/Ranchers Struggles

- ♥ Noon Soup Luncheon & Prayer Service for Farmers/Ranchers
- ♥ WNL Activities as Scheduled

April 18 – Maundy Thursday

- ♥ 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

April 19 – Good Friday

- ♥ 12:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
- ♥ 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
- ♥ 8:00 p.m. Easter Prayer Vigil (continues until 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunday)

April 20 – Easter Egg Hunt

- ♥ 2:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt at Alexander Park (North of the church)
- ♥ Easter Prayer Vigil (continues until 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunday)

April 21 – Easter Sunday

- ♥ 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Worship Service in the Hastings College Football Stadium/Lynn Farrell Arena Press Box
- ♥ 7:00 a.m. Breakfast in the HC Press Box
- ♥ No Sunday School (All Ages)
- ♥ 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service