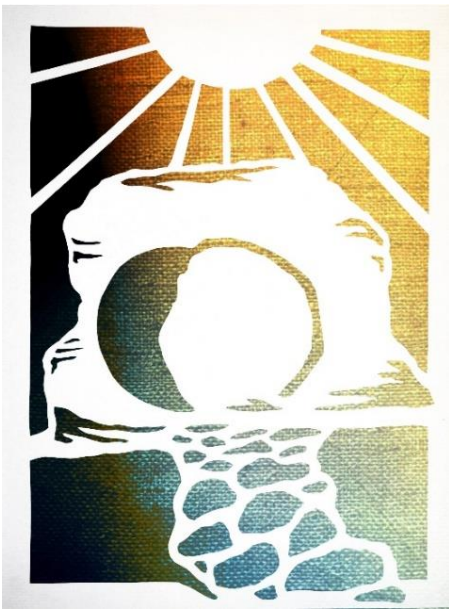


First Presbyterian Church Hastings



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Easter Sunday

April 21, 2019

PRELUDE

“Earl of Oxford’s March”
“Canzona per Sonare No. 2”
The Cathedral Brass

William Byrd
Giovanni Gabrieli

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT

“Christ is Risen!”

The Cathedral Brass; and Chancel, Westminster, and Calvin Choirs, Director Robin R. Koozer

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Holy God, sometimes we choose darkness over light.

Sometimes we choose hate and anger over love and joy.

Sometimes we choose to hold grudges rather than grant forgiveness.

Sometimes we choose to look away rather than respond to suffering around us.

Open us to your love, to your acceptance, to your forgiveness, to your peace.

Open us to one another, and to the possibilities you have in store for us.

Give us hope for the future and a passion for life here and now.

We pray in the name of the One who destroyed death, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Come into the light of God's love!

Christ is risen! Death has been swallowed up in victory!

Know beyond all doubt that God's love is always with you, surrounding you, leading you, comforting you. In the name of the risen Christ, we are forgiven and loved!

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Glory to God"

582

*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.)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Henry James Little – Parents Laura and Andy Little

Madilyn and Jackson Graves – Parents Danny and Jodi Graves

BAPTISM QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION

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

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.

BAPTISM HYMN

"Baptized in Water"

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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 – Luke 24:1-12

HANDBELL ANTHEM “Resurrection Joy” *arr. Hart Morris*
Chancel Handbell Choir, Director Byron Jensen

MESSAGE “God moves... out of the tomb!”

CHORAL ANTHEM “Easter Celebration” *Nancy Price and Don Desig*

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 “Sonata No. 21” *Giovanni Gabrieli*
Louie Eckhardt, Erin Beave, Josh Brooks, trumpets

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” 609

*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.

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!” 749
(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 Calvin, Westminster, Chancel Choir, and Members of the Congregation,
Director Linda Johnson

*POSTLUDE “Toccata” from Symphony No. 5 *Charles Widor*
Organist Linda Vollweiler

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

Special thanks to the Cathedral Brass for their worship leadership this morning:
Dr. Louie Eckhardt, trumpet | Erin Beave, trumpet | Dr. Robert Benton, euphonium
Andrew Buller, horn | Dan Sodomka, tuba

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

8:30 – Celebrate Style Service
9:15 – Sunday School for all ages
10:30 – Traditional Service

Join us for our upcoming sermon series: Astonishing God!



**A sermon series about our astonishing God and God's
astonishing acts through some astonishing events and people!**

April 28: Seriously Sent, John 20:19-31

May 5: Awesome Ananias, Acts 9:1-20

May 12: Tremendous Tabitha, Acts 9:36-43

May 19: Fabulous Food, Acts 11:1-18

May 26: Loving Lydia, Acts 16:9-15

June 2: Amazing Ascension, Acts 1:1-11

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings
Sharing the love of Christ from the heart of Hastings since 1873

Head of Church: Jesus Christ

Senior Pastor: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

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Ministries: Stephanie Brader

Organist and Music Coordinator: Linda Vollweiler

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Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster

Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen

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April 21, 2019:

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in honor of the Mohart 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 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 memory of Ty Chapel by the Chapel 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.

Do you have students headed for college this fall? Check the Church website for the **2019 Binfield and Essex Scholarship applications. The deadline is April 22.**

April Ushers (Team #2): Al Meyer – Captain, Duane Huber,
Steve Illingworth, Brian Johnson, Laurie Johnson,
Clyde Sachtleben, Carter Wenburg
Greeters Today: Todd Pankratz & Jessica Meeske, Dwight & Jane Marsh
Acolytes: McKain Ratzlaff, Eleanor Oliver
Nursery: Kim Bogan, Andrea Franzen, Laura Peterson, Chanda Essink

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.

FPC Prayers for:

Jim Cooke	Jim Harrenstein	Sharon Harvey
Zelma Fobben	John Harrington	Levi Kaiser
Celia & Wayne Ganow	Jeff & Ashley Hermann	Danna Wolford & family
	Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in law)	The Family of Lois Hahne
	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	

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.

This Week at FPC --- April 22, 2019 – April 28, 2019

Mon, Apr 22	Office Closed	Easter Monday-Church Office closed
	1:00p-3:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
	5:30p-6:30p	Foundation Board Meeting in Anderson
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe in P.E.A.C.E. Center NW Classroom
	7:00p-9:00p	Scout Troop 200-Boys in Scout Room
	7:30p-9:30p	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal
Tues, Apr 23	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in Anderson Room
	1:00p	Quilters meet in P.E.A.C.E. Center
	5:30p-8:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
	7:00p-8:00p	Knit Wits in Parlor
	Wed, Apr 24	Bible @ Breakfast in the Parlor
	7:00a-8:00a	Pre-K thru 5th Grade Bible Study,
	4:00p-6:00p	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	NO 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 25	5:30p-8:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
	6:00p-7:00p	Spanish Class in P.E.A.C.E. Center NW Classroom
	7:00p-9:00p	Scout Troop 200-Girls in Scout Rooms
Fri, Apr 26	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
Sun, Apr 28	8:30a-9:30a	Celebrate Style Worship Service
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School (All Ages)
	10:30a	Traditional Worship Service

Heir's Apparent Adult Sunday School A new study series, "Joy Stealers: Overcoming Obstacles to Hope and Happiness" began April 7. Via streaming video and conversation, Pastor Rob Refroe offers five transformational decisions, with the help of the Holy Spirit, which will offer us a clearer path to joy. *Grab a cup of coffee and join us in the Anderson Conference Room in the Educational Wing at 9:15am.*



The Forum

❖ **April 28 “Mission & History of Pacha Soap”** Pacha (rhymes with cha-cha) means “Earth” in Quechua, the language of the Peruvian people. While working alongside them on a service project as a student at Hastings College, Andrew began to wonder what he could do to help them develop a source of income.

Presenter: Andrew Vrbas

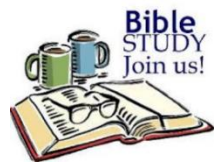
❖ **May 5 “What Can We Learn from the Early Church?”** Similarities abound about what we are facing as Christians today and the challenges of our ancestors worshipping in homes. We will explore those experiences in a two-part series.

Presenter: Rev. Bill Nottage-Tacey

❖ **May 12 “What Can We Learn from the Early Church Part 2?”**

Presenter: Rev. Bill Nottage-Tacey

Bible @ Breakfast (Wednesday's at 7 a.m. in the Parlor) The current study is the development of the apocalyptic imagination in biblical history. Our focus will be Isaiah 1-11. Come join this series with Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh studying from scripture in the Old and New Testaments.



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

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

Knit Wits. Join us for our knitting/crocheting *fellowship group*, 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!



Presbyterian Women.

The monthly luncheon, May 1, is open to all Presbyterian women. Please call the office to add your name to the reservation list. Circles, please RSVP to your circle calling person if you plan to attend.

Circle I will prepare lunch and act as Kitchen Helpers. Circle II is in charge of setting the tables, centerpieces, devotions, nametags, cashier, and Hunger Cups. The program will be given by Karen Parde on the State Refugee Program



- ✓ Circle I will meet May 15-9:30am
(Hostess-Flossie Sanderson; Lesson-Flossie Sanderson)
- ✓ Circle II will meet May 15-9:30am
(Hostess-Gayle Fandry; Lesson-Betty Kooy)
- ✓ Circle III will meet May 15- 1:15 pm in the Library
(Hostess-Nancy Grams; Lesson-Sue Medsker-Nedderman)

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! Ages 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/> . Printed registration forms are available on the wood shelf in the hall by the church office. *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 Brader, Director of Children & Family Ministries, at 402-462-5147.

Hastings Food Pantry-Donations 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.



Crimson Cupboard at Hastings College - Donations Needed

The goal of LocalGlobal, a student-led service group at Hastings College, is to educate about food insecurity and other issues of poverty; and to contribute to the needs of our community, state, country, and world. By definition, food insecurity means a person doesn't know where their next meal is coming from or can't afford food.

LocalGlobal is hosting a food drive to collect donations for the *Crimson Cupboard*, the campus food pantry for food insecure students. As a highly used resource, it is running low on supplies. Items most needed are peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, vegetables, soup, beans, canned meat, and any other nonperishable items. Please drop items in the collection bin in the Memorial Room any time between now and April 28th.

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 **May 4 and 5** to lend a hand as they continue the clean-up process from the flooding.

Supplies to bring: tools, ladders, shop vacs, 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, May 1st 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, May 4

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, May 4

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

→ Sunday, May 5

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



Confirmation Cake Reception

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MEMORIAL ROOM

SUNDAY, MAY 5

FOLLOWING THE 10:30AM SERVICE

CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS??



The First Presbyterian Church and First United Methodist Church 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 these Hastings locations:

First Presbyterian Church,
First United Methodist Church, YMCA
and [Pershing Orthodontics](#).

Thank you in advance!!



Lilies Given In Honor Of

*The Hermes & the Olsen Families
Brett & Dana Miller
Don & Marie Rasmussen
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Charlie & Lois Hafer*

Bill & Janey Nottage-Tacey

Peter & Pamela Lainson

*Gretchen Lainson
Audrey Kathleen Miller
Jayson & Abbi Stoddard & twin daughters
The Staff at First Presbyterian Church
Our parents: Merle & Annabelle Hafer;
Boyd & Mary Lou Leymaster
FPC Staff & their Ministries;
Pastors, Elders, Deacons & their Ministries
Gretchen H. Lainson*

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The Stein family
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The Shoemaker/Friedewald family

Dr. George & Colleen Adam

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Steve & Lesa Cropley

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Marilyn Nielsen

Chip Essex family

Sally Smith

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Hal Lainson
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Ome & Honor Shoemaker
Our Parents
Dennis Utter
Nicole Jensen; Parents; Grandparents
Loved Ones
Our Parents: Thomas & Winifred Vaughan
Loved Ones
Chip Essex
Dr. Robert C. Smith & our parents
Our children & grandchildren
George & Inez Payne Family; Herbert Payne;
son Paul Payne
Calvin & Phyllis Soderquist; Julie Soderquist;
Lloyd & Virginia Wright
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Our Parents: Lois & Alex Wacker;
Walt & Mary Anne Seiler
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Our Parents
John & Dixie Kerr
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Phyllis & John Lainson;
Virginia & Col. Roger K. Davis*



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 hope that you are inspired by this worship service and that it equips you to go out and share the love of the risen Christ in your family, your community, and the world!

We are a community that is deeply committed to sharing the **love of Christ** in Hastings and beyond, and we do that most effectively by seeking to serve those who are in need, both spiritually and physically.

We have been very active in **flood relief** and invite you to join with us in this work. We will take our second day trip to Wood River on Saturday, May 4. Meet in the church parking lot at 7:30am to go help families impacted by doing light construction work. We will also be taking overnight trips to Boyd County and the Pine Ridge Reservation this summer to help with flood relief work there, so stay tuned! You can also contribute financial resources to assist in the flood relief work that First Presbyterian Church is doing.

Our church is actively engaged in **local ministry and mission** in other ways 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!

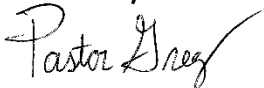
Our church seeks to engage our **hearts** and our **minds**, so we offer **amazing learning opportunities**. Come to **Sunday School** for all ages at 9:15am to hear engaging speakers and dig into the Bible to learn about what it means to you. During the school year, come to our **“Wednesday Night Live”** 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, or bring your kids to our children and youth choirs or handbell groups who all practice on Wednesday evenings.

Join us for **Sunday morning worship** at 8:30 for a contemplative “Taize-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 Mission Statement

Welcoming all;

Living the love of God and neighbor;

Seeking to transform ourselves, our community, and our world to be more Christ-like through service, worship, prayer, education, and fellowship.