



**Second Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2019**

PRELUDE

“Hail, the Day that See’s Him Rise”
Linda Vollweiler, Organist

Albert L. Travis

WELCOME

Damen Heitmann

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Greg Allen-Picket

The work of resurrection is just beginning.

It is the work of healing and restoration.

The call of Easter echoes still.

The call to move beyond our doubts and fears.

The risen Christ is in our midst

Granting us peace and sending us forth.

*HYMN

“The Day of Resurrection”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that we keep our doors closed. We’re afraid to go out. We’re afraid of snakes and spiders but mostly we’re afraid of ourselves. We’ve turned everyone into strangers and locked ourselves into little camps. We’re scared to be embarrassed and we’re too nervous to be honest. We’ll look foolish if we admit we’ve lost our way or acknowledge that our lives aren’t perfect or seem vulnerable for a moment. Open us, O God. Forgive us our fear and free us to new lives. Grant us the courage to be sent out into the lives of others.

QUESTION AND SILENT CONFESSION

What fear holds you back?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We are one in our iniquity.

We are one in our restoration.

We are forgiven by God.

Alleluia! Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Santo, Santo, Santo”

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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.)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

United Harvest

Lucy Nielson

SENIOR RECOGNITION

(While the seniors come forward, the children of the congregation are invited to come forward and gather at the front of the sanctuary. The congregation will sing "Jesus Loves Me")

*HYMN

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

As your word is read and proclaimed, let us perceive it beyond hearing, understand it beyond knowing, and cherish it beyond loving. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 150

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – John 20:19-23

MESSAGE

"So I Send You"

HYMN

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

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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 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Hungarian Pastoral Fantasy"

Doppler

Lucy Nielsen, Flutist

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

May these gifts, O God, be put into action. Let them be used. Let them be spent. Let them build up, piece by piece, your beloved realm. Let them help to create your kingdom here on earth. 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	“Hymn of Promise” (verses 1 & 2)	250
*CHARGE AND BLESSING		
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE	“Hymn of Promise” (verse 3)	250
*POSTLUDE	“Voluntary in C Major”	Henry Purcell

*(*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 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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Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson

Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady

Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver

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Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster

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April 28, 2019:

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

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

May Ushers (Team #3): Dave Fisher – Captain, Andrew Barrows, Ed Lockwood,
Phil Odom, Rich Portwood, Doug Soderquist

Greeters Today: Carol Wheeler, Paul & Belinda Nuss

Acolytes: Riley Propp, Ruei Duang

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

May Communion Offering goes to United Harvest, the traveling food pantry delivering food directly to families in need for a one-day distribution on the 3rd Sat. of each month at the FPC P.E.A.C.E. Center.

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.

In memory of

- ❖ Bev Cooper passed away on 4/16/19. Services will be held at 11:00 am on May 24 at Hoy-Kilnoski Funeral Home in Council Bluffs, IA.
- ❖ Richard Cronin passed away on 4/9/19 in MO
- ❖ Lois Hahne passed away 4/17/19. Services were held at FPC on 4/24/2019.
- ❖ Leah McCrady passed away on 4/27/19 in Lincoln. Services were held April 27 at FPC.

This Week at FPC --- April 28, 2019 – May 5, 2019

Mon, Apr 29	1:00p-3:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe in P.E.A.C.E. Center NW Classroom
Tues, Apr 30	7:00p-9:00p	Scout Troop 200-Boys 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
Wed, May 1	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
	7:00a-8:00a	Bible @ Breakfast in the Parlor
	4:00p-6:00p	Pre-K thru 5th Grade Bible Study, Recreation Time, Choir/Bells (WNL)
	6:00p-7:30p	Called Session Meeting in Jr. High 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
Thurs, May 2	7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: High School (9th - 12th) Youth Group
	5:30p-6:30p	Christian Education Meeting in Parlor
	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
Fri, May 3	7:00p-9:00p	Scout Troop 200-Girls in Scout Rooms
Sat, May 4	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
Sun, May 5	9:00a-2:00p	Scout Troup 200 Parking Lot Sale
	8:30a-9:30a	Taizé Style Worship Service
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School (All Ages)
	10:30a	Traditional Worship Service



Confirmation Cake Reception

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MEMORIAL ROOM

SUNDAY, MAY 5

FOLLOWING THE 10:30AM 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 (in the Adult Education Room, 9:15am)

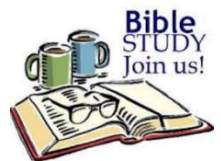
❖ **May 5 "What Can We Learn from the Early Church?"**
Similarities abound about what we are facing as Christians today and the challenges of our ancestors worshipping in homes. We will explore those experiences in a two-part series.

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.



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

PW in our Synod is offering a 2nd *Book study*, *The Wolf at Twilight* by Kent Nerburn, open to men and women. The book is an opportunity to increase our understanding and knowledge of Native American culture. Register by May 13 by emailing Marilyn Stone at mmstone52@att.net.

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.

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.



RETURN OF THE SUMMER SERMON SONG SERIES!

Have you ever heard a secular song and thought that it would make a great sermon? Now's your chance to make that happen! This summer, Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen will continue the Summer Sermon Song Series where they preach sermons looking for sacred, theological and biblical themes in secular music. Perhaps you remember sermons over the past two summers on *Let it Be* by the Beatles, *Sound of Silence* by

Simon and Garfunkel, *Awake my Soul* by Mumford and Sons, *Viva la Vida* by Coldplay, *Blowin' in the Wind* by Bob Dylan, *Simple Man* by Lynyrd Skynyrd and many, many more!

They need your suggestions for songs! Please send them to Pastor Greg by *May 10* so that he can put together the preaching schedule for the summer!

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 *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 *No construction 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 *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



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 through April 28th.



Days for Girls is a global movement that prepares and distributes sustainable menstrual health solutions to girls who would otherwise miss school during their monthly periods.

This organization gives direction to provide personal hygiene kits to girls world-wide. Each kit is placed in a draw-string bag and includes reusable cloth menstrual pads made up of colorful shields and liners; panties; a washcloth and soap; zip-closure plastic bags and other items. The kit enables girls to carry their clean and used pads discreetly and to take care of their own hygiene needs. During the distributions, women and girls also receive health education to break stigmas and cultural taboos associated with menstruation.

DAYS FOR GIRLS
Turning periods into pathways

Mother's Day cards will be offered in the Memorial Room this Sunday, April 28, next Sunday, May 5, and Mother's Day, May 12, and in the church office throughout the weeks. The suggested donation is \$10 with the proceeds going to support Days for Girls International. This group helps girls and women world-wide through menstrual care solutions, health education, and income generating opportunities. Donations of any amount are welcome. Please fill in the form below and return to PW or the church office. All women will be listed in the bulletin on Mother's Day, May 12. **Please make checks payable to Presbyterian Women.**

Card in honor of

Donation in honor/memory of

Given by _____

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!!



May Friendship Day

May Friendship Day began in 1933 when two women's groups, meeting at separate luncheons, focused on children's health and the children of migrant families. In 1939, the groups merged to become the National Council of Church Women. The organization soon held its first annual observance of a day "to strengthen a growing sense of unity, the joy of Christian fellowship, and the power of Christianity in the day of need". In 1945, the observance officially became May Fellowship Day. In 1999, Church Women United changed the name to May Friendship Day. This year's May Friendship Day centers on working together despite our differences to address poverty in our community.

The overall theme for the 2019 celebration is "THE TIME IS NOW!" based on John 4:23a (CEB) "But the time is coming – and is here!" May Friendship Day focuses on uniting us in the spirit to do God's work, despite our differences.

At our celebration, we will be recognizing a Young church Women from each of our Church Women United represented churches and also will honor a Valiant Woman; a woman who has given service to CWU, her own church, and her community for an extended period of time.

YOU are invited to our Salad Luncheon, Friday, May 3, 12:00-1:00pm at Grace United Methodist Church in Hastings, NE. Tickets are \$5, from your church circles, your church office, or at the door.

2019 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Nyanhial Duang

Parents: Nyareak Deng, Peter Duang

High School: Hastings High School

Extracurricular involvement: Cross Country, Track, Cheerleading, Student Council, Science Club, Key Club, Youth Group, Sunday School, Go & Serve

Plans after graduation: attend the University of Nebraska at Kearney and major in Social Work Comprehension with a minor in Criminal Justice

Most Memorable FPC Event: playing games with the residents of the homeless shelter during Go & Serve in Charlotte, N.C.

Most Memorable High School Event: Sports practices

Favorite Scripture: 2 Timothy 4:7

Sydney Kerr

Parents: Stacy and Neil Kerr

High School: Adams Central

Extracurricular involvement: UNK Health Career Club, Mayor's Youth Council, Band, National Honor Society, Student Council, Future Business Leaders of America, Volleyball, Track and Field, Spanish Club

Plans after graduation: attend University of Nebraska at Kearney to study Pre-Radiology and become a radiation therapist

Most Memorable FPC Event: Picking tomatoes and helping clean Jan's garden when she was unable to do so

Most Memorable High School Event: Chicago band trip and going to Six Flags

Favorite Scripture: Proverbs 17:17 – "I am thankful to have true friends. True friends listen, comfort, and celebrate with you. They accept you for who you are and that is a great gift."



Lucy Nielsen

Parents: Ruth and Erik Nielsen

High School: Hastings High School

Extracurricular involvement: Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Debate, Sunny D's, National Honor Society, Musical Theatre, Senior High Youth Group, Community Theatre, Church A/V

Plans after graduation: study public health at John Hopkins University

Most Memorable FPC Event: "Listening to ghost stories told by the pastor in Ganado, AZ. He told us the building in which were sleeping was terribly haunted."

Most Memorable High School Event: Slipping and falling in front of the judges while leading the marching band during a parade.

Favorite Scripture: 2 Timothy 4:1 – "Through hard times, both in my life and in the world in general, I have found hope in that we are given the capacity to be strong and loving amidst adversity."

