



March 1, 2020
First Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE

“Cantabile”

Clifford Demarest

Linda Vollweiler, organist

(The prelude is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT

“How Blest, Those Whose Transgressions” MERIONYDD/arr. RRK
Chancel Choir; Robin Koozer, director

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Damen Heitmann

Today the Lenten journey with Christ to the cross begins. Are you ready?

There is so much I still have to do. I am not sure I'll ever be ready.

The path is unknown to us, O Lord. We fear the journey.

There may be hidden dangers, discoveries that we dread.

Help us let go of those things that chain us to despair.

Lord, help me look and see the ways in which I have abandoned you.

Help us, Lord. Be with us.

Let us take the first step safely, we pray.

Come, feel the power of freedom in God.

Open our hearts today to receive your freeing love, O Lord. Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!” (vs. 1 & 3-5)

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of infinite patience and love, we come to you this day in a world marked with anger, frustration, greed, and warring madness. We don't like it, but it is what we know. We embark on this Lenten journey not sure if we want to make the spiritual trip, to follow the call to repentance. It is easy for us to get caught up in our own needs and our own anxieties. We are a people of great “want,” but we need to become a people of great “faith.” Stop us and remove us from the self-destructive journey on which we are traveling. Place us on your track of hope and salvation. Forgive our stubbornness and heal our sorrowful souls. For we ask this in Jesus' name.

SILENT CONFESSION

Question for contemplation: How do I resist the temptations and distractions the world throws at me as I seek to figure out what God really wants for me?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news! You are loved by God!

And in that love rests all safety, security, comfort, and hope.

Rest in God's forgiveness and love, which is new every day.

Amen!

*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.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit of God, shine your light upon this Word and into our hearts that we may be enlightened with fresh understanding. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 32

ANTHEM

"Amazing Grace"

Praise Bells (3rd-5th Grades); Susan Oliver, director

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON

"The Need for Change"

Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

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OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

Arr. William Fischer

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Creator God, you are our provider. We offer all that we have and all that we are to you, because we belong to you. Bless these gifts and empower us, your church, that through the work of your spirit we may be a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm, and a shade from the heat. Through Christ, our shield and stronghold. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

“Ave Verum Corpus”

Camille Saint-Saens

Chancel Choir; Robin Koozer, director

Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine, Vere passum immolatum in Cruce pro homine, Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit (et) sanguine, Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.	Hail, true body born of the Virgin Mary, Who truly suffered, sacrificed on the Cross for man, Whose pierced side overflowed with water and blood, Be for us a foretaste In the test of death.
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN

“Be Still, My Soul” (vs. 1-2)

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(During the singing of the final hymn, we will take a second offering to benefit the Hastings Public Middle School Garden. The congregation is invited to come down to the communion table and place their offering in the basket.)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BLESSING RESPONSE

“Be Still, My Soul” (vs. 3)

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*POSTLUDE

“Festive Trumpet Tune”

arr. William Fischer

(The postlude serves as a musical blessing for worshipers as they transition out into the world.)

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

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

8:30 –Contemplative Taizé-Style Worship with Communion

9:15 – Sunday School for children, youth, and adults

10:30 – Traditional Worship Service

March 1, 2020

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Mr. & Mrs. R. D. Geyerman by the family.

Flowers are given in memory of Rose & Robert Ryan and Mr. & Mrs. R. D. Geyerman.

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.

March Ushers (Team#1): Chuck Hastings – Captain; Luke Brooks, LaVern Franzen, Jessica Meeske, Todd Pankratz, Roger Sunderman, Elaine Specht

Greeters Today: Alice Throckmorton, Kent & Bonnie Grams

Greeters Next Week (March 8): Gifts of Women Sunday

Acolytes: Maddux Pumroy, Riley Propp

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Abigail Shetler

FPC Prayers for:

Jim & Mary Jeanne Cooke	Ben & Joyce Ore	Jane Horton
Jim Duval	Jim Harrenstein	Jeff Howard
Cheryl Ann Elfond	Kristine Cook (Katharine Davis' sister)	Family of Virginia Malouf
Celia & Wayne Ganow	Irina Erickson's Mom	Family of Tracy Pettit
Jim Hahne	Gretchen Lainson	Family of Al Behl
Everly Hogan	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Family of Richard Viglicky
Janet Schawang	Georga & Duane Ochsner	Family of Zelma Fobben
Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's Mom)	Jack Stinson (Julie Thomsen's Dad)	Family of Norm Giesler (father of Melissa Davis)
Ted Kubicka (Chris Junker's Dad)	Elaine Schumacher (Vicki Howard's Mom)	Family of Byford Metzger (father of Linda Johnson)

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.



Help Us Celebrate... Joyce Harrenstein is turning 99 years old on March 14th. Please help us honor her with a card shower. Cards can be sent to 2525 S Wabash Ave; Hastings, Ne 68901

Easter Egg Hunt Candy Donations Needed



First Presbyterian Church will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 11, at 10:00 am for children through 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 stephanie@fpchastings.org or 402-462-5147

This Week at FPC --- March 2 – March 8, 2020

Mon, Mar 2	8:15a-9:15p	Walkers in PEACE Center
	1:00p-3:00p	Pickle Ball in PEACE Center Gym
	1:00p-4:00p	Food from the Heart Food Prep
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe in PEACE Center
	7:00p-8:00p	Scout Troop 200
	7:30p-8:30p	Chorus of the Plains
	Tues, Mar 3	8:15a-9:15p
10:30a-11:30a		Staff Meeting
12:00p-1:00p		Bible Study in Anderson Room
1:30p-4:00p		Quilters meet in P.E.A.C.E. Center
5:30p-8:00p		Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
5:30p-6:30p		WAM Meeting in Anderson
5:30p-6:30p		United Harvest Board in Kessler
Wed, Mar 4	7:00a-8:00a	Bible @ Breakfast in the Parlor
	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers in PEACE Center
	9:30a-10:10a	HC Chapel at French Memorial Chapel
	11:00a-11:45a	PW Coordinating Team in Library
	11:45 a-2:00p	PW Luncheon
	4:00p-6:00p	Pre-K thru 5th Grade Bible Study, Recreation Time, Choir/Bells (WNL)
	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: <i>Middle School (6th – 8th) Youth Group</i>
Thurs, Mar 5	7:00a-8:00a	Retreat in the Real World in Adult Ed Classroom
	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers in PEACE Center
	12:00p-1:00p	Soup Group in the Library
	5:00p-6:00p	Grief Group in Lydia Room
	5:30p-6:30P	Christian Ed in Parlor
	5:30p-8:30p	Pickle Ball in PEACE in Center Gym
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe in PEACE Center NE Classroom
Fri, Mar 6	6:00p-7:00p	Spanish Class in PEACE Center NW Classroom
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scout Pack Meeting in Fellowship Hall
	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in the Youth Room
Sat, Mar 7		TIME CHANGE TONIGHT
Sun, Mar 8	8:30a-9:15a	Contemplative Taizé-Style Worship with Communion in the Chapel
	9:00a-9:45a	Sunday School All Ages
	10:30a	Traditional Worship Service

March Communion Offering goes to the Hastings Public Middle School Garden.



The **next Red Cross Blood Drive** will be **Monday, March 30, 2020**, from 12 noon – 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar now! To donate or volunteer your time, please call Erica Brooks, FPC Parish Nurse, at [402-469-9285](tel:402-469-9285) or sign up at www.redcrossblood.org.



Forum Adult Sunday School Class meets on stated dates at 9:15am in the Lydia Room (Formerly the Adult Ed Room).

❖ *Writing From Faith*, Feb 23, March 1, 8: Three-part series on learning to express our own faith using common biblical forms



Presbyterian Women *Presbyterian Women meet for food, fellowship, and programs the first Wednesday of the month at 11:45am in Fellowship Hall.*

The March luncheon will the Sermons à la Carte at St. Mark's Episcopal. The next regular luncheon will be April 1, 2020. Please RSVP to your Circle calling chairman and to the Office by March 30th. The program will be given by Susan Kloke on "Angel Gowns."

- Circle I will prepare lunch and provide kitchen helpers.
 - Circle II will set tables, provide centerpieces, devotions, nametags, Hunger Cups, and act as Cashiers.
- ✓ Circle I will meet March 18-9:30am in the Parlor
(Hostess: Elaine Specht & May Wierenga, Lesson: Flossie Sanderson)
 - ✓ Circle II will meet March 18-9:30am
(Hostess: Sally Smith, Lesson: Betty Kooy)
 - ✓ Circle III will meet March 18-1:15 pm in the Library
(Hostesses: Nancy Grams, Lesson: Sue Medsker-Nedderman)

Presbyterian Women and Church Women United are collecting items for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Emergency Cleanup Buckets. Information can be found at the table in the Memorial Room. Questions? Call Nancy Grams for the answers.



Soup Group for Women meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, 12:00-1:00pm in the Library. *Bring a sack lunch if you wish.*



Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School meets during the Sunday School hour in the Anderson Conference Room. Grab a cup of coffee and join us.



Bible @ Breakfast meets every Wednesday at 7 a.m. (except on Christmas Day) in the Parlor. Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh is leading a study on the "Rise of the Apocalyptic Imagination." There is no specific study book designated at this point.



Knitters and Crocheters If you like to knit and/or crochet, 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!



First Presbyterian Church-Hastings has an “APP” for you! Our directory of names, contact information, and corresponding family photos is ready. Create your login at <http://instantchurchdirectory.com>. You will use the email address from your 2018 listing to gain access. Only members will be able to create a login and load an app (from the app store) on their phones. **Be sure to notify the church office when you change phone numbers, address, or emails!**



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First United Methodist Church
First Presbyterian Church

Third Saturday of the Month
Annex Building
Lincoln and 7th St. Hastings

A mobile pantry is a traveling food pantry that delivers food to families in need through a one day distribution. Our goal is to provide food where there is a high need, but resources are limited. The mobile food pantry is available to all free of charge. The institutions providing the food are equal opportunity providers.

	March 21, 2020	
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM

Those interested in receiving food should bring boxes or bags. Those interested in volunteering with the event should simply show up on the date of the next distribution and check in at the volunteer sign-in table. Volunteer shifts are 9:30-12:00 and 12:00-2:00. Plastic bags can be brought to the church office and donated to the cause.



Food from the Heart The women of our church have started a mission of giving to our friends and families called Food from the Heart. We will get together on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month at 2:00pm to prepare casseroles to be placed in the church freezers. Everything will be ready to go when volunteers arrive.

Casseroles are available to give to anyone who just needs some “Food from the Heart.” To let Nancy Grams know you are coming to help prepare the casseroles, or if you have any questions, call or text her at 402-705-8179

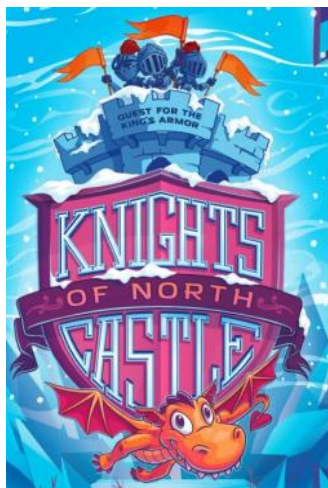


Love to Walk? The First Presbyterian Church PEACE Center gym is a great place to walk during the winter months. Shut out of the Mall? The Walkers are your solution from 8:15 to 9:15 Monday through Thursday.

No lectures here about your need to stay fit by walking as you all know that story by now. Afterwards, we have fabulous Café Justo and good conversation, but, hey, that’s the bonus option. During the spring through the early fall, we walk in the beautiful Heartwell Park, which provides about a one-mile loop – and second loops are available at no extra charge. Interested? Call or text Denny Storer at 402 460 8804.



Shop Hands Around the World Our products come from artisans who live in poor areas around the globe. Handicrafts include baskets, scarves, jewelry, woolen hats and mittens, holiday decorations, gourmet chocolates, spices, teas, coffee, and more. We give \$100.00 from the store each month to United Harvest, which helps to feed those in need in our community. We are open from 9:00-12:00 every Sunday.



SAVE THE DATE

VBS

TRADITIONAL

JUNE 1-4

9:00-12:00

SPECIAL NEEDS

JUNE 1-3

1:00-3:00

Watch for more information in the coming months!

Let's Roll



With First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 29

1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Skate Island, Grand Island

Rides available - Drivers needed

Admission \$5.50 - Skate rental \$1

Need More Information??

Contact Julie Thomsen

@ 402-984-8754

EVERYONE WELCOME



FORUM, FEB 23, March 1, 8

Writing From Faith

3-Part Forum Series on Learning to Express Our Own Faith Using Common Biblical Forms

Led By **Damen Heitmann & Dr. Constance Malloy**

9:15 AM, Lydia Adult Ed Room
No Skill Needed!

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

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

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

Ministers: Members of the Church

Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Heitmann

Parish Associate: Kili Wenburg

Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer

Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster

Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen

Church Office Administrator: Jean Matheny

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