



March 8, 2020
Third Sunday of Lent
Gifts of Women Sunday

PRELUDE

“Voluntary in D”

Op.133, No.3

Linda Vollweiler, organist

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

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT

“A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar”

Robert Lowry/Brian Wren

Women’s Choir; Linda Johnson, director

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lynette Krieger

We lift up our eyes from the plains to the hills - from where will our help come?

Our help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth!

O Lord, open our eyes,

So that we might see the vision of your truth.

O Lord, open our ears,

And we will hear your word.

O Lord, open our lips,

And we shall proclaim your praise.

*HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Mary Fisk

To you, O God, we give up the burdens of this week, trusting your love and mercy.

To you, O God, we surrender ourselves, trusting our risen Lord to lead us always in the way of peace, today, tomorrow, and forever. Let us confess our sins before God together by reading aloud the Prayer of Confession followed by a time of silent confession:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we confess that we often look back. We look back on mistakes we have made, work left undone, people we have hurt, and excuses we have made.

We see these as things for which we feel guilty.

We overwhelm ourselves with regret.

Free us, O God, from self-condemnation that immobilizes us.

Allow us to remember that you call us to look back,

to remember those times of joy,

to remember those people who were kind and compassionate,

to remember that we did the best we were able to do,

to remember that in Christ our past is transformed,

to remember that you journey with us each day of our lives.

May we continue to grow in grace and truth.

SILENT CONFESSION & QUESTIONS FOR CONTEMPLATION

During this season of Lent, what have I learned from my reflection and repentance?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Greg Allen-Pickett

Friends, God is for us and not against us!

For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world,

Not to condemn the world,

But that the world might be saved through him.

Believe the Good News: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and loved!

Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

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*PEACE OF CHRIST *(During flu season, we discourage handshaking during the Passing of the Peace)*

The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Nancy Grams

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jill Kramer

Inhabit our hearts, God of history, as you once inhabited human flesh. Be here among us with all of your wisdom, all of your power, all of your mercy, all of your love, that we might learn to be like God, from our God who came to be like us. Holy are you. Holy are we who are one with you forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE 1

Psalm 121

ANTHEM

“We Are Women, Women of Faith” *Fijian Gospel Song/ arr. Benjamin Howie*
Women’s Choir; Linda Johnson, director

SCRIPTURE 2

John 3:1-17

SERMON

“Pearls and Gold and Full Submission” Mary Cook Jorgensen

HYMN

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(Written by Lisa Frenz)*

Laurie Johnson

I believe in God the Creator, who made me and all things, who set me on my path in this world.

I believe in God the Savior, who is one with the Creator, who rescued me and all creation from the depredations of our violations against God and creation. This man, Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, walked a path through this world, taking on human form having been born of a woman through the power of the Holy Spirit.

He lived and worked in this world among people just like me. He walked God’s path to death on a cross and rose from the dead to open our pathway to eternal life.

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I believe in God the Holy Spirit, my counselor and guide, who is one with the Creator and the Christ, who through the body and blood of Jesus brings me into communion with all people, past, present and future; who calls me to walk a sacred way of life through this world, caring for creation and the people I meet on the way, loving them, helping them, welcoming them without prejudice, being God's hands and feet in the world.

CALL TO OFFERING AND OFFERING

Sue Medsker-Nedderman

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

OFFERTORY

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

John A. Behnke

Chancel Bells; Hannah Jensen, conductor

***DOXOLOGY**

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, we dedicate not only these gifts, but also ourselves, in deep gratitude – for your call on our lives, your guidance on our journey, and for blessing us that we may be a blessing to others. Accept what we bring for your own good purposes. In Christ we pray. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Ann Koozer and Pamela Lay

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**

"Blest Are They" (vs. 1-3)

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***BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**

Mary Cook Jorgensen

Now, as friends: May all that is true, all that is noble, all that is just and right, all that is lovable and gracious, whatever is excellent and admirable, fill our thoughts and our hearts. May we go in peace, blessed by God, and ready to be a blessing to others. Amen.

***BLESSING RESPONSE**

"Blest Are They" (vs. 4)

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POSTLUDE

"Postlude in D Major"

Healey Willan

(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 8, 2020

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Carl Sanderson by the Sanderson family.

Flowers are given in memory of Carl Sanderson by the Sanderson 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.

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

Gifts of Women Sunday Ushers: Elaine Specht, Jane Bauer, Peggy Thomson, Susie Graham, Laurie Johnson, Mary Lewis, Nancy Grams

Gifts of Women Sunday Greeters: Flossie Sanderson, Jean Barber, Pamela Lay, Barb Harrington, Marie Rasmussen, Kathy Reimer

Greeters Next Week (March 15): Mary Kay LaMaster, Paula Crozier

Acolytes: Caleb Schukei, Paige Redline

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Grace Brader

FPC Prayers for:

Jim & Mary Jeanne Cooke	Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's Mom)	Alana DeBellis & family
Jim Duval	Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker's Dad)	Family of Celia Ganow
Cheryl Ann Elfond	Kristine Cook (Katharine Davis' sister)	Jeff Howard
Jane Horton	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Irina Erickson's Mom
Jim Hahne	Elaine Schumacher (Vicki Howard's Mom)	Gretchen Lainson
Everly Hogan	Jack Stinson (Julie Thomsen's Dad)	Jim Harrenstein
Janet Schawang	Georga & Duane Ochsner	Ben & Joyce Ore

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

In Memory of

Celia Ganow, who passed away February 28, 2020. Services were held Friday, March 6, 2020 at First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, with Pastor Greg Allen-Pickett presiding.



Everyone is welcome to the **5th Sunday potluck meal** following church on Sunday, March 29th. Folks are invited to bring one of their favorite dishes to share. Last names A-G please bring a main dish, H-M please bring dessert/bread, N-Z please bring salad/vegetable.

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



February Special Attendance Recognition

Children who routinely attend Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live will get a chance at a worship leadership role. Each month, all children preschool thru 8th grade with 100% Sunday School or Wednesday Night Live attendance will be entered into a drawing. One child will be chosen each month. The child will get a chance to extend their growth in faith to others by choosing to serve in one of the following worship roles:

Acolyte (if under 4 th grade)	Usher
Music soloist	Call to Worship leader
Prayer leader	Children's Moment leader or helper

During the month of February, eight (8) children had 100% Sunday School attendance. Twenty-four (24) children had 100% Wednesday Night Live attendance. The child's name that was drawn for February's recognition is Truman Welsch. Thanks be to God for our faithful attenders!

Please Join Us for an
**EASTER EGG
HUNT**

Saturday, April 11 at 10:00 am

Located at Alexander Park
(just north of First Presbyterian church)

Alternate location in case of rain: First Presbyterian Church PEACE Center Gym

Age Divisions: • Age 0-2 years • Age 3-5 years • Kindergarten-2nd Grade

****Please bring your own basket for collecting eggs.**

For more information contact Stephanie at
402-462-5147 or stephanie@fpchastings.org

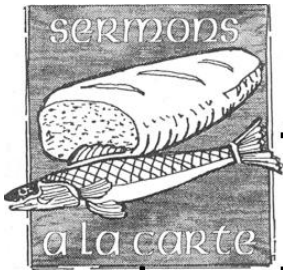
This Week at FPC --- March 9 – March 15, 2020

Mon, Mar 9	8:15a-9:15p	Walkers in PEACE Center
	1:00p-3:00p	Pickle Ball in PEACE Center Gym
	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 10	8:15a-9:15p	Walkers in PEACE Center
	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	Congregational Life Meeting in Parlor
	6:00p-7:00p	Trustees in Anderson
Wed, Mar 11	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
Thurs, Mar 12	4:00p-8:00p	NO WNL Activates
	7:00a-8:00a	Retreat in the Real World in Lydia Room
	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers in PEACE Center
	4:30p-5:30p	Mission Committee in Parlor
	5:00p-6:00p	Personnel Committee in Kessler
	5:00p-6:00p	Grief Group in Lydia Room
	5:30p-8:30p	Pickle Ball in PEACE in Center Gym
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe in PEACE Center NE Classroom
	6:00p-7:00p	Spanish Class in PEACE Center NW Classroom
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scout Pack Meeting in Fellowship Hall
Fri, Mar 13	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in the Youth Room
Sat, Mar 14		
Sun, Mar 15	8:30a-9:15a	Contemplative Taizé-Style Worship with Communion in the Chapel
	9:00a-9:45a	NO-Sunday School All Ages
	10:30a	Traditional Worship Service

March Communion Offering goes to the Hastings Public Middle School Garden. The “Grow the Garden” campaign hopes to raise \$75,000 to create a community garden in a 42’ geodesic greenhouse at Hastings Middle School. The project will help students learn the value of sustainable agriculture, science, and food. Much of the project’s produce from the garden will go to food-insecure families in Hastings.



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.



Sermons a La Carte – 2020

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 served in the undercroft. (\$4.00 per person)

❖ **March 11** Pastor Damen Heitman (First Presbyterian Church);
Lunch by the Presbyterian Women

❖ **March 18** Pastor Greg Lindenberger (First United Methodist Church) Lunch by FUMC Women

❖ **March 15** Rev. Andy Springer (Good Samaritan Village) Lunch by Good Sam

❖ **April 1** Pastor Jessica Palys (First congregational United church of Christ) Lunch by FCUCC



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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

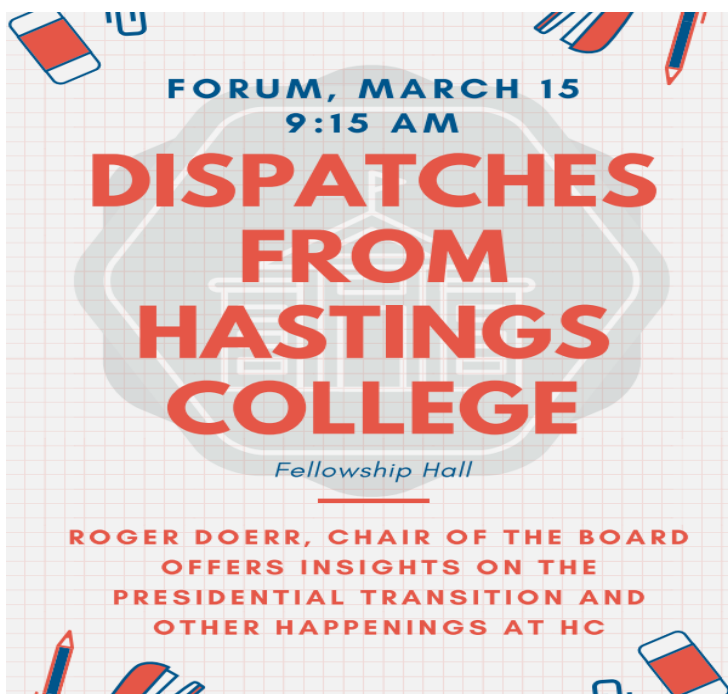
Those interested in receiving food should bring boxes or bags. Those interested in volunteering with the event should simply show up on the date of the next distribution and check in at the volunteer sign-in table. Volunteer shifts are 9:30-12:00 and 12:00-2:00. Plastic bags can be brought to the church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



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

March 15 - Dispatches from Hastings College, with Roger Doerr presenting

March 29 A chat about all things Presbyterian with Co-Moderator of the PC(USA), Elder Vilmarie Cintron-Olivieri





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 Pro-Cathedral (422 N. Burlington Ave) on **March 11 with Pastor Damen Heitman giving the message; Lunch by the Presbyterian Women.** PW will be preparing and serving the lunch, as well as set up and clean up.

❖ 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!**



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

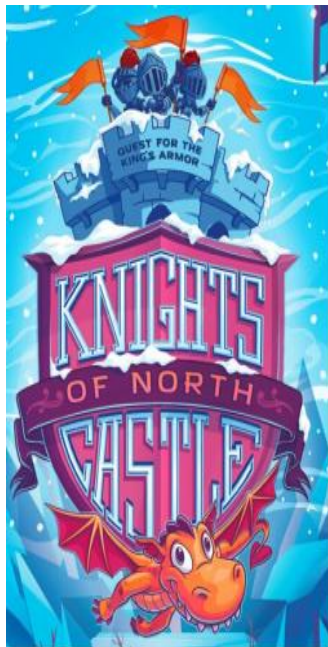


Love to Walk? The First Presbyterian Church PEACE Center gym is a great place to walk during the winter months. Shut out of the Mall? The Walkers are your solution from 8:15 to 9:15 Monday through Thursday.

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



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

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