



March 15, 2020
Third Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE “Christians, We Have Met to Worship” *arr. Mark Hayes*
Linda Vollweiler, organist
(The prelude is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME Damen Heitmann

INTROIT “Shine, Jesus, Shine” Celebrate Band

*CALL TO WORSHIP Greg Allen-Pickett

When we look around this room, when our neighbors pass by, what do we see?

We see brothers living through grief. We see sisters in moments of celebration.

We see friends wading through mounting questions. We find colleagues lost in their work.

We recognize the faces of fellow pilgrims, some anxious, some content, all searching for meaning and purpose.

And for that, we gather here in hope that our eyes may be opened yet again.

May the presence of God fall upon us. May our hearts be opened. May we be encouraged once more to see the world through God’s eyes.

*OPENING HYMN “Open My Eyes, That I May See” 451

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When you look upon my heart, what is it that you see? Do you see its pride? Do you behold its arrogance? Do you see the way it shatters and breaks? Can you point out the places where it is covered in flecks of disappointment and loss? When you gaze upon my life, O God, what is it that you notice? Do you see me curbing into myself? Do you notice when I blind myself to the world around me? Though it scares me, I want to be seen by you. In mercy, gentle Lord, gaze upon my heart in its fullness. Forgive and restore.

SILENT CONFESSION

Questions for contemplation: What misstep weighs upon my heart? How can my heart be opened to the lives of others?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Praise be to God, whose mercy knows no end.

Praise be to God, who lived among us and calls us God’s own.

In the name of Jesus the Christ, we are forgiven and loved.

Amen. And again, amen.

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

*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 *(During flu season, we will not pass the friendship pads.)*

TIME WITH CHILDREN
(While the children come down, the congregation will sing, “This Little Light of Mine”)

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 – 1 Samuel 16:1-13

ANTHEM “Lifesong” Celebrate Band

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – John 9:1-41

MESSAGE “As Mortals See” Damen Heitmann

*HYMN “Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness” 314

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
***I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in
Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from
the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the
Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the
dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

OFFERING
*(During flu season, the plates will not be passed. Please leave your offering in the plates at the back of the
sanctuary. You may also go to the church website and give online.)*

OFFERTORY “Laudamus” *arr. Jerry Van Der Pol*

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
***With our hearts restored and inspired, we bring to this table a portion of
all that is yours, O God. And with it we bring our hearts, our minds, our
very selves. Use it all, O God, to bring about moments of peace, love, and
mercy. May these gifts be dedicated to the creation of your Kingdom.
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	“Be Thou My Vision” (vs.1-3)	450
*CHARGE AND BLESSING		
*RESPONSE	“Be Thou My Vision” (vs. 4)	450
POSTLUDE	“Hymn to Joy”	arr. Albert L. Travis
	<i>(The postlude serves as a musical blessing for worshipers as they transition out into the world.)</i>	

(*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

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

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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Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

March 15, 2020

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Isabelle and Chester Gates by their daughter, Ann, and their son, Jerry.

Flowers are given in memory of Mildred and Victor Lutkemeier by the 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

Greeters: Mary Kay LaMaster, Paula Crozier

Greeters Next Week (March 22): Joe & Amy Black, Anne Bohlke

Acolytes: Esther Allen-Pickett, Ryan Barker

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Leah Ratzlaff

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	Georgia & 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 turned 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.
- ❖ Margaret Koontz, who passed away March 1, 2020. Private family services will be held at a later date. There will be no viewing or visitation. Memorials may be given to James & Margaret Koontz Endowed Memorial fund.



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

Let's Eat & Roll



With First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 29

5th Sunday Potluck at Church
following 10:30 service

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



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)

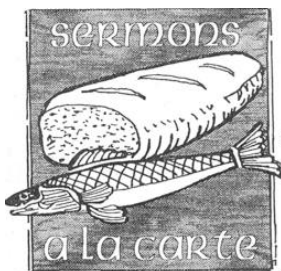
Alternate Location in Case of rain: First Presbyterian Church PEACE Center Gym

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



Sermons à 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 18** Pastor Greg Lindenberger (First United Methodist Church) Lunch by FUMC Women

❖ **March 25** Rev. Andy Springer (Good Samaritan Village) Lunch

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

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.

This Week at FPC --- March 16 – March 22, 2020

Mon, Mar 16	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
Tues, Mar 17	7:00p-8:00p	Scout Troop 200
	7:30p-8:30p	Chorus of the Plains
	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
Wed, Mar 18	5:30p-8:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
	6:45p-7:45p	Deacons in Anderson
	7:00a-8:00a	Bible @ Breakfast in the Parlor
	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers in PEACE Center
	9:30a-10:10a	NO-HC Chapel at French Memorial Chapel
	9:30a-10:30a	Circle I
	9:30a-10:30a	Circle II
	1:15;-2:15p	Circle III
	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
Thurs, Mar 19	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>
	7:00a-8:00a	Retreat in the Real World in Lydia Room
	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers in PEACE Center
	12:00p-1:00p	Soup Group in the Library
Fri, Mar 20	5:00p-6:00p	Grief Group in Lydia Room
	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
	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in the Youth Room
Sat, Mar 21		UNITED HARVEST
Sun, Mar 22	8:30a-9:15a	Contemplative Taizé-Style Worship with Communion in the Chapel
	9:15a-10:15a	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.



Sponsored by:
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.



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.



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

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)

2020 VBS Volunteers Needed



We are preparing for 2 amazing Vacation Bible School offerings again this year—our Traditional VBS and our Special-Needs VBS.

We are using Cokesbury's Knight of North Castle VBS. North Castle is hidden in a frozen land. The King's valiant Knights are on a quest in search of the King's Armor. But the armor isn't what they think it is.

Knights of North Castle VBS invites children to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power.

They'll explore Old and New Testament stories and discover different pieces of protective armor—the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Justice, the Shield of Faith, and the Helmet of Salvation—at work in the lives of familiar Bible characters, and they will explore how that armor works in their own lives as they follow and serve God.

Our Traditional VBS will be held

Monday, June 1- Thursday, June 4, from 9:00am-12:00pm

Our Special-Needs VBS will be held

Monday, June 1 – Wednesday, June 3, from 1:00pm-3:00pm

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.



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

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

YOU'VE GOT QUESTIONS

ELDER VILMARIE CINTRON-OLIVIERI, CO-MODERATOR OF THE PCUSA

A CHAT ABOUT ALL THINGS PRESBYTERIAN

FORUM,
MARCH 29
9:15 AM



SHE'S GOT 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.



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.

HOLY WEEK



First Presbyterian Church, Hastings

April 5 – Palm Sunday

- ♥ 8:30 a.m. Taizé Contemplative Worship Service
- ♥ 9:15 a.m. Sunday School (All Ages)
- ♥ 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

April 17 – Wednesday of Holy Week

- ♥ WNL Activities as Scheduled

April 9 – Maundy Thursday

- ♥ 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service in the Sanctuary
(This is a service that reflects on Christ's command to "Love one another as I have loved you." It includes communion and an optional foot-washing ritual.)

April 10 – Good Friday

- ♥ 12:00 p.m. Good Friday Service in the Chapel
- ♥ 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service in the Chapel
(This is a service that reflects on Christ's crucifixion.)
- ♥ 8:00 p.m. Easter Prayer Vigil in the Chapel (continues until 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunday) (Individuals or families can sign up for 1 hour time slots to hold a prayer vigil between the end of the Good Friday Service and Easter Morning. Prayer resources are available in the chapel. We hold vigil during the time between Christ's death and resurrection, praying for ourselves, our community, and our world.)

April 11 – Easter Egg Hunt

- ♥ 10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt at Alexander Park (North of the church)
Alternate location in case of rain: FPC PEACE Center Gym
Age Divisions: • Age 0-2 years • Age 3-5 years • Kindergarten-2nd Grade
- ♥ Easter Prayer Vigil (continues until 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunday)

April 12 – Easter Sunday

- ♥ 6:40 a.m. Easter Sunrise Worship Service in the Hastings College Football Stadium/Lloyd Wilson Football Field Press Box
- ♥ 7:15 a.m. Breakfast in the HC Press Box
- ♥ No Sunday School (All Ages)
- ♥ 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

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.)

