



March 22, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE

“Petite Prelude and Fughetta”

Eugene Butler

Linda Vollweiler, organist

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

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Damen Heitmann

Wherever we find ourselves and however we find ourselves, we gather in the presence of God.

In living rooms and hunched over tables. While sipping coffee or finishing breakfast.

Gathered with family or kept to ourselves. Buried under blankets or wearing our Sunday best.

In worry and anxiety. In hope and restoration.

Feet up or feet down. With pets resting on our laps and puzzles waiting to be finished. We unite in the Spirit of God.

We gather together to look for the ways in which God is among us this day and all days.

*OPENING HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

I confess, O God, that I haven't always sought your presence. I've wondered where you are, and I've pulled back my heart from you. In the midst of uncertainty, I've gone looking for comfort in social media. In a wilderness of isolation, I've sunk deeper into my own fear and anxiety. I've been keen to find guideposts of dread and trepidation. I've looked less often for guideposts of hope and mutual support. Let my heart find again your assurance. Let me rest, once again, in your comfort.

SILENT CONFESSION

Questions for contemplation:

What draws my heart away from God?

What leads me to think that God is not near?

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.

*PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In unsettling times, let us rest upon your eternal word. In an uncertain hour, let us receive again your wisdom and truth that light our path and serve as a lamp unto our feet.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 95

SOLO

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

arr. Jan Sandborn

Robin R. Koozer, baritone

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

Where have you seen God at work this week?

(During the anthem, a prompt will display on the screen. You are invited to respond to the prompt via the comments section on the livestream. Those comments, or stories, will then be incorporated into the prayers of the people later in the service.)

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Exodus 17:1-7

MESSAGE

“Is the Lord Among Us or Not?”

Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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*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

OFFERTORY

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Dale Wood

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We give you thanks, O God, for the many gifts we've received. We offer them back to you knowing that they will be needed by others. We pray for the courage and strength to continue to offer ourselves to you and to others in the days, weeks, and months ahead. 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" (vs. 1 & 2) 250

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***Response** "Hymn of Promise" (vs. 3) 250

POSTLUDE "Allegro" Tomaso Albinoni/arr. S. Drummond Wolff
(The postlude serves as a musical blessing for worshippers 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!**

**"Stay at Home" Traditional Worship Service
Broadcast live
10:30 a.m. on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings
10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM**


***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
Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun
Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger


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1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -




fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark-ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this



seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's




armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B \flat F B \flat F B \flat F Gm F




1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B \flat E \flat B \flat Gm7 C7




and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

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1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.



SERVICE MUSIC

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Praise God, from Whom
All Blessings Flow
Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures

here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
LM

In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D) F (Em) Gm

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7) C7 (D) F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F#) (Bm)
 F7 Bb Gm F Dm Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)
 Bb Gm F Dm Gm C7 F

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning."
 Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

March 22, 2020

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

Flowers are given in memory of D. W. Malouf, Sr., by his loving 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.

Looking for a way to streamline your giving?

Now is a great time to set up online giving through the church website.

<https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx?formId=9ce5ed95-8620-4c9e-89e4-f4eb536fb0dd>

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.

<i>FPC Prayers for:</i>		
The Allen-Pickett Family		Our Church & Country
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
<i>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.</i>		



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.

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.

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 office workroom 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

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)

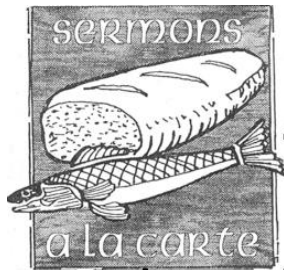
Alternate location in case of rain: First Presbyterian Church PEACE Center Gym

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 Facebook Live on <https://www.facebook.com/St-Marks-Pro-Cathedral-117488088326352/> Wednesdays during Lent from 12:05 p.m.-12:30p.m. for a Lenten message.

- ❖ **March 25** Rev. Andy Springer (Good Samaritan Village)
- ❖ **April 1** Pastor Jessica Palys (First Congregational United Church of Christ)

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 23 – March 29, 2020
All activities are suspended until further notice unless otherwise noted.

Mon, Mar 23	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
Tues, Mar 24	7:30p-8:30p	Chorus of the Plains
	8:15a-9:15p	Walkers in PEACE Center
	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting via ZOOM Conferencing
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study via ZOOM Conferencing
	1:30p-4:00p	Quilters meet in P.E.A.C.E. Center
Wed, Mar 25	5:30p-8:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
	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
	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
Thurs, Mar 26	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
	7:00a-8:00a	Retreat in the Real World via ZOOM Conferencing
	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
	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 27	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in the Youth Room
Sun, Mar 29	8:30a-9:15a	Contemplative Taizé-Style Worship with Communion in the Chapel
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School All Ages
	10:30a	“Stay at Home” Worship Service
	11:45a	5th Sunday Potluck
	1:30p	Let's Skate



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.



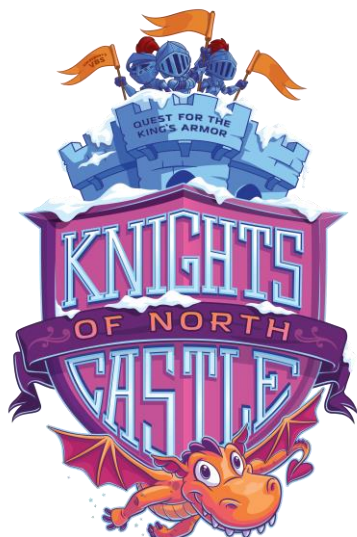
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First United Methodist Church
First Presbyterian Church

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.

	April 18, 2020	
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting	9:45 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting	10:00 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting	10:15 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting	10:30 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting	10:45 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting	11:00 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting	11:15 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting	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.



2020 VBS Volunteers Needed

First Presbyterian Church--Hastings, NE

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.



First Presbyterian Church, Hastings

April 5 – Palm Sunday

- ♥ 10:30 a.m. “Stay at Home” Worship Service
(Please stay at home and join us at 10:30 via radio on KICS 1550 AM or on Facebook Live. You can also worship on Channel 181 on Tuesday at 1:00 pm or Sunday at 9:00am.)

April 8 – 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

(LOCATIONS/EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

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: _____

****This year, All lilies will be delivered to members of the church. They will NOT be available to take home.**