



February 14, 2021
10:30 a.m.
Transfiguration Sunday

PRELUDE "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" arr. Gayden C. Sikes
Linda Vollweiler, Organ
(The prelude is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT "When Morning Gilds the Sky"
Chancel Choir, Director Robin Koozer (Recorded February 9, 2020)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 50) Damen Jensen-Heitmann
The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
The perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
Our God comes and speaks to us in a voice loud and clear!
"Gather to me my faithful ones!"
The heavens declare his righteousness.
Let us gather virtually this morning as God's faithful ones! Let us declare God's righteousness, glory, and love! Come let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN "The Mighty God with Power Speaks" 13
Song Leader: Erika Nielsen

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty one of yesterday, today, and tomorrow: speak that we may hear. Speak justice, that we may correct our lawlessness. Speak righteousness, that we may know your ways. Speak compassion, that we may know your mercy. Speak abundance, that we may serve others. Speak understanding, that we may be peacemakers. Speak glory, that we may know your Son. Speak, and we will listen to you. You promise forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace when we speak our shortcomings. This morning we speak of mistakes we have made. We speak of abandoning your ways. We speak of failures to show compassion and mercy. We speak of our need for forgiveness. Mighty one of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, hear our prayer and lead us into fullness of life.

SILENT CONFESSION

Questions for contemplation:

What do I need to confess to God in this moment?

What do I need to hear God tell me?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God will not keep silent, but gathers us in with these tender words: "In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved."

Glory to God! Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on me" 582

*PEACE OF CHRIST (Greet others around you this morning by exchanging the Peace of Christ.)
The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Stephanie Brader

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, help us look at your Holy Word this morning with new eyes, eyes that see Jesus in light of the witness of the ages; that see Jesus as the One who comes to set people free, to heal, to bring hope and peace. Through hearing your word read and proclaimed, make us ready to become faithful disciples. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE READING Mark 9:2-92

REFLECTION

Georgie Evans

2nd SCRIPTURE READING Corinthians 4:1,5-11

SERMON "Transfiguration of Jesus, Transformation of us"

Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN "Jesus, Take us to the Mountain" (vs. 1-3, 5) 193

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Written by Rev. Dorothy McRae-McMahon)

We believe in a God who is never confined to our imagining, is never in bondage to our beliefs, and never held fast in our dwelling places. Our God is the mystery of divine and human bound together, of power and vulnerability, of crucifixion and resurrection. Our God is the wonder of truth and compassion, of liberation and responsibility, of eternal wisdom and costly grace. We celebrate this God who leaps free of all our boundaries in love stretching out from horizon to horizon, and in mercy bending deep into fragile human hearts.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "I Sing as I Arise Today" (St. Patrick's Breastplate)

"I sing as I arise today. I call upon the Trinity. I now invoke the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; One in Three... Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me. Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger."

Chancel Choir, Director Robin Koozer (Recorded February 9, 2020)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord Jesus, all that we have is yours, and all that we are is yours. In offering to you these tokens of our lives, and offering you our very lives, may all that we do serve you to the glory of God. Amen.

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 "Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining"

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
The church is not a resting place, the church is a people.
I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world, yes, we're the church together!

*POSTLUDE "Shine, Jesus, Shine" arr. Peggy Bettcher
Linda Vollweiler, Organ

(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!**

10:30 am Stay-at-Home worship

Broadcast live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings and on KICS 1550 AM
(Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to view the service.)

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings
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13 The Mighty God with Power Speaks

(Psalm 50)

1 The Might - y God with pow - er speaks, and all the world o - beys;
 2 God comes not with a si - lent form, but rid - ing on the winds;
 3 The heavens de - clare your jus - tice, Lord, as end - less as the sky;

from dawn un - til the set - ting sun, God's won - der earth dis - plays.
 be - fore God's face, the rag - ing storm its blast of thun - der sends.
 a - gainst the taunts of dis - be - lief, our God will tes - ti - fy.

The per - fect beau - ty all a - round from Zi - on's height shines forth;
 All hail the Judge, in bold ar - ray, whose prom - ise is to bless;
 Re - ceive my heart - felt gift of thanks, as hon - or to your might;

and stars a - cross the fir - ma - ment so bright - ly beam their worth.
 who sees our sins, yet al - so feels our thirst for righ - teous - ness.
 re - fresh my faith with each new day; pro - tect me through the night.

This paraphrase, set to a familiar English folk melody, focuses on the opening narrative section of Psalm 50 without attempting to summarize God's speeches in the latter portion of the psalm. Both parts bear witness to God's sovereignty, God's justice, and God's providence.

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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

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

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

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

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

(A7) C7 (D) F (F \sharp) A (Bm) Dm

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

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

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

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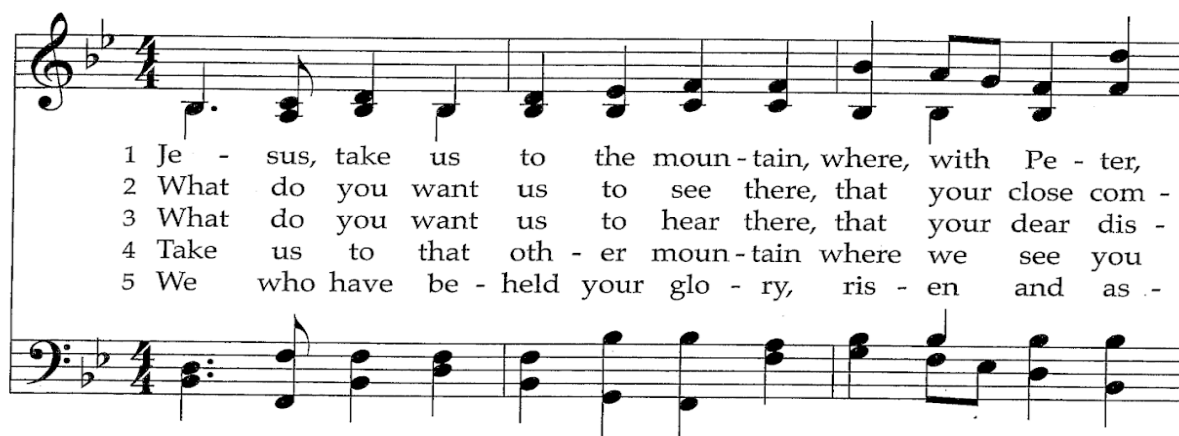
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Doxology

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

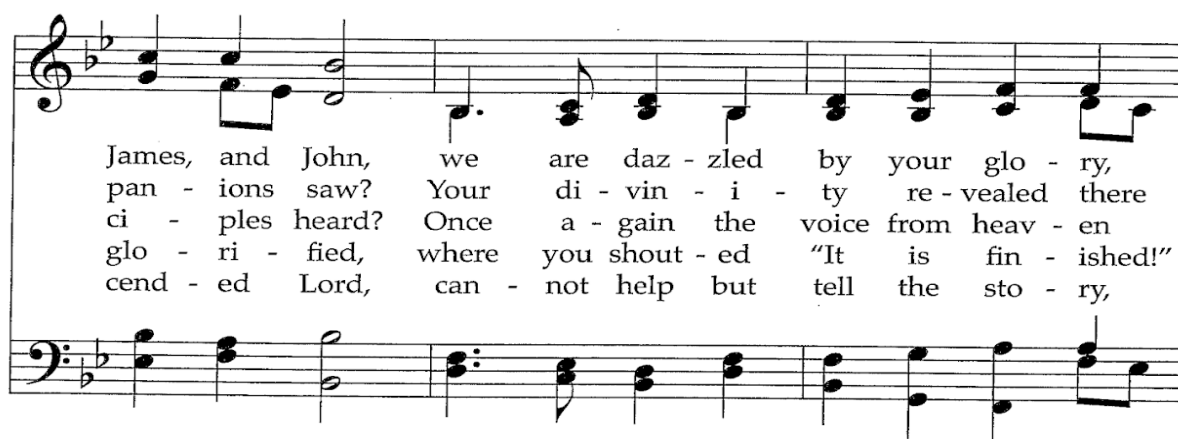
here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise

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

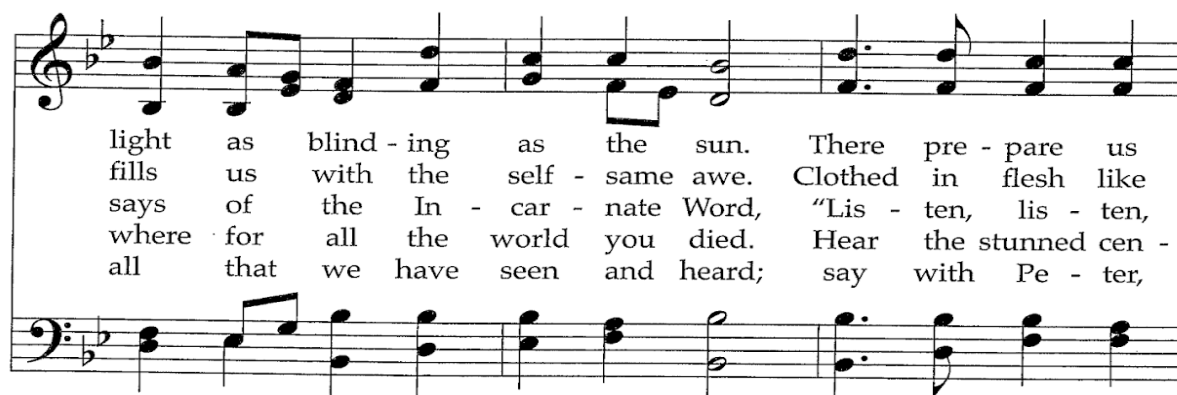
193 Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain



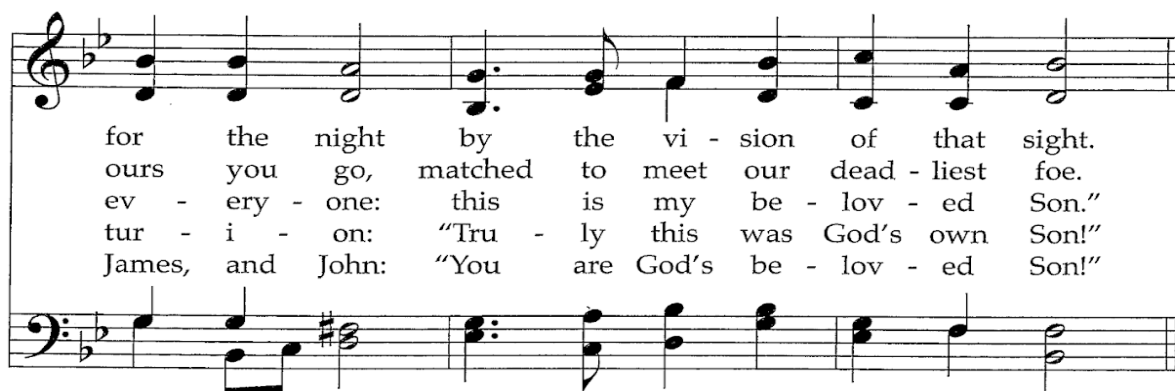
1 Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain, where, with Pe - ter,
 2 What do you want us to see there, that your close com -
 3 What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis -
 4 Take us to that oth - er moun - tain where we see you
 5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as -



James, and John, we are daz - zled by your glo - ry,
 pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there
 ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en
 glo - ri - fied, where you shout - ed "It is fin - ished!"
 cend - ed Lord, can - not help but tell the sto - ry,

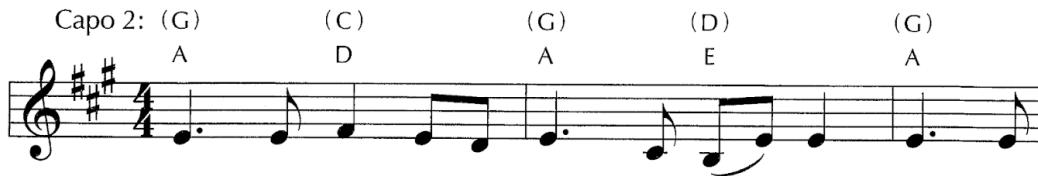


light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us
 fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like
 says of the In - car - nate Word, "Lis - ten, lis - ten,
 where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -
 all that we have seen and heard; say with Pe - ter,



for the night by the vi - sion of that sight.
 ours you go, matched to meet our dead - liest foe.
 ev - ery - one: this is my be - lov - ed Son."
 tur - i - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"
 James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

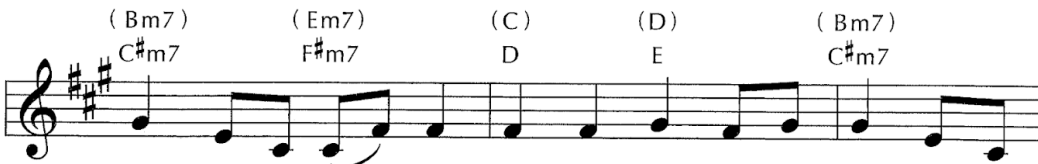
192 Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining Shine, Jesus, Shine



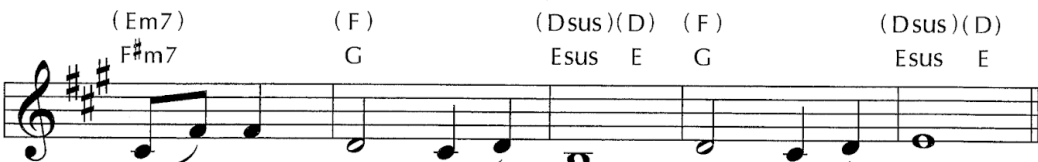
1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the
2 Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence, from the
3 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our



midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the
shad - ows in - to your ra - diance; by the blood I may
fac - es dis - play your like - ness; ev - er chang - ing from



World, shine up - on us; set us free by the truth you now
en - ter your bright-ness. Search me; try me; con - sume all my
glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our lives tell your



bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.
dark - ness. Shine on me; shine on me.
sto - ry. Shine on me; shine on me.



Shine, Je - sus, shine; fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

While the reference to Jesus as the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) can be understood generally, this hymn is perhaps best understood as a response to the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8/Mark 9:2-8/Luke 9:28-36). This is the most popular of the author/composer's many songs.

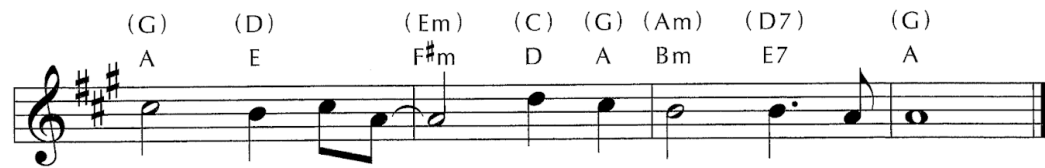
JESUS CHRIST: LIFE



Blaze, Spir - it, blaze; set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow; flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy.



Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

February 14, 2021

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

Flowers are given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Foote and Mr. Robert L. Foote by the Foote family

Today's 10:30 "Stay at Home" Worship Service will be broadcast

- live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings (You don't need an account.)
- on the radio during Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. on KICS 1550 AM.
- on Channel 181 Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
- at Good Samaritan Village, the 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.



Giving during our time of "Stay at Home" Church The church counts on your giving to carry on its work. As you participate in "Stay at Home" Worship, please take time to

1. mail your donation in,
2. drop by the church and leave your offering in the new locked "tithing box" located on the second brick column under the portico.
3. sign up for electronic fund transfers,
4. or give on-line at: <https://fpchastings.org/give-online/>

The church continues to play a vital role in responding to this virus. Thank you for your continued support and provision in this time.

FPC Prayers for

Lois Hafer
Cindy Pickett
Jeff Howard
Gretchen Lainson
JoAnn Williams and
Family
Eleanor Oliver

Jack Stinson (Julie Thomsen's dad)
Connie & Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker's parents)
Elaine Schumacher (Vicki Howard's mom)
Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's mom)
Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)

Henry Black
Rachael Lay
Norris Swan
Tommy Thomsen
Carol Medsker

Rev. Cheryl Ann Elfond

Mary Jeanne Cooke

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.

February Communion offering is designated to the Salvation Army Utility Assistance Program

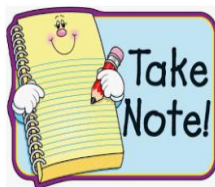
*thinking
OF YOU*

Thinking of You Notes With COVID-19 on the rise, a number of our retirement communities have closed to visitors again, which can lead to a sense of isolation. We want our members who live in these homes to know that they have a church family that loves them and is thinking about them. One way to do that safely is to send them cards. If you have a few moments, drop a card or note into the mail to help them feel connected and remembered. Please contact the church office for names and addresses. Even if you don't know them personally, a card or note can provide a real pick-me-up. Please join us in this important work.

This Week at FPC --- February 15 – February 21, 2021

Session has voted that all in-person meetings must follow the following guidelines through March for the safety of our congregation and staff and to comply with the State-Directed Health Measures. 1.) 15 or fewer in attendance, 2.) 1 hour or less in length, 3.) Facemasks will be required, 4.) Social distancing of 6-ft. seating. All boards and committees will have the option to meet in person with 5 or fewer in attendance or continue to meet via conference call or some combination of both to be coordinated by the church staff representative.

Mon, Feb 15		“Monday Check-in” Communication from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen
Tues, Feb 16	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study via Zoom
	6:45p-7:45p	Deacons via Zoom
Wed, Feb 17	7:00a-7:00p	Ash Wednesday-Sanctuary Open
	7:00a-9:00a	Ash Wednesday-Pastor Available to Pray
	11:00a-2:00p	Ash Wednesday-Pastor Available to Pray
	5:00p-7:00p	Ash Wednesday-Pastor Available to Pray
	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Bible Study via Zoom
	5:00p-8:00p	Confirmation Class
	7:00p-8:00p	6th -8th Grade In-Person Youth Group Church youth room
	7:00p-8:00p	9th -12th Grade In-Person Youth Group PEACE Center youth room
Thurs, Feb 18	5:30p-7:00p	Session via Zoom Conferencing
	7:00p-8:00p	Spanish Class NW Classroom/PEACE Center
Sat, Feb 20	9:30a-2:00p	United Harvest Mobile Food Distribution
Sun, Feb 21	9:15a-10:15a	Heir’s Apparent Adult Study via Zoom
	9:15a-10:15a	Forum Adult Study via Zoom
	10:30a	“Stay at Home” Worship Service



Notes for your Information:

1. The 2021 Offering Envelopes are in the Church Office, stop in and pick one up!
2. The 2021 Jan/Feb/March Daily Bread Devotions have arrived; both large print and regular print.



The Hands Around the World Store has ordered more coffee. Stop by the church office to re-stock your supply at \$10 **per** bag.

The Store will be OPEN, Sunday, 03/21, and 03/28 from 1:00p-2:00p. Covid rules will apply of masks required, 15 or fewer people with social distancing

observed.



The next **Red Cross Blood Drive** is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 30, 2021** 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 or sign up at www.redcrossblood.org.



Interested in volunteering at **United Harvest?** Please register on the United Harvest Facebook page. Volunteer shifts are 9:30-12:00 and 12:00-2:00.

February 20, 2021		
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM

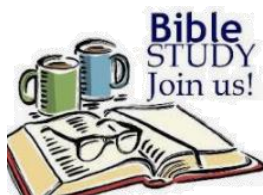


Presbyterian Women PW will not meet until further notice. This means there will be no Circle meetings and no monthly luncheons. Members will receive monthly packets.

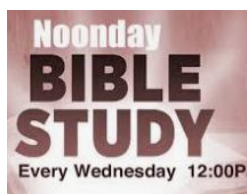


Forum Our regularly scheduled Adult Enrichment hour, known as Forum, meets most Sundays at 9:15. We won't be meeting in person just yet, but folks can join in the conversation live via Zoom. All Forum sessions will also be recorded and posted to the church's YouTube page so you can watch the session at any time. To join in for the discussion, please let the church office know, and we'll get you all set up! The next class begins 02/21/2021 with a 6-part study on the Isenheim Altarpiece led by Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh.

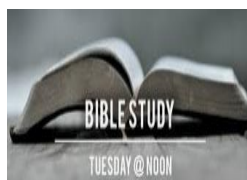
If you want to go back and watch a previous Forum, it can be found on the church YouTube page <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCh5z--uePAXhoKVfay2w4g/videos>



Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School, with Curtis Reimer leading, meets via Zoom most Sunday mornings at 9:15am. Heirs Apparent is doing study entitled *Dream Big: know what you want, why you want it, and what you're going to do about it* by Bob Goff. We will continue meeting via zoom. To join this study, please email Curtis at teece4@gmail.com or call the church office to get the Zoom link.



Bible at Breakfast has a new time and name! Join us for Noonday Bible Study via ZOOM on Wednesdays at noon with Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh as the leader. We will be looking at the Book of Revelation using the text *Revelation & the End of All Things* by Craig R. Koester. To join the study, contact sbbrooks52@gmail.com. All are welcome!



Tuesday Noon Bible Study with Pastor Greg

All are welcome to join this weekly study. The focus for the group discussion and study each week is on the verses to be used on Sunday during worship. The group gathers either by ZOOM Conferencing or in person in the Anderson Room. To join by ZOOM, contact the church office.



PreK-5th Grades: Families will receive packets of materials in the mail to use as you follow along with video lessons to be posted weekly on our church website <https://fpchastings.org/children/>

6th-8th Grades: We will be hosting in-person 6th-8th Grade Youth Group on Wednesday evenings beginning on **February 3**. We'll plan to meet in the church basement youth room from **7pm-8pm**. All participants are asked to **wear a facemask**, and we will maintain proper distance from one another. We'll do our usual games, bible study, and fellowship sorts of things.

9th-12th Grades: We will be hosting in-person 9th-12th Grade Youth Group on Wednesday evenings beginning on **February 3**. We'll plan to meet in the PEACE Center youth room from **7pm-8pm**. All participants are asked to **wear a facemask**, and we will maintain proper distance from one another. We'll do our usual games, bible study, and fellowship sorts of things.

In-Person Confirmation Class for the current 8th Graders will be on Wednesday evenings beginning on **February 3**, from 5:00pm to 7:00 pm at the church confirmation room. Dinner will be served and provided by one of the participating youth's family. All participants are asked to **wear a facemask** when not eating, and we will maintain proper distance from one another.

Ash Wednesday

February 17, 2021

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings

Sanctuary will be open 7am-7pm

Stop by to pray anytime

(please wear a mask and observe social distancing)

Pastors will be present to pray
with you and impose ashes:

7am-9am, 11am-2pm, 5pm-7pm

Ash Wednesday service will be available to watch on our Facebook and YouTube page all day. We hope you can join us as we begin the Season of Lent.