

First Presbyterian Church Hastings



February 21, 2021
10:30 a.m.
First Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE

“Fantasy in A Minor”

J.S. Bach

Linda Vollweiler, Organ

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

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 25)

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

To you, O LORD, we lift up our souls.

O God, in you we trust; Make us to know your ways, O LORD; teach us your paths.

Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation;

Remind us of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

According to your steadfast love, remember us, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

God leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble God's way.

All the paths of the LORD are filled with steadfast love.

Come, let us worship the God of faithfulness. May our worship teach us the humble ways of God and lead us on paths of truth and love!

*OPENING HYMN

“To God Be the Glory”

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Sarah Wolf, Song Leader

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, you fashioned us out of dust, breathing your Spirit into us, so we might sing your praise. But we often denounce your gift of life in ourselves or in others. Sometimes we reject those who are different through ignoring, belittling, and shaming, ways that do not reflect your love. We find ourselves believing the survival-of-the-fittest lies, discounting the weak and attributing our success to ourselves instead of to you and the community you surround us with. Not trusting in your provision, we cover our ears to the cries of those in need because we're afraid we won't have enough. We live in a state of sin among a people of sin. Save for your grace, we perish.

Have mercy on us according to your loving kindness. Breathe new life into us once more, so we might be the people you created us to be. Restore unto us the joy of your salvation that we might do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with the Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION

Question for contemplation: What do I need to repent of in this Season of Lent?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Ezekiel 36)

Hear the promise of God: "I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you will be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances."

Friends, the promises of God are true:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross

That we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Live now as new people, free to love God and neighbor.

Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Glory be to the Father"

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*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

BAPTISM

Colton Douglas Hemje (12/3/20)

Parents Mark and Kate Hemje

BAPTISM QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION

*Through the act of baptism, this child will be received into Christ's church, and we all have a role in his nurture. To that end, I ask the congregation, do you promise, with God's help, to support and pray for this child and his parents? And, do you promise to love this child and to assist him in becoming a faithful follower of Jesus Christ? If so, please respond by saying say, "We do." **We Do.***

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostle's Creed)

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, of life, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that as we hear these words, that they may become living Words for us to the glory of our living Lord Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

2nd SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:9-15

SERMON “The power of sacrifice: Repent and believe the good news!”

Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

“Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days”

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Sing a New Song”

Schutte/arr. Wagner

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving, Creating God, you are in covenant with your people. You have pledged to be our God and ask us to be your people, trusting in you in all our ways. Make us ready for the journey by replacing the fear in our hearts with a sense of generosity and abundance. Remind us that in service to you, helping others, we will also find ourselves made more fully whole. By sharing these gifts and offering our lives, may we receive your good news and then be witnesses to your love to all your people. 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

“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”

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*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

“Trumpet Tune”

Purcell/arr. Biggs

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.)

To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the peo - ple re - joice!

O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,

and give him the glo - ry: great things he has done!

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

Glory Be to the Father

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Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of musical notation for 'Glory Be to the Father'. It consists of a treble and a bass staff in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody in the treble staff begins with a dotted quarter note on G4, followed by eighth notes on A4 and B-flat4, then a quarter note on C5, and a half note on B-flat4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

The second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with a half note on B-flat4, a quarter note on A4, and a dotted quarter note on G4. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

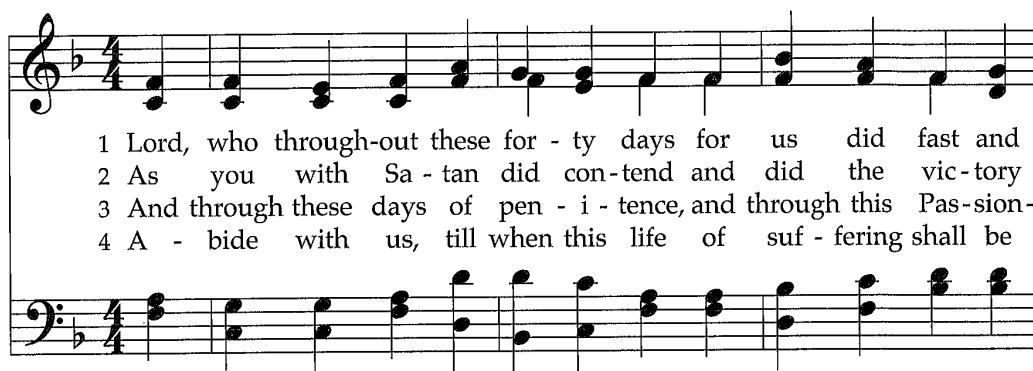
The third system of musical notation. The treble staff features a half note on G4, a quarter note on F4, and a dotted quarter note on E-flat4. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

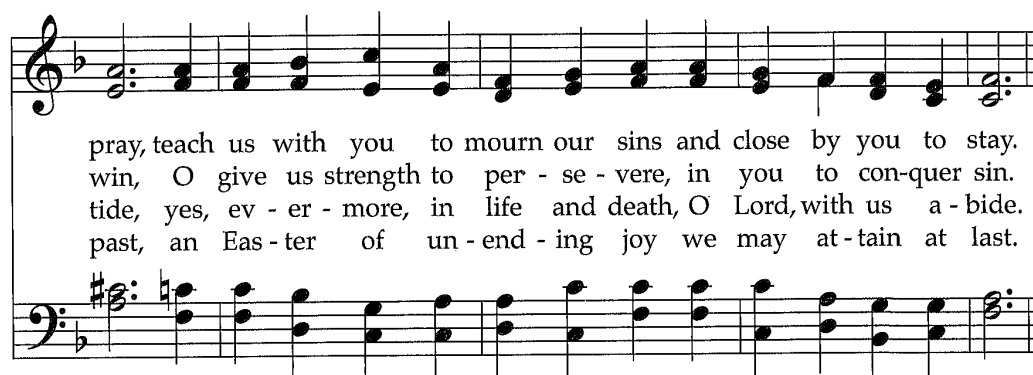
The fourth and final system of musical notation. The treble staff concludes with a half note on G4, a quarter note on F4, and a dotted quarter note on E-flat4. The bass staff concludes with a half note on G3 and a dotted quarter note on F3. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

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1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and
 2 As you with Sa - tan did con-tend and did the vic-tory
 3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas-sion-
 4 A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be



pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
 win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con-quer sin.
 tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
 past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.

Like many of this author's hymns, this text was written primarily for children but works equally well in reminding adults how Lent connects us with Christ's temptation in the wilderness and prepares us for Easter. The 16th-century English psalm tune provides sturdy support.

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp). It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a basso continuo line. The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise *him, all creatures here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.' The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.


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

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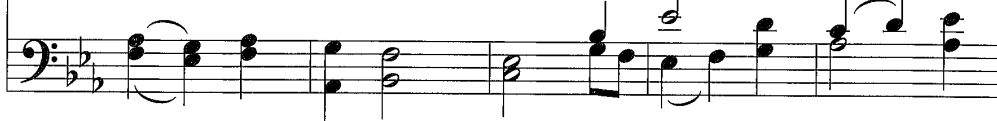

618 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High




1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us by wick - ed - ness be - trayed, for us, in
 4 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 5 All glo - ry to our Lord and God, for love so

thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
 crown of thorns ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 went on high to reign; for us he sent the
 deep, so high, so broad: the Trin - i - ty whom

God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 sharp he knew, for us, the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 Spir - it here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 we a - dore for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.



Reducing a twenty-three-stanza Latin text to these five English stanzas intensifies this survey of the mystery of the Incarnation and strengthens the repeated reminder that all was done "for us." A comparable tone of proclamation animates this 15th-century song celebrating a military victory.

February 21, 2021

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

Flowers are given in loving memory of Michele L. Northrop by the Northrop 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	Jack Stinson (Julie Thomsen's dad)	Henry Black
Cindy Pickett	Connie & Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker's parents)	Rachael Lay
Jeff Howard	Elaine Schumacher (Vicki Howard's mom)	Norris Swan
Gretchen Lainson	Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's mom)	Tommy Thomsen
JoAnn Williams and Family	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	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.

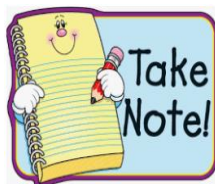
*thinking
OF YOU*

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 22– February 28, 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.

TODAY 02/21	12:00p-1:00p	Lenten Discussion Group Lydia Room/Zoom
Mon, Feb 22		“Monday Check-in” Communication from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen
Tues, Feb 23	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting
	12:00p-1:00p	Lenten Discussion Group Anderson/Zoom
Wed, Feb 24	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Bible Study via Zoom
	5:00p-7:00p	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 25	6:00p-7:00p	Mexican Dance Class NE Classroom/PEACE Cntr
	7:00p-8:00p	Spanish Class NW Classroom/PEACE Center
Fri, Feb 26	7:00a-8:00a	Lenten Discussion Group Lydia Room/Zoom
Sun, Feb 28	9:15a-10:15a	Heirs 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.

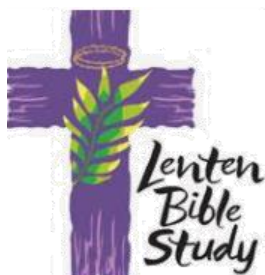


The next **Red Cross Blood Drive** is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 30, 2021** from 12 noon – 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar now! To donate or volunteer your time, please call Erica Brooks, FPC Parish Nurse, at 402-469-9285 or sign up at www.redcrossblood.org.



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.

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



Lenten Discussion Groups

Everyone in our church family should have received a copy of the Lenten devotional entitled "That They May All Be One: The First Stitches." This devotional will lead readers through a series of reflections and activities designed to enable them to take first steps toward living with a greater sense of unity with those around them--even those with whom they sincerely disagree! This process will be greatly enhanced by sharing and discussing

with others what one is learning through this Lenten journey. Thus, you are encouraged to consider joining one of the three discussion groups that will be meeting weekly over the next six weeks. All three groups will be available both in person and via Zoom. Contact the church office to get the link for the meeting of your choice.

Fridays at 7 AM in the Lydia Room and via Zoom (led by Kili)

February 26

March 5, 12, 19, 26,

April 2

Sundays at 12 PM in the Lydia Room and via Zoom (led by Pastor Damen)

February 21, 28

March 7, 14, 21, 28

Tuesdays at 12 PM in the Anderson Room and via Zoom (led by Pastor Greg)

February 23

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

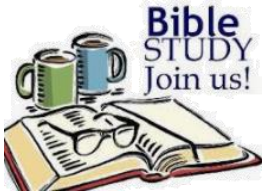


Presbyterian Women PW will not meet until further notice. This means there will be no Circle meetings and no monthly luncheons. Members will receive monthly packets.

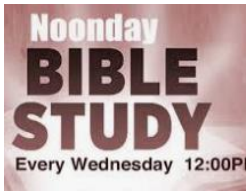


Forum Our regularly scheduled Adult Enrichment hour, known as Forum, meets most Sundays at 9:15. We won't be meeting in person just yet, but folks can join in the conversation live via Zoom. All Forum sessions will also be recorded and posted to the church's YouTube page so you can watch the session 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.

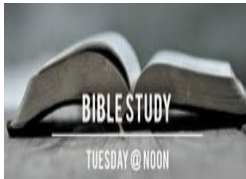
If you want to go back and watch a previous Forum, it can be found on the church YouTube page <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCh5z--uePAXhoKVfay2w4g/videos>



Heir's Apparent Adult Sunday School, with Curtis Reimer leading, meets via Zoom most Sunday mornings at 9:15am. 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 is being held on Wednesday evenings from 5:00-7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner is provided. All participants are required to wear a facemask when not eating and must maintain proper social distancing guidelines.

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