

# The Home Page

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175  
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## NOTABLE NOTES

Baptisms, Lent, Restarting In-Person Worship, Holy Week and more!  
FROM PASTOR GREG

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

I'm delighted to see the ways that our church is thriving, even in these strange times! Did any of you catch the baptism of Colton Hemje on 2/21/21? That was our first baptism in over a year because of COVID-19, and what a joy it was! Colton's sisters and brother leaned over the railing to watch him join our family of faith. If you missed it, you can watch it by clicking here: [http://bit.ly/FPCH\\_2-21-21](http://bit.ly/FPCH_2-21-21) (it starts at about the 23:30 mark). Here's more joyful news: we already have 3 more baptisms scheduled over the next few months!

We started the Season of Lent on Wednesday 2/17 with a unique Ash Wednesday opportunity. We shared an Ash Wednesday service on Facebook and YouTube and had over 75 people watch the service. We also opened our sanctuary for people to come down, pray, and receive ashes. More than 35 of our members joined us for that. While it looked a little different than in previous years, it was a deeply meaningful way to reflect on the start of our Lenten journey with Christ to the cross.

As part of our Lenten journey, we also mailed a devotional guide, written by Pastor Damen and Kili Wenburg, to every household in the church. Our hope is that we can all read through this guide together and that it will unite us as a family of faith during this time of reflection and repentance. The theme of the guide is Christian Unity, based on Jesus' words in John 17: *"The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."* If you would like a digital copy of this guide, you can click here: <http://bit.ly/FPCH-Lent>

If you haven't already heard, after 49 weeks, we have restarted In-Person worship in our sanctuary! Our first In-Person worship service was 2/28/21. We had 99 people in-person and another 209 who were watching the service at home via Facebook Live. It was wonderful to have people back in the sanctuary and also wonderful to still have the Stay-at-Home worship option. Due to guidance from our local health department, things do look a little different: face masks are required, there is no congregational hymn singing, and social distancing is observed. So if you come, you may not get to sit in your regular pew, but you will get to come into the sanctuary to worship God and share fellowship with your family of faith. In order to provide for social distancing, we ask that you let us know if you will be coming each week. To do that, call the church office at 402-462-5147 or click on these links:

3/14/21: <https://bit.ly/FPCH-Res14>

3/21/21: <http://bit.ly/FPCH-Res21>

3/28/21: <http://bit.ly/FPCH-Res328>

We are also excited about Holy Week this year! We will celebrate Palm Sunday on 3/28 (RSVP at the link above). In addition to the palms, we will also have a baptism at that service! On 4/1 we will have a Maundy Thursday service in-person and on-line, and on 4/2 we will have a Good Friday service in-person and on-line. We will hold a prayer vigil from Good Friday through Easter morning. You can read more details about these services in the Home Page.

For our Easter service, which typically has 400-600 people in attendance, we knew we couldn't fit in our sanctuary due to the social distancing guidelines. So, we are partnering with Hastings College and our Easter service will be held in the Lynn Farrell basketball arena. It will include our Chancel Choir, the Cathedral Brass, and many of the other elements that we love about Easter. The arena seats almost 4,000, so we will have plenty of space for social distancing, and masks will be required.

First Presbyterian Church is thriving thanks to your support and participation in the life of our church. Thank you for all you have done over the last year. We hope you can join us in person or on-line over the next few weeks of Lent and during Holy Week as we continue to “be the church together!”

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Greg

***FPC Prayers for:***

Lois Hafer	Jack Stinson (Julie Thomsen's dad)	Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ann Elfond
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
Carol Medsker	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Mary Jeanne Cooke
	JoAnn Williams and Family	Karen Doerr and family

***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.***



**Sunday's 10:30 In-Person and Stay at Home Worship Service is broadcast**

- live on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](http://www.facebook.com/fpchastings) (You don't need to have an account to watch.)
- on the radio during Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. simulcast on KICS 1550AM and 92.7FM
- 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.

"When working with your attorney to **update your will and estate plan**, please consider including a gift to the First Presbyterian Church Foundation." - Moderator of the Foundation

***HOSPITAL REMINDER***

Due to hospital privacy regulations, for the church to know that either you or a family member will be hospitalized or have been admitted, please take a moment and call the church office at 402-462-5147. Remember, we don't always know what's happening unless you tell us!

**A copy of any Sunday service** is available on DVD ~~dis~~ upon request at no charge. Contact the church office at [402-462-5147](tel:402-462-5147).

**Birth Announcements** If you would like a rose on the pulpit to celebrate the birth of a new child in your family, please notify the office.



**Looking for a way to give 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 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/>

In the days and weeks to come, the church will continue to play a vital role in responding to this virus, just as we did with the flood relief efforts. Thank you for your continued support and provision in this time.



***The March Communion Offering will go to Hastings Area Habitat for Humanity.***

This year Habitat has 2 homes on S. Chicago street. One is already completed, and the second home will be finished this fall.

These homes are not gifts. Selected families are required to complete 300 hours of sweat equity by assisting volunteers in the building of the

home. Their interest-free mortgage is repaid by the homeowners over a 30-year period.

Habitat's vision is to help more families live in decent, affordable homes in our community. Thank you from Hastings Area Habitat for Humanity!

### Dear Faithful Friends,

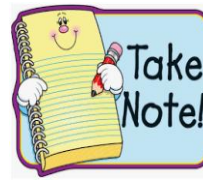
During this season of unrest and change, we depend on our Church, faith, family, and God's grace to see us through. Together, our gifts work to build God's household where all can find shelter, where all can find love. Your generosity helps build a Matthew 25 Church: a home of wholeness for people in need, especially those suffering from the impacts of the current crises, disrupting the cycle of poverty. Your generosity creates a space for justice, dismantling systemic racism, and it enlivens the Church, giving voice to the declaration that we, the Church, are not dying, but are filled with vitality and life. Your congregation's giving, when combined with that of others, will share the love of Christ with those in need.

As 2021 begins, we look back, in gratitude, for the ways the Church has been faithful to its calling despite the incredible challenges of 2020. These gifts mean so much more than the dollars that are given and represent lives being changed. They also reflect a commitment to becoming a Matthew 25 Church, an invitation being extended by the denomination for congregations to proclaim a commitment to becoming more vital, as we engage in the eradication of systemic poverty and racism. As we begin a new year, we look forward to supporting you and your congregation in deepening partnerships with those in need and throughout the whole Church, together.

Thank you, again, for giving to enable all people to know God's life-giving welcome in Jesus Christ. Please let me know how we can support your efforts. Together, we are the church, building the household of Christ.

With gratitude for your partnership, and prayers for continued grace and boldness in your ministry,

Bryce Wiebe, Director, Special Offerings and Appeals, PC(USA)



### Notes for your Information:

1. The 2021 Offering Envelopes are in the Church Office. Stop in and pick one up!
2. The 2021 April/May/June Daily Bread Devotions have arrived, both large print and regular print.

**The following is a thank you card from Pastor Dave at the Harvard United Church of Christ.** Stephanie has been sharing the Sunday School packets and videos with them for use at their church.

You're the best!

Stephanie & all the  
C.E. elves @ FPC,  
THANK YOU for  
the awesome packets,  
videos, crafts, etc.  
!! Families in the  
Harvard area are  
enjoying them as  
they put together  
"My Story about Jesus"

Thank you  
for the kind &  
energizing packets &  
these lovely little  
cards! -  
Brim Par  
SHARON,  
Pastor  
Dave  
Thank you for  
all you are  
doing for the youth!  
Love, Heather  
Missy  
Lynn



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

The Store will be OPEN Sunday, 03/21, and 03/28 from 1:00p-2:00p. COVID-19 rules will apply: masks required, 15 or fewer people with social distancing observed.



**Brooks' Bookshelf** is a way to share the joy of reading and also spread the awareness of Down Syndrome. Bookshelves, where children are welcome to take a book home, will be located throughout our community!



Each bookshelf will include books of all interests with some specific books focused on kindness, on compassion, and on individuals with unique differences. Books to range from picture/baby up to early readers.

Every story and every person is unique and beautiful. We hope that you'll find it in your hearts to donate a book or send a monetary donation to help us in this celebration.

Check out our Amazon wish list under Brooks' Bookshelf and other places to donate on our website at [brookssbookshelf.org](http://brookssbookshelf.org)

Follow us on Facebook & Instagram!

-Kindly, Brooks Borrell & Family

### **FPC has a medical equipment library**



from which members can borrow equipment that they need on a temporary basis. These items will include walkers, bath chair, crutches, toilet riser, knee scooter, etc. If

you have any equipment cluttering your basement that you would like to donate or if you have a temporary need for such an item, please contact Erica Brooks at [ericalynn128@gmail.com](mailto:ericalynn128@gmail.com).

### **All I really need to know I learned from Noah's Ark!**



- Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
- Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone might ask you do something REALLY big.
- Don't listen to critics; do what has to be done.
- Build on high ground.
- For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- Two heads are better than one.
- Speed isn't always an advantage. The cheetahs were on board, but so were the snails.
- If you can't fight or flee, float!
- Take care of animals as if they were the last ones on earth.
- Don't forget that we're all in the same boat.
- When the doo-doo gets really deep, don't sit there and complain – shovel!
- Stay below deck during the storm.
- Remember that the ark was built by amateurs, and the Titanic was built by professionals.
- If you have to start over, have a friend by your side.
- Don't miss the boat. No matter how bleak it looks, there's always a rainbow on the other side.

~Anonymous



**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. If you have a few moments, drop a card or note into the mail to help them feel connected and remembered. 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.



### **Birthday Card Showers**

♥ Joyce Harrenstein will be turning 100 years old on Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup>. Her family is requesting a card shower to celebrate. Cards can be sent to her at 2525 S Wabash Ave; Hastings, NE 68901.

♥ Please help Tommy Thomsen celebrate her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 15<sup>th</sup>, by sending a card to her at the Kensington: 233 N. Hastings, room #415, Hastings NE 68901



## 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:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
I will leave my Lily at the church:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

\*\*(All lilies left will be delivered to a member of the church who is unable to attend services.)



### FPC Virtual Choir

Early in the new year, at our first Tuesday morning FPC Staff ZOOM meeting, we were discussing what Lent might look like at FPC.

At that moment, I knew I wanted to contribute to the FPC patchwork quilt through music. Many of you may know my favorite hymn tune is ORA LABORA ("Come, Labor On"). Another friend, Jeremy Bankson, has recently published a wonderful choral anthem using that hymn. With permission from the composer and his publisher, I have written five new verses applicable to our Lenten journey for a special musical project in our church and our community.

Unlike our previous "virtual" choir productions of "Be Thou My Vision" and "Silent Night," I am asking **EVERYONE** in our congregation to

participate...this means **NOT ONLY THE CHANCEL CHOIR, BUT YOU!**

In fact, encourage your non-Presbyterian friends! Nothing speaks to unity more profoundly than singing in a choir!

*Details of how to participate can be found on the church website by clicking on the Info Center tab and then clicking on the announcements section.*

---Robin Koozer



**Presbyterian Women** PW will not meet until

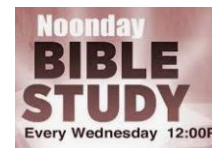


further notice. This means there will be no Circle meetings and no monthly Luncheons.

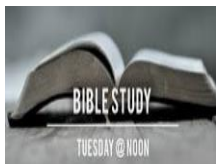
PW gatherings will be March 17 at 9:30 and 1:30 in Fellowship Hall. Details will be included in the monthly packet.



**Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School**, with Curtis Reimer leading, meets via Zoom most Sunday mornings at 9:15am. We began the current study on 02/21/2021 using the book *Visioneering* by Andy Stanley, which is based on the book of Nehemiah in the Old Testament. We will continue meeting via Zoom. To join this study, please email Curtis at [teece4@gmail.com](mailto: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 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](mailto:sbbrooks52@gmail.com). All are welcome at any time!



## 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.



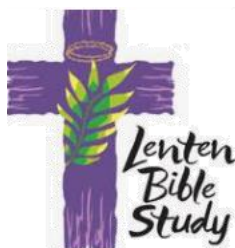
**Forum** Our regularly scheduled Adult Enrichment hour, known as Forum, meets most Sundays at 9:15. We won't be meeting in person just yet, but folks can join in the

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 current class began on 02/21/2021 with a 6-part study on the Isenheim Altarpiece led by Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh and will go through 03/28/2021.

Previous Forums, can be found on the church YouTube page

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCh5z--uePAXhoKVfay2w4g/videos>

## 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 four 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 8 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



## Update on Sunday School/Youth Group

**PreK-5<sup>th</sup> 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.



# COMING SOON!



American  
Red Cross

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](tel:402-469-9285) or sign up at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).



## Save the Dates for VBS 2021

Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> – Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

VBS will take place OUTSIDE in the MORNING

Location: Masonic Temple Grass Lot @ corner of 6<sup>th</sup> St. and Hastings Ave.

First Presbyterian Church and First United Methodist Church will combine for VBS 2021!

Registration information coming soon!



*Easter Vigil*

*April 2-4*

*Beginning after Good Friday*

*Evening Service*

*Until 7:00 a.m. Easter Sunday*

Please sign up for times in the Memorial Room or on line at

[2021 Easter Vigil Sign Up Sheet.docx](#)



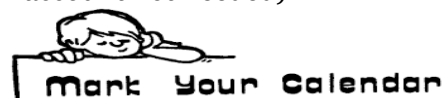
Interested in volunteering at **United Harvest?** You can register on the United Harvest Facebook page. Volunteer shifts are 9:30-12:00 and 12:00-2:00.

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

Check the calendar on the church website for the most accurate list of activities. [www.fpchastings.org](http://www.fpchastings.org)

**Broadcast live In-Person and Stay at Home Sunday Worship at 10:30**

- ✓ 10:30 a.m. on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](https://www.facebook.com/fpchastings) (FB account not needed)
- ✓ 10:30 a.m. service simulcast on KICS 1550AM and 92.7FM
- ✓ on Channel 181 Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.
- ✓ Sunday at 9:00 a.m.



**What's Happening at FPC --- March 14 – March 28, 2021** Session has voted that all in-person meetings must use the following guidelines through March for the safety of our congregation and staff and to comply with the State-Directed Health Measures. 1.) 20 or fewer in attendance, 2.) No time limit, 3.) Facemasks will be required, 4.) Social distancing of 6-ft. seating. All boards and committees will have the option to meet in person or continue to meet via conference call or some combination of both.

<b>Sun, Mar 14</b>	<b>9:15a-10:15a</b> <b>9:15a-10:15a</b> <b>10:30a</b> <b>12:00p-1:00p</b>	<b>Heirs Apparent Adult S.S.</b> via Zoom Conferencing <b>Forum Adult S.S.</b> via Zoom Conferencing <b>Stay-At-Home and In-Person Worship Service</b> <b>Lenten Discussion Group</b> -Lydia Rm/Zoom <b>"Monday Check-in" Communication</b> from Greg and Damen
<b>Mon, Mar 15</b>	<b>7:00p-8:00p</b>	<b>Scout Troop 200</b> in Scout Room
<b>Tues, Mar 16</b>	<b>10:30a-11:30a</b> <b>12:00p-1:00p</b> <b>5:30p-6:30p</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b> via Zoom Conferencing <b>Lenten Discussion Group</b> -Lydia Rm/Zoom <b>Deacons Fellowship</b> Hall/Zoom
<b>Wed, Mar 17</b>	<b>9:30a-10:30a</b> <b>12:00 1:00p</b> <b>1:30p-2:30p</b> <b>5:00p-7:00p</b> <b>7:00p-8:00p</b> <b>7:00p-8:00p</b> <b>7:00p-8:00p</b>	<b>PW Gathering Fellowship</b> Hall <b>Noonday Bible Study</b> via Zoom Conferencing <b>PW Gathering Fellowship</b> Hall <b>Confirmation Class</b> <b>Chancel Bells</b> Upstairs Ed Wing <b>6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> Grade In-Person Youth Group</b> Church youth room <b>9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grade In-Person Youth Group</b> PEACE Center youth rm
<b>Thurs, Mar 18</b>	<b>6:00p-7:00p</b> <b>7:00p-8:00p</b>	<b>Mexican Dance Class</b> -NE Classroom/PEACE Center <b>Cub Scouts Fellowship</b> Hall
<b>Fri, Mar 19</b>	<b>8:00a-9:00a</b>	<b>Lenten Discussion Group</b> Lydia Rm/ZOOM
<b>Sat, Mar 20</b>	<b>9:30a-2:00p</b>	<b>United Harvest</b>
<b>Sun, Mar 21</b>	<b>9:15a-10:15a</b> <b>9:15a-10:15a</b> <b>10:30a</b> <b>12:00p-1:00p</b> <b>1:00p-2:00p</b>	<b>Heirs Apparent Adult S.S.</b> via Zoom Conferencing <b>Forum Adult S.S.</b> via Zoom Conferencing <b>Stay-At-Home and In-Person Worship Service</b> <b>Lenten Discussion Group</b> Lydia Rm/Zoom <b>Hands Around the World Store OPEN</b> <b>"Monday Check-in" Communication</b> from Greg and Damen
<b>Mon, Mar 22</b>	<b>7:00p-8:00p</b>	<b>Scout Troop 200</b> in Scout Room
<b>Tues, Mar 23</b>	<b>10:30a-11:30a</b> <b>12:00p-1:00p</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b> via Zoom Conferencing <b>Lenten Discussion Group</b> -Lydia Rm/Zoom
<b>Wed, Mar 24</b>	<b>12:00 1:00p</b> <b>5:00p-7:00p</b> <b>6:00p-7:00p</b> <b>7:00p-8:00p</b> <b>7:00p-8:00p</b> <b>7:00p-8:00p</b>	<b>Noonday Bible Study</b> via Zoom Conferencing <b>Confirmation Class</b> <b>Chancel Choir</b> in the Sanctuary <b>Chancel Bells</b> Upstairs Ed Wing <b>6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> Grade In-Person Youth Group</b> Church youth room <b>9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grade In-Person Youth Group</b> PEACE Center youth rm
<b>Thurs, Mar 25</b>	<b>5:30p-7:00p</b> <b>6:00p-7:00p</b> <b>7:00p-8:00p</b>	<b>Session Fellowship</b> Hall/Zoom <b>Mexican Dance Class</b> -NE Classroom/PEACE Center <b>Cub Scouts Fellowship</b> Hall
<b>Fri, Mar 26</b>	<b>8:00a-9:00a</b>	<b>Lenten Discussion Group</b> Lydia Rm/ZOOM
<b>Sun, Mar 28</b>	<b>9:15a-10:15a</b> <b>9:15a-10:15a</b> <b>10:30a</b> <b>12:00p-1:00p</b> <b>1:00p-2:00p</b>	<b>Heirs Apparent Adult S.S.</b> via Zoom Conferencing <b>Forum Adult S.S.</b> via Zoom Conferencing <b>Stay-At-Home and In-Person Worship Service</b> <b>Lenten Discussion Group</b> Lydia Rm/Zoom <b>Hands Around the World Store OPEN</b>



# HOLY WEEK

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings

2021

## March 28 – Palm Sunday

- ♥ 10:30 a.m. In-Person and Stay-at-Home Worship Service

**In-Person:** Please click on this link and register <http://bit.ly/FPCH-Res328> or call the church office: 402-462-5147. If we hit the maximum capacity of 120 family units/individuals, you will be added to the reservation list for the following week.

**Stay-at-Home: Broadcast live on Facebook at** [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](http://www.facebook.com/fpchastings)

(Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to view the service.)

- The Worship Service can also be heard live on the radio simulcast on KICS 1550 AM and on 92.7FM

## March 31 – Wednesday of Holy Week

- ♥ 5:00 p.m. In-Person Confirmation class will meet as scheduled
- ♥ 7:00 p.m. Middle School and Senior High In-Person Youth Group will meet as scheduled.
- ♥ 7:00 p.m. Chancel Bells will meet as scheduled

**April 1 – Maundy Thursday:** 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.

- ♥ 7:00 p.m. In-Person and Stay-at-Home Worship

**In-Person:** Just come to the church sanctuary, no need to register.

**Stay-at-Home: Broadcast live on Facebook at** [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](http://www.facebook.com/fpchastings)

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**April 2 – Good Friday:** A service that reflects on the Passion narrative of Christ's trial, crucifixion, and burial.

- ♥ 7:00 p.m. In-Person and Stay-at-Home Worship

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## April 2 Good Friday – April 4 Easter Morning: Prayer Vigil

- ♥ Starting at 8pm on Good Friday through sunrise on Easter Morning, we will hold an Easter Prayer Vigil in the Chapel or from home. Individuals or families can sign up for 1 hour time slots. Prayer resources will be available in the chapel and on-line. We hold vigil during the time between Christ's death and resurrection, praying for ourselves, our community, and our world. Prayer Vigil Signup: [2021 Easter Vigil Sign Up Sheet.docx](#)

## April 4 – Easter Sunday

- ♥ 10:30 a.m. In-Person and Stay-at-Home Easter Worship Service

**In-Person:** For our Easter service, which typically has 400-600 people in attendance, we knew we couldn't fit in our sanctuary due to the social-distancing guidelines, so we are partnering with Hastings College, and our Easter service will be held in the Lynn Farrell basketball arena. It will include our Chancel Choir, the Cathedral Brass, and many of the other elements that we love about Easter. The arena seats almost 4,000, so we will have plenty of space for social distancing, and masks will be required.

**Stay-at-Home: Broadcast live on Facebook at** [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](http://www.facebook.com/fpchastings)

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The Worship Service can also be heard live on the radio simulcast on KICS 1550 AM and on 92.7FM.

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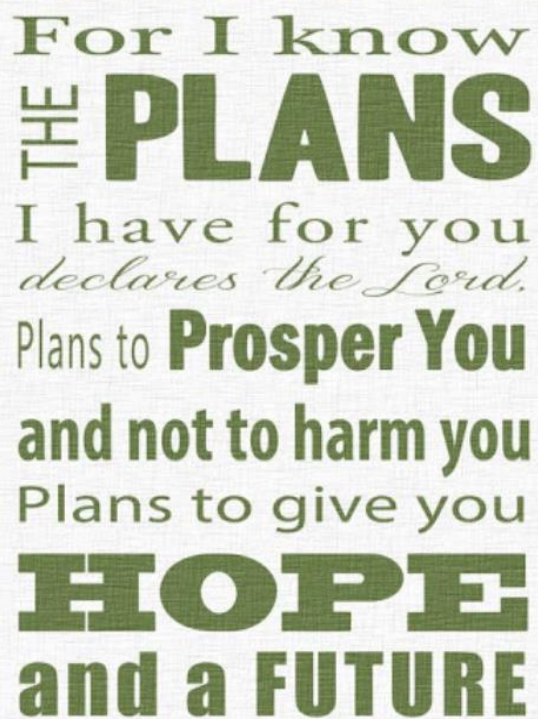
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**and a FUTURE**

*Jeremiah 29:11*