



March 21, 2021  
10:30 a.m.  
Fifth Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE

“Canzonetta”

Dietrich Buxtehude

Linda Vollweiler, Organ

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

WELCOME

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

OPENING QUESTION

*What do you hope to see this morning?*

INTROIT

“A Celtic Ring”

arr. Susan Geschke

Calvin/Westminster Hand Bell Choir; Byron Jensen, Director

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Kili Wenburg

*The congregation who went up to worship that day was an interesting crew.*

***There were singers and hummers and quiet meditators.***

*There were those seasoned with years, some in the middle of life, and a few just cutting their teeth.*

***The crowd included dreamers and pragmatists. It contained quilters, carpenters, everything else, and a handful of theorists.***

*Mothers, daughters, uncles, and brothers--you name it, and they were there.*

***Decently and in order, they all attended. They all came into the presence of God.***

*Some wore their Sunday best. Others wore outfits that were a bit more comfortable.*

***But there they were. All of them sinners. All of them saints. All of them seeking to follow Christ.***

\*OPENING HYMN

“Oh Jesus, I Have Promised”

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Hannah Jensen-Heitmann, Song Leader

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***We confess, O God, that we wish to see Jesus but that we'd prefer to do so on our own terms. We are, of course, curious about this messiah, but we'd like to hold him and his message at an arm's distance if we could. We suppose that we could serve him, we could follow, but we'd like to know where and when and to what extent. To serve him, “wherever,” is sometimes a bit too open ended for us. We see his light. We truly do. But what if that light falls upon “those” people? What if that light reaches corners of our hearts that we would rather it not touch? What if that light and that service calls me to lay down my life and my being as I have known them? We confess, O God, that we, your children, do not always bear your light to the world.***

SILENT CONFESSION & QUESTION FOR CONTEMPLATION

Into what darkness do you fear to tread?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Praise be to God, whose mercy knows no end.*

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

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

***Amen. And again, amen.***

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Glory Be to the Father"

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\*PEACE OF CHRIST (Greet others by exchanging the Peace of Christ.)

The Peace of Christ be with you.

***And also with you.***

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Stephanie Brader

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Your words bear truth, O God. Let us hear. Your voice thunders with wisdom. Let us feel. Your Spirit resides in these readings and proclamations. Let us perceive. Amen.***

1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 119:9-16

ANTHEM

"What Wondrous Love is This"  
*Chancel Hand Bell Choir; Byron Jensen, Director*

*arr. Anna Laura Page*

2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – John 12:20-36

MESSAGE "To What End?" or "Sowers and Reapers"

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

\*HYMN "A Sower Came from Ancient Hills"

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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 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

*arr. Dale Wood*

\*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***May these offerings be given new life in your name, O God. May they be blessed to grow and multiply. May they become for those whom they encounter, the very light of your presence. 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**

**"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"**

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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**

**"Recessional"**

*George Frideric Handel*

*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 In-Person worship Service**

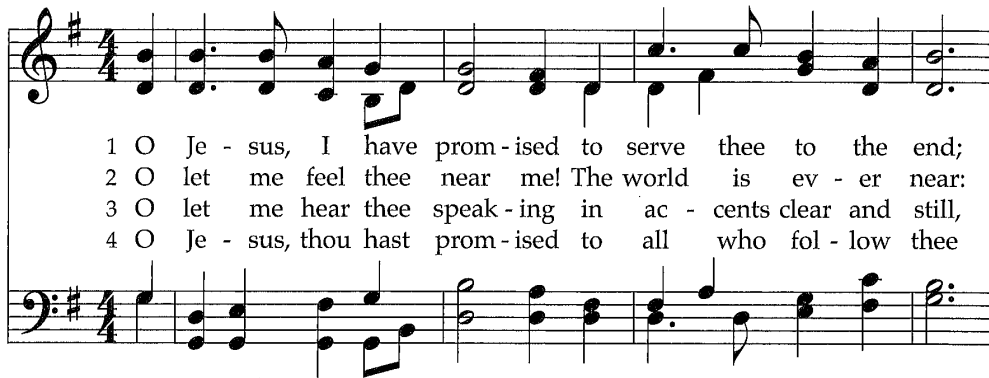
*(Please click on this link and register <http://bit.ly/FPCH-Res328> or call the church office: 402-462-5147. If we hit the maximum capacity of 120 family units/individuals, you will be added to the reservation list for the following week.)*

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

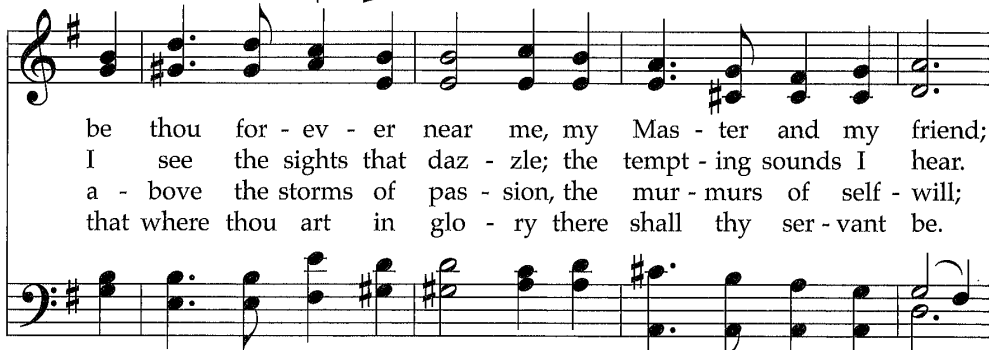
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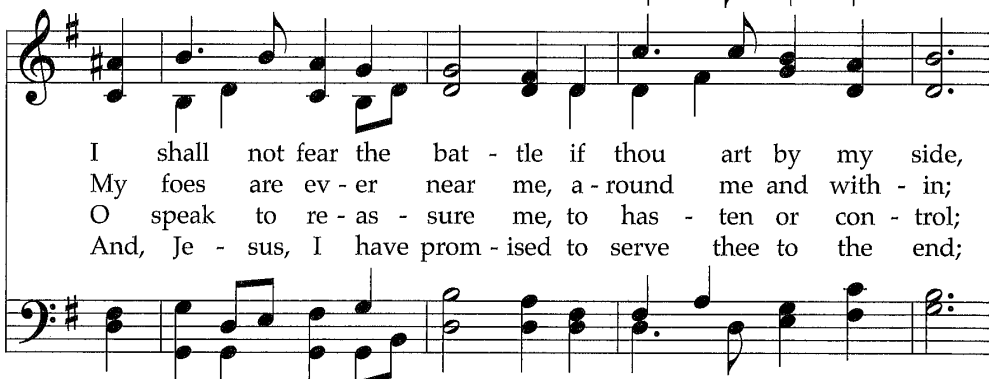
## 724 O Jesus, I Have Promised



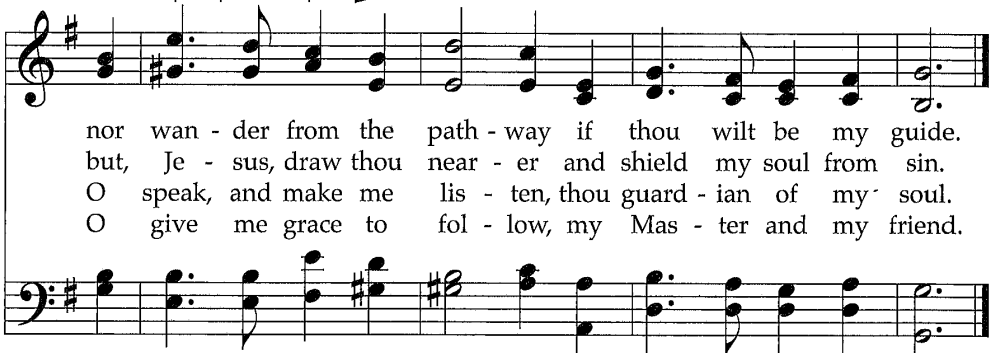
1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;  
 2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near;  
 3 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,  
 4 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee



be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;  
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;  
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, draw thou near - er and shield my soul from sin.  
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.  
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Written to highlight the promises made by the author's daughter and two sons at their confirmation, this text equally well recalls the promises of discipleship made in Baptism and in the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant. The tune was written for a text now unused.

## Glory Be to the Father

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

The first system of music is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The vocal line begins with a half note G3, followed by quarter notes G3, A3, Bb3, and C4. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady bass line of quarter notes: G2, Bb2, C3, D3, E3, F3, G3, A3, Bb3, C4.

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

The second system continues the vocal line with a half note D4, followed by quarter notes E4, F4, G4, and A4. The piano accompaniment continues with quarter notes: Bb3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4.

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

The third system continues the vocal line with a half note E4, followed by quarter notes F4, G4, and A4. The piano accompaniment continues with quarter notes: Bb3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4.

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

The fourth system concludes the vocal line with a half note Bb4, followed by quarter notes C5, Bb4, and A4. The piano accompaniment continues with quarter notes: Bb3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4.

# 171 A Sower Came from Ancient Hills



1 A Sow - er came from an - cient hills and cast good  
 2 A Sow - er walked through - out the land and, ev - ery -  
 3 The Seed was bur - ied deep in death be - neath a  
 4 O Christ, you come a - mong us still, the Sow - er



seed a - broad: his field, ten thou - sand hu - man hearts; his  
 where he trod, he sowed his life be - cause he was him -  
 blood - red sky, and deep - er still was bur - ied hope for  
 and the Seed. As once you sowed the truth of God in



seed, the word of God. And some who lis - tened would not  
 self the Seed of God. But then, a - top a bar - ren  
 those who watched him die. But then, in Jo - seph's gar - den  
 glow - ing word and deed, im - plant your Word in wait - ing



hear, and some who heard for - got. But some re - ceived in  
 hill, be - neath a dark - ening sky, they threw God's Seed on  
 fair, as dawn broke o'er the land, the Seed, from three days'  
 hearts, and let it there take hold, un - til it bears in



fer - tile soil the truth the Sow - er taught.  
 ston - y ground and left it there to die.  
 si - lent sleep, a - woke at God's com - mand!  
 fruit - ful lives a har - vest hun - dred - fold.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

All three synoptic gospels record both the telling and the explanation of Jesus' parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:3-8, 18-23/Mark 4:3-8, 14-20/Luke 8:5-8, 11-15). Because the seed equals "the word," Jesus (as the Word made flesh) becomes the Seed in this expansion of the parable.

# 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). 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 piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords that support the vocal melody.

\*Or "God"

# 216 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,  
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eye at times can see  
 3 I take, O cross, thy shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land;  
 the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me;  
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
 and from my strick - en heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess:  
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, and the bur - den of the day.  
 the won - ders of re - deem - ing love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
 my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

For sheer intensity of feeling few hymns can match this meditation on the cross; impressive images and strong contrasts combine to give the text its ardor. The passionate language is augmented by the highly chromatic tune later composed for these words.



## **March 21, 2021**

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

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

### **Ushers**

**March 21:** Erica Brooks, Dick Brader, Daveta Brader, Andy Barrows, Susie Graham

**March 28:** Chanda Essink, Julie Thomsen, Andy Barrows

### **Today's 10:30 "In-Person" Worship Service will be broadcast**

- live on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](http://www.facebook.com/fpchastings) (You don't need an account.)
- 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.

**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](mailto:jean@fpchastings.org).



**Giving during our time of "In-Person" and "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/>

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

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)

Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ann Elford

Karen Doerr and family

Rachael Lay

Norris Swan

Tommy Thomsen

Carol Medsker

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.***



**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.

## This Week at FPC --- March 22– March 28, 2021

*Session has voted that all in-person meetings must use the following guidelines 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 have the option to meet in person or continue to meet via conference call or some combination of both (to be coordinated by the church staff representative).*

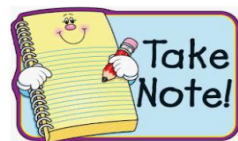
<b>TODAY 3/21</b> <b>Mon, Mar 22</b>	<b>12:00p-1:00p</b>	<b>Lenten Discussion Group</b> Lydia Room/Zoom <b>“Monday Check-in” Communication</b> from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen
	<b>1:00p-3:00p</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Pres Pickleball Open Gym</b>
	<b>7:00p-8:00p</b>	<b>Troop 200 Scouts</b> in Scout Room
<b>Tues, Mar 23</b>	<b>10:30a-11:30a</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b>
	<b>12:00p-1:00p</b>	<b>Lenten Discussion Group</b> Anderson/Zoom
<b>Wed, Mar 24</b>	<b>12:00p-1:00p</b>	<b>Noonday Bible Study</b> via Zoom
	<b>5:00p-7:00p</b>	<b>Confirmation Class</b>
	<b>6:00p-7:00p</b>	<b>Chancel Choir</b> in Sanctuary
	<b>7:00p-8:00p</b>	<b>Chancel Bells</b> Upstairs Ed Wing
	<b>7:00p-7:30p</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade In-Person Youth Group</b> Church youth room
	<b>7:00p-7:30p</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade In-Person Youth Group</b> PEACE Center youth room
	<b>7:30p-8:15p</b>	<b>Calvin/Westminster Choirs</b> in Fellowship
<b>Thurs, Mar 25</b>	<b>5:30p-6:30p</b>	<b>Session Fellowship/Zoom</b>
	<b>6:00p-8:00p</b>	<b>Mexican Dance Class</b> NE Classroom/PEACE Center
	<b>7:00p-8:00p</b>	<b>Cub Scouts</b> in Fellowship Hall
<b>Fri, Mar 26</b>	<b>8:00a-9:00a</b>	<b>Lenten Discussion Group</b> Lydia Room/Zoom
<b>Sun, Mar 28</b>	<b>9:15a-10:15a</b>	<b>Heirs Apparent Adult Study</b> via Zoom
	<b>9:15a-10:15a</b>	<b>Forum Adult Study</b> via Zoom
	<b>10:30a</b>	<b>Stay-At-Home and In-Person Worship Service</b> (Be sure to register your attendance)
	<b>12:00p-1:00p</b>	<b>Lenten Discussion Group</b> Lydia Room/Zoom
	<b>1:00p-2:00p</b>	<b>Hands Around the World Store OPEN</b>

### Birthday Card Showers



♥ Joyce Harrenstein celebrated her **100<sup>th</sup>** birthday on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Her family is requesting a card shower to celebrate this momentous occasion. Cards can be sent to her at 2525 S Wabash Ave., Hastings, NE 68901. An open house will be held in August to celebrate her birthday when it is safer to do so.

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



### 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.



**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.



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

The Store will be OPEN TODAY, Sunday, 03/21, and also on 03/28 from 1:00p-2:00p. COVID rules will apply: masks required, 20 or fewer people with social distancing observed.



**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 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

EASTER LILIES

Easter lilies may be purchased in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$12 each. Money raised over the cost will be donated to Adams/Clay County ARC (Advocate for the Rights of Citizens).



Lily in memory of:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Lily in honor of:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Given by:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

I will take my Lily home after the Easter Sunday services:  Yes  No

I will leave my Lily at the church:  Yes  No

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



# HOLY



# WEEK

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings

2021

## March 28 – Palm Sunday

- ♥ 10:30 a.m. In-Person and Stay-at-Home Worship Service  
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**Stay-at-Home: Broadcast live on Facebook at** [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](http://www.facebook.com/fpchastings)  
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## March 31 – Wednesday of Holy Week

- ♥ 5:00 p.m. In-Person Confirmation class will meet as scheduled
- ♥ 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir in the sanctuary
- ♥ 7:00 p.m. Middle School and Senior High In-Person Youth Group will meet as scheduled.
- ♥ 7:00 p.m. Chancel Bells in Upstairs Ed Wing
- ♥ 7:30 p.m. Calvin/Westminster Choirs in Fellowship Hall

**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  
**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 – April 4 Easter Morning: Prayer Vigil

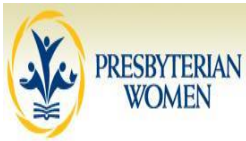
Starting at 8pm on Good Friday through sunrise on Easter Morning, we will hold an Easter Prayer Vigil in the Chapel or from home. Individuals or families can sign up for 1 hour time slots. Prayer resources will be available in the chapel and on-line. We hold vigil during the time between Christ's death 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 into 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 arena. It will include our Chancel Choir, the Cathedral Brass, and many of the other elements that we love about Easter. As the arena seats almost 4,000, there will be 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 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](http://www.redcrossblood.org).



**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.

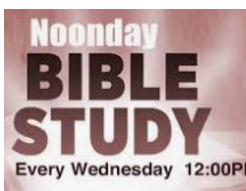


**Forum** Our regularly scheduled Adult Enrichment hour, known as Forum, meets most Sundays at 9:15. We won't be meeting in person just yet, but folks can join in the conversation live via Zoom. All Forum sessions will also be recorded and posted to the church's YouTube page so you can watch the session at any time. To join in for the discussion, please let the church office know, and we'll get you all set up! The 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.

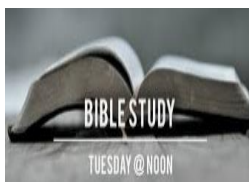
If you want to go back and watch a previous Forum, it can be found on the church YouTube page <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCh5z--uePAXhoKVfay2w4g/videos>



**Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School**, with Curtis Reimer leading, meets via Zoom most Sunday mornings at 9:15am. 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 meet in the Anderson room and 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 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](mailto: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.



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.

April 17, 2021		
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM



**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 guidelines.



### 1st Pres Pickle Ball Open Gym

The Monday afternoon, 1st Pres Pickle Ball is returning to the PEACE Center starting Monday, March 22nd from 1:00-3:00. COVID rules will apply: masks required, 20 or fewer people with social distancing observed.



**Are you interested in helping** to run the camera, sound board, T.V. on Sunday mornings? Erik Nielson will be training new volunteers. Let him know you want to help. Email Erik at [kazgratz@gmail.com](mailto:kazgratz@gmail.com)



## 2021 VBS Children & Volunteer Registration

We'd love for you to join us for VBS 2021! First United Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church are coming together to host a 3-day, outdoor VBS. At Discovery of Adventure Island VBS children will explore the ways God's great light shines in the world, and shows everyone how they can reflect that light in their own lives.

**DATE:** Tuesday, June 1 through Thursday, June 3

**TIME:** 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (volunteers will be needed 8:45am - 12:15pm)

**WHERE:** Masonic Temple grass lot at the corner of 6th Street and Hastings Avenue (will be outside)

**COVID PRECAUTION:** At this time, masks will be required

**CHILDREN & VOLUNTEERS:** Please register **SOON** via the First Presbyterian Church website <https://fpchastings.org/2021-vbs/> or by direct link:

- Children: <http://bit.ly/HastingsVBS>
- Volunteers: <http://bit.ly/HastingsVBSVolunteer>

Please contact Stephanie at [stephanie@fpchastings.org](mailto:stephanie@fpchastings.org) or 402-462-5147 with any questions.

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