



Easter Sunday April 4, 2021

PRELUDE

“Canzonas”

William Brade/arr. Ackley

Cathedral Brass

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

WELCOME

Pastor Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT

“Easter Day Alleluia!”

Beall/arr. Benjamin Harlan

The Chancel Choir and Calvin/Westminster Choirs

Robin Koozer and Linda Johnson, directors; Linda Vollweiler, keyboard

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Today we come to the tomb

And discover that the stone has been rolled away!

The tomb is empty; Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We don't find Christ in the empty tomb; Christ is here among us;

Wherever two or more are gathered in his name.

In every act of compassion and love we show to the world,

Christ is present, resurrected, and alive in us and in these acts of compassion and love! Come, let us worship our risen Christ!

*HYMN

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and patient God, we come before you with many things that weigh us down. We would like an "easy" faith, one that doesn't cause us to look within ourselves, to identify those many ways in which we have not loved you or loved our neighbors. But faith is never easy. It requires our very souls. Forgive us, God, for what we have said and what we have left unsaid. Forgive us for what we have done and what we have left undone. Heal and soften our hearts to love you and others more completely and to accept love from you and from others. Prepare our lives to be of service to you. We long for your presence and your healing touch.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus' death and resurrection changes everything.

We are invited to accept God's love and mercy and to live our lives in that freedom!

In the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior, you are forgiven and loved!

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

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***PEACE OF CHRIST** (Greet others around you this morning with these words.)
*The congregation is invited to exchange signs of peace with one another using these traditional words that have been spoken by Easter Christians throughout the centuries:
Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!*

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM Festival Anthem on “Crown Him with Many Crowns” *arr. Richard Proulx*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

As your Word is read and proclaimed, O God, help us to listen with open ears, think with open minds, and trust with open hearts. May we be open to receive and share the life-giving love found in your Word. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READING – John 20:1-18

MESSAGE “Resurrection Changes Everything” Greg Allen-Pickett

***HYMN** “Christ is Alive!” 246

OFFERING

(The Special Offering this morning goes to the One Great Hour of Sharing to fund projects in the United States and around the world to support disaster relief and address root causes of hunger and poverty. If you wish to contribute to this, put your offering in the Special Offering envelopes found in your bulletin. You can drop your offering in the plates that will be at the exits when you leave.)

OFFERTORY “Ne Irascaris Domine” *William Brade/arr. Ackley
Cathedral Brass*

***DOXOLOGY** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” 609

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, you shower us with gifts so abundant that we cannot measure them all. You give us life itself and embrace us with your love. Then you invite us to share your love with others. Bless these gifts that they may be used to show your love to those in need. In your generous name, we pray. 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** “Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!” 248

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** “Hallelujah Chorus” from G.F. Handel’s *Messiah*
Pre-recorded (Due to COVID, we will NOT be doing the congregational singing as in the past)
The Chancel Choirs, Calvin/Westminster Youth Choir, and Members of the Congregation

For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth	King of kings (Forever and ever Hallelujah!)
Hallelujah!	And Lord of lords (Forever and ever Hallelujah!)
The kingdom of this world	And He shall reign forever and ever
Is become the kingdom of our Lord	King of kings (Forever and ever)
And of His Christ,	And He shall reign (Hallelujah!)
And He shall reign for ever and ever	

***POSTLUDE** “Galliard Battaglia” *Samuel Scheidt*
Cathedral Brass

(The postlude serves as a musical blessing for worshipers as they transition out into the world.)

Special thanks to the Cathedral Brass for their worship leadership this morning:
Dr. Louie Eckhardt, trumpet | Erin Beave, trumpet | Dr. Robert Benton, euphonium
Andrew Buller, horn | Dan Sodomka, tuba

(*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

Stay-at-Home: Broadcast live on Facebook at 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

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings
Sharing the love of Christ from the heart of Hastings since 1873

Head of Church: Jesus Christ

Senior Pastor: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

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Ministries: Stephanie Brader

Organist and Music Coordinator: Linda Vollweiler

Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson

Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady

Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver

Accompanist: Mary Plock

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Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Parish Associate: Kili Wenburg

Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer

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A note of welcome and an invitation from Pastor Greg and the First Presbyterian Church Family

We are so happy that you are here worshipping with us on Easter! Thank you for being here to share in this joyful celebration, particularly after the last year we have had. We are delighted to be able to gather in-person again and glad you could join us this morning.

We are a community that is deeply committed to sharing the love of Christ in Hastings and beyond.

Our church is actively engaged in local ministry and mission, including the United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry, Open Table, and support of many local organizations including Habitat for Humanity, SASA Crisis Center, Revive Ministries, Crossroads Rescue Mission, and more. Every summer we offer a Vacation Bible School for the whole community. All of these activities and ministries provide volunteer opportunities for you to share the love of Christ and see where God is at work in Hastings!

We also participate in national and global mission through mission trips. These trips provide more opportunities for you to share the love of Christ and learn where God is at work around the world!

Our church seeks to engage our hearts and our minds, so we offer amazing learning opportunities. During COVID-19, all of our learning opportunities were digital. Check out our YouTube page to see some of those resources for children, youth, and adults including Sunday School Lessons, Adult Education Forums, Music, and a weekly podcast with Pastor Damen and me:

<http://bit.ly/FPCHYouTube>

Starting in September, we invite you to come to in-person Sunday School for all ages at 9:15am to hear engaging speakers and dig into the Bible to learn about what it means to you. Come to our "Wednesday Night Live" program for 4 to 12 year-olds from 4-6:45pm for bible study, rec time, music and dinner. We also have an active youth group for 6th-12th graders from 7:30-8:15pm every Wednesday night.

Do you like to make music? Come join our Chancel Choirs, play in the handbell choirs, or bring your kids to our children and youth choirs or handbell groups.

Join us for Sunday morning worship at 10:30 for a traditional worship experience with our glorious Chancel Choir, organ music, and engaging bible-based preaching.

At First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, we are a community of hope where you will always hear a message of hope proclaimed. Come engage your hearts, hands, and minds and help us share the love of Christ in Hastings and beyond. Reach out to any of our staff or volunteers to ask about how to get involved, or you can email Pastor Greg at greg@fpchastings.org

In Christ,



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1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um-phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven-ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven-ly host,

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

D A D

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures

Bm A D G D Bm E A D

high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise

D

God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it

G A D Em A Bm

one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

Em D G A Em G A D

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248

1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

April 4, 2021

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



Lilies Given In Memory of
The Northrop family David E., Frank W., & Michele Northrop
The Bliss, Hermes, and Olsen families Hal Lainson
Linda Vollweiler My parents Jake & Marietta Vollweiler
Lois & Charles Hafer Mr. & Mrs. Merle Hafer
Mr. & Mrs. Boyd Leymaster
His Family Brandon Brader
Loved Ones Dr. Bob Smith
Sally Smith and family Joe Lundeen

Lilies Given In Honor Of
The Bliss, Hermes, and Olsen families Gretchen Lainson

Ushers

April 4: Jessica Meeske, Todd Pankratz, Scott Shardelow, Julie Thomsen, Dick Brader, Daveta Brader, Susie Graham, Dave Fisher

April 11: Usher Team #2, Duane Huber, Team Captain; Steve Illingworth, Clyde Sachtleben, Daveta Brader

Today's 10:30 "In-Person" 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. 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 11:30 a.m. 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 "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/>

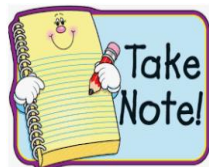
The church continues to play a vital role in responding to this virus. Thank you for your continued support and provision in this time.

The April Communion Offering will go SASA, which is a crisis center whose mission is to be a source of help, hope, safety, and inspiration to survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

FPC Prayers for

Lois Hafer	Jack Stinson (Julie Thomsen's dad)	Karen Doerr and family
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
Gayle Fandry	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Carol Medsker
Rich Portwood	Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ann Elfond	The Tut Ruei 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.



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 are here, both large print and regular print.

This Week at FPC --- April 5, 2021– April 11, 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).

Mon, Apr 5	OFFICE CLOSED	Easter Monday “Monday Check-in” Communication from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen 1st Pres Pickleball Open Gym Troop 200 Scouts in Scout Room Staff Meeting Bible Study Anderson/Zoom WAM Fellowship Hall/Zoom PW Coordinating Team Fellowship Hall Noonday Bible Study via Zoom Confirmation Class Chancel Bells in upstairs Ed wing NO 6th - 8th Grade In-Person Youth Group Church youth room NO 9th - 12th Grade In-Person Youth Group PEACE Center youth room Personnel Anderson/Zoom Mexican Dance Class NE Classroom/PEACE Center Cub Scouts in Fellowship Hall Spanish Class NW Classroom/PEACE Center Forum via Zoom Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School -Zoom Hands Around the World Store OPEN Stay-At-Home & In-Person Worship (No Pre-Registration Required) Hands Around the World Store OPEN
Tues, Apr 6	1:00p-3:00p 7:00p-8:00p 10:30a-11:30a 12:00p-1:00p 5:30p-7:00p	
Wed, Apr 7	10:00a-11:00a 12:00p-1:00p 5:00p-7:00p 7:00p-8:00p 7:00p-7:30p 7:00p-7:30p	
Thurs, Apr 8	5:00p-6:00p 6:00p-8:00p 7:00p-8:00p 7:00p-8:00p	
Sun, Apr 11	9:15a-10:15a 9:15a-10:15a 10:00a-10:30a 10:30a 11:30a-12:30p	

Adult Bible Studies

- Heirs Apparent Sunday School, Sundays via Zoom at 9:15-10:15 a.m. Topic through 05/15/21 is *The Walk: 5 Essential Practices of the Christian Life* by Adam Hamilton.
- The Forum, Sundays via Zoom at 9:15-10:15 a.m. Topic through 05/23/2021 is on Resurrection Living.
- Tuesday Noon Bible Study with Pastor Greg every Tuesday at 12:00-1:00 p.m. via Zoom or in the Anderson Room. The topic varies.
- Noonday Bible Study every Wednesday at 12:00-1:00 p.m. via Zoom. The current topic is *Revelation & the End of All Things* by Craig R. Koester.

Presbyterian Women

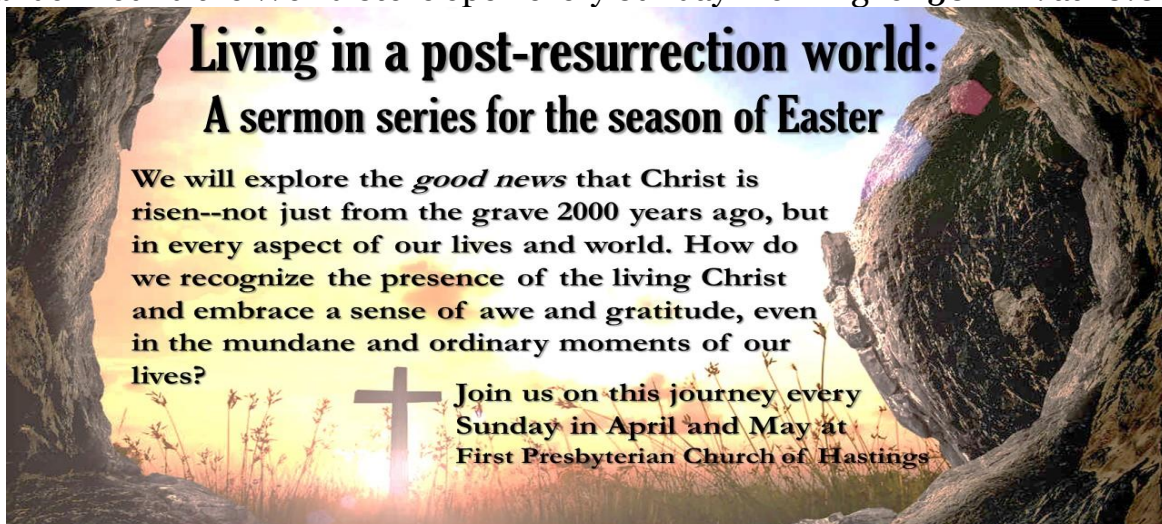
- The next PW Gathering will be in Fellowship Hall on April 21 at 9:30 and at 1:30. Each session will be approximately 1 hour. Masks are required, and social distancing will be observed.

Youth Activities

- PreK-5th Grades: receive weekly mailed packets along with video lessons posted on the church website. No in-person at this time.
- 6th-8th Grades: meet in person in the church youth room from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Masks are required, and social distancing will be observed.
- 9th-12th Grades: meet in person in the PEACH Center youth room from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Masks are required, and social distancing will be observed.
- 8th Grade Confirmation Class: is held in person on Wednesday evenings from 5:00-8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Masks are required, and social distancing will be observed.
- 2021 VBS: Adventure Island VBS meets June 1-June 3 at 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Registration is open on the church website for children and volunteers.

Other Events

- Red Cross Blood Drive is May 25, 2021
- United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry April 17, 2021
- Hands Around the World Store open every Sunday morning for 30 min. at 10:00 & 11:30.



**Living in a post-resurrection world:
A sermon series for the season of Easter**

We will explore the *good news* that Christ is risen--not just from the grave 2000 years ago, but in every aspect of our lives and world. How do we recognize the presence of the living Christ and embrace a sense of awe and gratitude, even in the mundane and ordinary moments of our lives?

Join us on this journey every Sunday in April and May at First Presbyterian Church of Hastings