

### April 11, 2021 – 10:30 a.m. **Second Sunday of Easter**

PRELUDE

"Christus. der ist mein Leben" Linda Vollweiler, organ

Johann Pachelbel

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

**INTROIT** 

"Children of God"

Chancel Choir, directed by Robin Koozer (pre-recorded on September 16, 2018)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 133 & Acts 4, adapted) Damen Jensen-Heitmann We gather in the name of the risen Lord. Christ is risen! Alleluia! We gather as sisters and brothers of the resurrected one. Christ is risen! Alleluia! We gather as a unified body of believers. Christ is risen! Alleluia! We gather to share our common faith and to worship God. Christ is risen! Alleluia! We gather to proclaim the good news of Easter! Christ is risen! Alleluia! We gather because God has ordained this blessing: life forevermore! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Come, let us worship God! "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! \*OPENING HYMN 239 Sue Medsker, Song Leader

CALL TO CONFESSION

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we come celebrating our unity, but we confess the many ways that we are divided. Our ethnic origin, economic status, gender, age, political affiliation and even our musical preferences all too often obscure the common calling we share in Christ's name.

May our common identity as your children and our communal witness to Christ bind us together in your name.

Forgive our tendency toward separation and division, and remind us that we are your Easter people.

QUESTIONS FOR CONTEMPLATION AND SILENT CONFESSION How have I contributed to division in my community? How might I seek to facilitate reconciliation instead?

Colin Brumby

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 John 1-2, adapted) When we walk in the light of Christ, We have fellowship with one another. When we confess our sins, The One who is faithful and just forgives our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. For in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has showered mercy upon the entire world. In the name of the risen Christ, we are forgiven and loved! Alleluia! Amen! \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Glory to God" 582

\*PEACE OF CHRIST (Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those around you.) *The Peace of Christ be with you!* **And also with you!** 

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dear God, as we hear your word, may we be transformed into a true community of believers, ready to go into the world to testify that Christ is alive and active in our lives today. Amen.

1 <sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE RE	ADING	John 20:19-31	
REFLECTION			Neal Hoff
2 <sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE RE	EADING	Psalm 133	
SERMON	"Doubtii	ng, Believing, Unifying, Proclaiming!"	Greg Allen-Pickett
*HYMN	"I Gree	t Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"	624
OFFERING			
OFFERTORY		"Air" from Water Music	Handel/arr. Wolff
*DOXOLOGY	"Praise G	od from Whom All Blessings Flow"	606

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous and surprising God, when we thought that death had claimed your only Son, you amazed us with the resurrection. Surprise us again with your ability to turn these humble offerings into gifts that will transform the world through our witness to your love.

We lay these gifts and our very lives at your feet, O God, knowing that you will use us to proclaim and embody the gospel. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING The Lord be with you all. *And also with you.* Let us give our thanks to God. *It is right to give God thanks and praise.* 

#### 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN

"Together We Serve"

(During the singing of the final hymn, we will take a second offering to benefit SASA. The congregation is invited to come down to the communion table and place their offering in the basket.)

BENEDICTION, CHARGE, AND BLESSING

#### \*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

"March"

J.S. Bach

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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.)

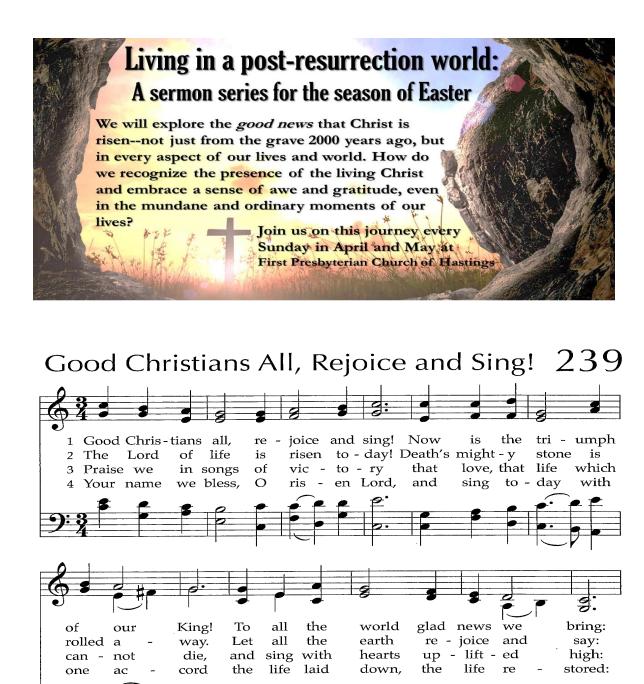
COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP IN THE COMING WEEKS & INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!

April 18 – Baptism of Ewan Eckhardt April 25 – High School Senior Recognition Sunday May 2 – Confirmation and Communion Sunday May 9 – Baptism of Julia Margaret Klaassen

**10:30 am In-Person and Stay-at-Home worship In-Person:** No RSVP for the month of April; just come and join us!

**Stay-at-Home: Broadcast live on Facebook at** <u>www.facebook.com/fpchastings</u> (*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.

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Head of Church: Jesus Christ	Ministers: Members of the Church			
Senior Pastor: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett	Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann			
Director of Children & Family	Parish Associate: Kili Wenburg			
Ministries: Stephanie Brader	Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer			
Organist and Music Coordinator: Linda Vollweiler	Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster			
Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson	Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen			
Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady	Church Office Administrator: Jean Matheny			
Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver	Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun			
Accompanist: Mary Plock	Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger			
Scholar in Residence: Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh	Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacev			







This 20th-century Easter text is both a song of encouragement (stanzas 1–3 directed to the congregation) and a song of praise (stanza 4 addressed to the risen Christ), all ending with joyous alleluias. It was written specifically for the dancelike 17th-century tune found here.

TEXT: Cyril A. Alington, 1931, alt. MUSIC: Melchior Vulpius, 1609; harm. Pilgrim Hymnal, 1958 Text © 1958, ren. 1986 Hymns Ancient & Modern (admin. Hope Publishing Company) GELOBT SEI GOTT 8.8.8 with alleluias SERVICE MUSIC



GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)



The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

TEXT: *Psalms,* Strasbourg, 1545; trans. Elizabeth Lee Smith, 1868 MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551 SERVICE MUSIC



JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION 767 **Together We Serve** Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em)(Bm7) Вþ F Gm Dm7 1 0 1 To geth - er serve, we nit - ed u by love, 2 We seek to be come а bea - con of hope, 3 We wel-come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor, 4 To - geth - er, by grace, wit - ness we and work, (C) (G) (Am7) (Dsus)(D)Еþ Вþ Cm7 Fsus F vit - ing God's world the glo - ri in to ous feast. lamp for the heart and light for the feet. а а who need the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all care. re - mem - ber - ing whom we Je - sus, in grow strong. (G) (D) (C) (Bm) B۶ F E۶ Dm 1 We work and through sor - row we pray and joy, love shine through We learn, year by vear, to let We of - fer home those who will to come, а To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth, (G) (C) (G) (Am)(D7) (G) Вþ Eþ Вþ F7 Вβ Cm 6 ex - tend - ing God's love the to last and the least. Christ un - til we see in each per - son we meet. help, read - 'y our hands quick to our hearts to dare. re - mem - ber - ing the strength of love is our song.

The first three words of this text appear in the website address for First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California, for whose centennial the hymn was commissioned. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11–16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.

# <u>April 11, 2021</u>

**The radio broadcast** airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Lois and Lester Beahm by Cindy & Terry Beahm and family.

**Flowers** are given in memory of Henrietta Morhart, Frank Morhart, Doris Kovar Morhart, and Dr. Louis J. Kovar.

#### Ushers

April Team #2: Duane Huber-Captain, Steve Illingworth, Clyde Sachtleben

**HELP PLEASE**-We are in need of a couple more people who are willing to serve on Usher Team #2 on a regular basis. Call Jean in the Church office for more information.

### Greeters

April 11: Teresa Luther, Scott & Willie Kummer

April 18: Chuck Shoemaker & Lynn Friedewald, Chuck & Jane Bauer

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

- > live on Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/fpchastings</u> (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.



**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: <u>https://fpchastings.org/give-online/</u>

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

Gayle Fandry	FPC Prayers for	Lanae Hall's mother		
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		
JoAnn Williams and family	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 have arrived, both large print and regular print. **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.

#### This Week at FPC --- April 11, 2021– April 18, 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 4/11</b>	10:00a-10:30a	Hands Around the World Store OPEN	
	10:30a	Stay-At-Home and In-Person Worship	
		Service	
	1:00p-2:00p	Hands Around the World Store OPEN	
Mon, Apr 12		"Monday Check-in" Communication	
		from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen	
	1:00p-3:00p	1 <sup>st</sup> Pres Pickleball Open Gym	
	7:00p-7:45p	Chorus of the Plains Fellowship Hall	
	7:00p-8:00p	Troop 200 Scouts in Scout Room	
Tues, Apr 13	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting	
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study via Zoom/Anderson	
	4:30p-5:30p	Mission Committee Zoom/Parlor	
	5:30p-6:30p	Congregational Life Zoom/Parlor	
	6:00p-7:00p	Trustees Zoom/Anderson	
Wed, Apr 14	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Bible Study via Zoom	
	6:30p-9:00p	Woodcarvers Basement Room	
	5:00p-7:00p	Confirmation Class	
	7:00p-8:00p	Chancel Bells upstairs Ed wing	
	7:00p-7:30p	6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade In-Person Youth Group	
		Church youth room	
	7:00p-7:30p	9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade In-Person Youth Group	
		PEACE Center youth room	
Thurs, Apr 15	5:30p-6:30p	Session Zoom/Anderson	
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Class NE Classroom/PEACE	
		Center	
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scouts in Fellowship Hall	
	7:00p-8:00p	Spanish Class NW Classroom/PEACE Center	
Sat, Apr 17	9:30a-2:00p	United Harvest	
Sun, Apr 18	18 9:15a-10:15a Adult Ed Forum Zoom		
	9:15a-10:15a	Adult Ed Heirs Apparent Zoom/Anderson	
	10:00a-10:30a	Hands Around the World Store OPEN	
	10:30a	Stay-At-Home and In-Person Worship	
		Service	
	1:00p-2:00p	Hands Around the World Store OPEN	



**The Hands Around the World Store** has ordered more Café Justo coffee. Stop by the church office during the week to re-stock your supply at \$10 per bag. The store is open every Sunday morning for 30 min. at 10:00 & 11:30.



**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-meup. Please join us in this important work.



**FRAUD ALERT** If you receive an email or a text message that looks like it is from Pastor Greg, Pastor Damen, or one of the other church staff asking you to buy gift cards, please ignore it and report it to the church office. The phone number and email address will be incorrect.

Someone is sending these emails and text messages masquerading as Pastor Greg stating that he is visiting someone in the ER or the hospital and needs

help to order or purchase a gift card. Pastor Greg will never ask a church member to purchase a gift card by sending you an email or text message, so please don't respond. Always pay attention to the return email address and check it for accuracy. *Pastor Greg's email is greg@fpchastings.org*.



**The** <u>next</u> **Red Cross Blood Drive** is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 25**, **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 <u>www.redcrossblood.org</u>.



**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.

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. Mask are required and social distancing will be observed.

**Presbyterian Women collect a Mother's Day Offering** every year to help women in need. This year we are collecting for The Bridge here in Hastings. The Bridge, Inc., is a therapeutic community for women who are recovering from alcohol and drug addiction and has implemented an educational model for living skills appropriate to recovering women.

Our Mother's Day Offering would help these women with the personal hygiene products, pillows, and bedding for when they are ready to leave the services of the Bridge. Many women and their children arrive without anything and don't have the funds to purchase items they need. If you would like to donate, bring or send your donation to the church. Please make sure checks are written to PW with an indication it is for the Mother's Day Offering. Thank you for your support!

**Church Women United** will meet at 1:30 on May 7 at the United Methodist Church for May Friendship Day. Contact Susan Grahams with questions at 402-469-2638.

**The PWS sponsored Native American Book Study** will launch its next two book studies as outlines below. Please register your plans to attend with Marilyn Stone (<u>mmstone52@att.net</u>).

Sarah Wakefield April 26th - Six Weeks in the Sioux Tepees by Two 2-hour sessions will be held at 1:30-3:30 PM and 6:30-8:30 PM discussing the entire book, with comparison to "Beneath the Same Stars" (It is not necessary to have read "Beneath the Same Stars" to participate in this study).

May 10, May 24, and June 7 - Standing in the Light: A Lakota Way of Seeing Two 1-hour sessions will be held on each date at 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM discussing sections of the book.



Forum Our regularly scheduled Adult Enrichment hour, known as Forum, meets most Sundays at 9:15. We won't be meeting in person just vet, 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! A new study will run from 4/11 to 5/23/2021

on Resurrection Living.

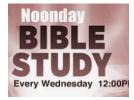
Previous Forums, can be found on the church YouTube page

https://www.voutube.com/channel/UCh5z- -uePAXhoKVfay2w4g/videos



Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School, with Curtis Reimer leading, meets via Zoom most Sunday mornings at 9:15am. The current study began 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 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.



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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
А, В	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



<u>**PreK-5**<sup>th</sup> **Grades:**</u> 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 <u>https://fpchastings.org/children/</u>

<u>6th-8th Grades:</u> 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.

**<u>9</u><sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades:** We will be hosting in-person 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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.



**1<sup>st</sup> Pres Pickleball Open Gym** The 1<sup>st</sup> Pres Pickleball has returned to the PEACE Center every Monday 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 <u>kazgratz@gmail.com</u>



# 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 <u>https://fpchastings.org/2021-vbs/</u> or by direct link:

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

Please contact Stephanie at <u>stephanie@fpchastings.org</u> or 402-462-5147 with any questions.