

March 6, 2022 First Sunday of Lent & Celebrating the Gifts of Women

PRELUDE

"Sacred Song" (Op. 30) Johannes Brahms/ Linda Vollweiler, organ arr. Aubrey Tucker (The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT "Sing to the Lord a Marvelous Song" Women of the Chancel and Calvin/Westminster Choirs -Sarah Wolf, Director

Joy White

Eugene Butler

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from 1 Samuel 2:1-10)

My heart exalts in God; my strength is exalted in my God.

There is no one holier than you. There is no Rock like our God. God makes poor and makes rich. It is God who both humbles and exalts. God raises up the poor from the dust; God lifts the needy from the ash heap to place them among the mighty and promotes them to seats of honor.

God judges the ends of the earth.

God will endow the ruler with strength and exalt the head of the anointed one. Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN	"For All the Faithful Women"	324

CALL TO CONFESSION

Mary Fisk

God offers us the gift of forgiveness and the opportunity to let go of our wounds. In faithful witness to God's grace and love, we confess our sins before God and each other.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we criticize and pass judgment on others. We have sought to control the way they live their lives of service to you. Forgive us for our short-sightedness and sin. Help us to understand, appreciate, and love our siblings in Christ, who have diverse experiences and life challenges. Help us to recognize the variety of ways we can express our faithfulness and love to you.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God sent forth the Christ, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

And because you are children, God has sent forth into our hearts the Spirit of God's child, who calls out, "Abba!"

So, you are no longer a servant but a child, and if a child, then also an heir. through God which means you are recipients of God's love and grace! Thanks be to God. Allehuia! Amen!

"Glory to God" *RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also, with you!

(Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those around you)

To reduce the risk of disease transmission, please do not shake hands or hug people outside of your immediate family. Instead, maintain proper social distance, look someone in the eyes and hold their gaze. Share peace with them by holding your hand to your chest and bowing your head to them or share some other appropriate sign.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN UPDATE AND PRESENTATION

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION	Meals on Wheels	Martha DeWitt
BAPTISM	Calvin Benjamin Miller	Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Calvin Benjamin Miller Parents: Brett and Dana Miller

(While the family is coming up for the baptism the congregation will sing, "Jesus Loves Me.")

BAPTISM QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostle's Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day

Nancy Grams

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Kili Wenburg

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.

BAPTISM SONG

"God Claims You"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kathy Amyot May your holy Word enter our minds and bring us understanding. May your holy Word enter our hearts and bring us love. May your holy Word enter our lives and change us. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Deuteronomy 26:1-3, 8-11

ANTHEM

"Kvrie" *Deb Johnson, flute* arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 4:1-4

Eleanor Oliver

SERMON

"Free to Glorify God"

Kili Wenburg

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING (All loose coins in the offering plate will be donated to PC(USA) Hunger Fund.)

For the health and safety of our members, we will not pass a plate or collect gifts during the offering. You are invited to give by dropping your offering as you leave in the plates at the back of the sanctuary, dropping it in the outside locked tithing box located on the second brick column under the portico, mailing it in, or giving online: https://fpchastings.org/give-online/

"Tell the Story" arr. Karissa Dennis OFFERTORY Women's Handbell Choir- Hannah Jensen-Heitmann. Director

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"	606
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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of awe and glory, receive these gifts as symbols of our trust in you. Bless the givers, multiply these offerings and the blessings they represent. Guide the use of these generous gifts according to your will. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jill Kramer

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING The Lord be with you. And also, with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our 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

(The pastors will instruct you when to open the bag for the bread and when to open the cup. We eat the bread and drink the cup together as a sign of unity in the Body of Christ.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

In this feast, you have made us one with you, O God. Enliven us with your Holy Spirit that we may be united in ministry in every place. Send us, in your marvelous light, into the world, ready to serve others and work for peace. We pray this in the triune name of God. Amen.

*HYMN "Sing of God Made Manifest" 156 During the singing of the final hymn, we will take a second offering to benefit Meals on Wheels.

*LITANY OF CELEBRATION AND BLESSING Sue Medsker (Adapted from a litany written by Rev. Dr. Rhashell D. Hunter for the Presbyterian Women)

God of Grace, thank you for tranquil, reflective moments when we are able to recognize you in the world. For all your beauty and your wonder, we give you thanks.

For the breath in our bodies, for our hearts and souls, for our connections with one another, we give you thanks and praise.

God of Reconciliation, be present with us when conflicts arise. Remind us that we have a higher calling, to forgive those who wrong us, to pray for those who persecute us, and to seek peace in the midst of strife. ... continued

For women who have survived challenging circumstances, for the faith and witness they have shared with us, we give you thanks and praise.

God of Love, we offer our gratitude to you for siblings in Christ who have comforted us and carried us in their hearts in prayer.

For those of all genders, ages, and cultures, for our adoption as children of God and heirs to your promise, O God, we give you thanks and praise.

God of Creation, be present among us as we prepare to leave this place to witness and serve, remember and reflect, sing and celebrate those who, with your help, guide the way for lives filled with gratitude. May God's blessings be poured out to all of God's children.

May God's love and grace be upon us this day and forever more. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

"Ukraine National Anthem" Sarah Wolf-Flute Mykhaylo Verbytsky/ arr. Maurizio Machella

COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK AND INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS! www.facebook.com/fpchastings

(Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to view the service.) 10:30am service will also be broadcast live on KICS 1550 AM and 92.7 FM

Today's service will be broadcast on T.V. this Tuesday at 1:00pm and next Sunday at 9:00am on channel 181.

8:30am – CONTEMPLATIVE TAIZÉ-STYLE SERVICE No Sunday School 10:30am – TRADITIONAL SERVICE

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THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Mr. & Mrs. R.D. Geyerman by family.

FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Rose & Robert Ryan and Mr. & Mrs. R.D. Geyerman.

USHERS FOR MARCH 6: Susie Graham, Carla Fike, Elaine Specht, Julie Thomsen

USHERS FOR March: Team #1, Captain Chuck Hastings

LaVern Franzen, Jessica Meeske, Todd Pankratz, Roger Sunderman, Elaine Specht GREETERS FOR March:

MARCH	MEMORIAL ROOM	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
6	Gayle Fandry	May Wierenga	Ann Bohlke/Katharine Davis
13	Mary Kay LaMaster	Jean Barber	Amy & Joe Black
20	Sally Smith	Sue Medsker	Cathy & John Pershing
27	Stephanie Bliss		Laurie & Brian Johnson

SUN 3/6	8:30a-9:15a	Taizé Service	Sanctuary
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School for Children	Education Wing/Rooms by Age
	9:15a-10:15a	Heirs Apparent	Anderson Room/Zoom
	9:15a-10:15a	Lenten Forum	Lydia Room/Zoom
	10:00a-10:30a	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30a-12:00p	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
MON 3/7	8:30a-10:00a	Walkers/Walkers Coffee	PEACE Gym/NW Classroom
			(Mon-Thurs)
	1:00p-3:00p	1 st Pres Open Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
TUES 3/8	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting	Zoom
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study with Pastor Greg	Anderson Room/Zoom
	4:00p-5:00p	Mission Committee Meets	Confirmation Room
	5:30p-6:30p	Congregational Life Meets	Anderson Room/Zoom
	6:00p-7:00p	Trustees Meet	Kessler Room
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	7:00p-8:00p	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Classroom
WED 3/9	9:00a-11:00a	Frank Georgiana Memorial	Sanctuary
	11:00a	Frank Georgiana Funeral	Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall
		Service/Followed by Luncheon	
	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Book Club	Zoom with Dan Deffenbaugh
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
		No WNL-Spring Break	
	6:30p-9:00p	Wood Carvers	Lower-Level Church
	6:30p-7:30p	1 st Pres Open Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Memorial Room
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
THURS 3/10	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
FRI 3/11	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies	Church Room 111
SUN 3/13	8:30a-9:15m	Taizé Service	Sanctuary
		No Sunday School All Ages	
	10:00a-10:30a	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
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Prayer List:

Mary Lewis Joan Shaw Barry Thomson Lois Hafer Steven Gass Bev Stein Greg Howard Rachel Lay Tony Davis Rich Portwood Tommy Thomsen

Chris Wheeler Melba Trehern Elaine Schumacher Tut Ruei Family Brad Davis Carl Utley Leila Merwin Michael Hahne Jenni Welsch Shirley Gass Stan Essink

Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ann Elfond Marie & Don Rasmussen Betty Siemoneit Family Pam & Don Canady

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In Memory Of: Mary Jeanne Cooke 1/10/22

Glenn Hunnicutt 1/13/22 Connie Kubicka 1/22/22 Frank Georgiana 2/19/22

The Hawaiian flowers at the pulpit are in loving memory of **Frank Georgiana**



Congratulations to KATHY REIMER for receiving the

PW HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

on March 2, 2022.



The Noonday Book Club welcomes you to join in a study of their next book, beginning at noon on March 9th via Zoom. Dr. Deffenbaugh will lead a discussion of John Shelby Spong's book "*Biblical Literalism: A Gentile Heresy*".

If you would like to join the Zoom, please contact Sharon Brooks at <u>sbbrooks52@gmail.com</u> for the link. A copy of the book can be ordered from a number of online sources.

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