

First Presbyterian Church

GREG ALLEN-PICKETT, SENIOR PASTOR

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DAMEN JENSEN-HEITMANN, ASSOCIATE PASTOR



Dear Members and Friends of First Presbyterian Church,

As the month of March begins, we find ourselves about to embark on another journey through the season of Lent. It is our prayer that this may be a season of self-reflection and repentance in which we rededicate ourselves to God and one another. To that end, we have created a devotional guide which will help to guide our season of prayer. We mailed a copy of this devotional guide to every household in the church last week, we hope you received it. If you would like to access it electronically, you can at this link: <https://bit.ly/FPCHLent22>

The Lenten devotional for this year is a bit different than in years past. For starters, you'll note that you will not find daily prayers for each day in Lent. There are forty days in Lent, but, if you've ever looked at a calendar, you'll quickly realize that there aren't forty days in Lent. That's because Sundays don't count (according to the more liturgically strict among us). So we've stepped away from the daily prayers for this year. Instead, we've decided to offer a weekly devotion and a spiritual practice. But that is also weird because Lent starts on a Wednesday and ends on a Saturday (technically) so the weeks for our devotion run from Wednesday to Tuesday, and Sunday serves as a midweek check-in and reflection on how things are going. We know it's all a bit much, but stick with it, and we promise it will make sense after a bit. So here is what you will find, and here is how we anticipate this going.

This year's guide will have us spend six (kind of seven) weeks in reflection and study on the characteristics of disciples. What makes disciples unique? How can we cultivate Christian character within ourselves? What ways of being might we need to take up in order to follow Christ? To that end, each Wednesday you will find a scripture, prayer, devotion, and spiritual practice. Read through them and engage in the practice throughout the week. Take notes as you go throughout the week and observe the different spiritual questions, challenges, and revelations that are being made known to you. On Sundays you will find another scripture passage and prayer, which will add to your spiritual practice.

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In addition to the things in this guide, your pastors will be recording and posting regular conversations on their own experience of these spiritual practices and on their own thoughts related to the scripture and devotional entries. Those conversations and reflections will be released on Wednesdays and Sundays throughout Lent.



May our Lenten preparation be a holy season of self-reflection in which we grow closer to God and one another.

Your Servants in Christ,
Pastor Damen and Pastor Greg

Prayer List:

Mary Lewis	Chris Wheeler
Joan Shaw	Melba Trehern
Barry Thomson	Elaine Schumacher
Lois Hafer	Tut Ruei Family
Steven Gass	Brad Davis
Bev Stein	Carl Utley
Greg Howard	Leila Merwin
Tony Davis	Michael Hahne
Rich Portwood	Jenni Welsch
Tommy Thomsen	Shirley Gass
	Stan Essink

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

In Memory Of:

Mary Jeanne Cooke 1/10/22
Glenn Hunnicutt 1/13/22
Connie Kubicka 1/22/22
Frank Georgiana 2/19/22
Rachel Lay 3/5/22



If you wish to have yours or a loved one's name added to or removed from the prayer list, please call the church office at 402-462-5147.



*Due to medical and hospital privacy regulations, in order for the church to know if you or a family member have been admitted, please take a moment to call the church office to let us know 402-462-5147.
Please keep in mind, we can't always know what is happening unless you keep us informed.*

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

Ushers for
March

March (Team #1)
 Captain – Chuck Hastings
 LaVern Franzen
 Jessica Meeske
 Todd Pankratz
 Roger Sunderman
 Elaine Specht



CONGRATULATIONS

KATHY REIMER

**WAS PRESENTED WITH THE
 PW HONORARY
 LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD
 ON MARCH 2, 2022**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
 DEDICATION, KATHY!**

Hastings Community
Music Academy

BEGINNING UKULELE CLASS FOR RETIREES

**WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 6, 13, 20, 27

**10:30-11:15 AM

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
621 N. LINCOLN AVE.

**\$40 FOR 4 WEEKS

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
AVAILABLE

**UKULELES PROVIDED IF NEEDED

**MASKS REQUIRED

**CONTACT HANNAH JENSEN-HEITMANN
PHONE:

*(402) 519-4711

EMAIL:

*MUSICACADEMYDIRECTOR@GMAIL.COM

FACEBOOK:

*HASTINGS COMMUNITY MUSIC ACADEMY



Hastings Community Music Academy

Beginning & Advanced Handbell Choir

Tuesdays: March, 23, 29, April 5, 12, 19, 26

Beginner Ensemble: 6:30-7:15 pm

Advanced Ensemble: 7:30-8:15 pm

First Presbyterian Church, 621 N. Lincoln
Adults 18 and older

Fee: \$20 for 6 weeks

Financial Assistance Available
Masks Required

Contact: Hannah Jensen-Heitmann
(402) 519-4711

musicacademydirector@gmail.com

Facebook: Hastings Community Music Academy



American
Red Cross



Thanks for always showing up!

For an appointment, contact Erica @ 463-0402



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RapidPass®

Come give blood in March and get a \$10 e-gift card,
from our partners at Fanatics! PLUS, get a chance to
win a trip to the 2022 MLB All-Star Game in LA,
including round-trip airfare and 4-night hotel
accommodations for 2! See rcblood.org/team for
details.



Scan to schedule
an appointment.

Schedule a blood donation appointment today:

Download the Blood Donor App | RedCrossBlood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

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Blood Drive

Hastings First Presbyterian
Church

Tuesday, March 29, 2022
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

COVID
antibodies
testing available
at this drive; not
only if you have
them, but at
what level too!

THE RISKS OF THE PASSION

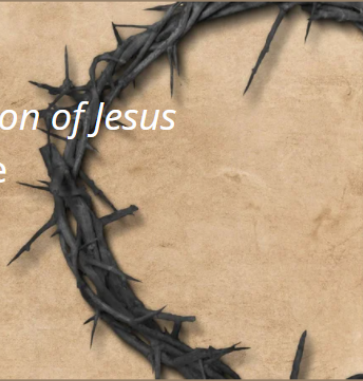
A Lenten Forum Series

LED BY DAN DEFFENBAUGH

Based on
Entering the Passion of Jesus
by Amy-Jill Levine

March 6, 20, 27

April 3, 10



FORUM



Forums are held 9:15am-10:15am on specified Sundays.



Held in the Lydia Room or via Zoom.



Church office can provide Zoom link.



Entering the Passion of Jesus

book available in the church office

John
Shelby
Spong

Author of *Why Christianity Must Change or Die*

Biblical
Literalism:
*A Gentile
Heresy*



The Noonday Book Club welcomes you to join a study of our next book, beginning at **noon** on **March 9th** via Zoom. Dr. Dan 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 sbrooks52@gmail.com for the link. A copy of the book can be ordered from a number of online sources.

Thank you to Kili Wenburg and
Pastor Damen

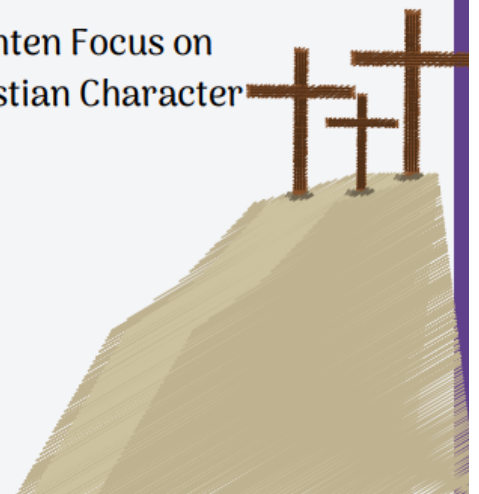
for your hard work creating the
Lenten Devotional for 2022.

These devotionals were mailed out on
Wednesday, March 2nd. If you did not receive
yours, please make sure we have your correct
address on file. Extra copies are available at
church or you can use the following link:

<https://bit.ly/FPCHLent22>

What Shall We Take Up?

A Lenten Focus on
Christian Character



Experiencing Belonging



Buena Vista University
Storm Lake, Iowa

July 24-29, 2022






Experiencing Belonging
is a wonderful
opportunity for an
individual or the entire
family to come together
and enrich lives of faith.
Information is on the
bulletin board inside the
church office doors.

www.lakesandprairies.org



Book Discussion
Group

JUSTICE AND PEACE

-  DISCUSS THE BOOKS WITH OTHERS VIA ZOOM
 - The J&P Book Discussion Group is open to all!
-  DISCUSSION GROUP MEETS EVERY OTHER MONTH
 - Read and discuss any or all books that appeal to you. Registration will be needed to join the discussion on Zoom.
-  RECEIVE STUDY GUIDES TO INFORM YOUR READING
 - Questions for discussion or reflection will be sent with your registration confirmation.



To register, scan the QR code with your smart phone or go to presbyterianwomen.org/justice.

2022 Reading Selections

(6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Eastern Time)

<p>JANUARY 10</p>  <p>DECOLONIZING WEALTH Indigenous wisdom to heal divides and restore balance</p>	<p>JULY 11</p>  <p>Just Mercy A Story of Justice and Redemption Bryan Stevenson</p>
<p>MARCH 14</p>  <p>Caste The Origins of Our Discontents Isabel Wilkerson</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER 12</p>  <p>JOHN ICELAND POVERTY IN AMERICA: A HANDBOOK THIRD WORLD WOMEN</p>
<p>MAY 9</p>  <p>Trust Women A PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN ARGUMENT FOR REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE Rebecca Todd Peters</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 14</p>  <p>THIS LAND IS OUR LAND AN IMMIGRANT'S MANIFESTO SUKETU MEHTA</p>

Selections are recommended reading by the Justice & Peace Committee of PW's Board of Directors.

NEW BOOK

MARCH 14 IS THE
START OF A NEW
BOOK.

TO REGISTER FOR THE
ZOOM DISCUSSION

GO TO:
presbyterianwomen.org/justice





The Scholarship Committee has provided an overview of the 2 available college scholarships for the next academic school year. Full application information is available in the church office or at

the contacts below:

Ann L Binfield Scholarship

The criteria for the Ann L Binfield Scholarship require a recipient:

1. to be an outstanding student,
2. to have financial need*
3. to be a member of First Presbyterian Church, Hastings NE
4. to attend a Presbyterian college or university.

Amount of the scholarship will vary, depending on the number of applicants. The scholarship will be paid directly to the recipient's college for the 2022-2023 school year.

View the application as an opportunity to persuade the Scholarship Committee that you meet the four criteria for the scholarship. For example, tell us about your church and school activities, your proposed academic major and career plans (if you know those), and the school you plan to attend.

The application is due to the church office on or before March 21, 2022. Completed applications can also be emailed directly to WilliamTOliver@gmail.com

If you have questions, you are welcome to contact William Oliver, moderator of the Scholarship Committee, 402-705-2238 or WilliamTOliver@gmail.com.

In addition to the application, each student must also submit the following items to First Presbyterian Church
Attn: Scholarship Committee, William Oliver

1. Completed signature page-see below
2. ACT/SAT scores (first application only)
3. High school transcript/class rank (first application only)
4. College transcript (for renewing application)

*If your family submits FAFSA information to the college that you plan to attend, we will receive a financial need analysis from that institution. However, if your family does not submit a FAFSA, you should explain your financial need in your Binfield Scholarship application.

Chip Essex Memorial Scholarship

The criteria for the Chip Essex Memorial Scholarship require a recipient:

1. to be a member of First Presbyterian Church, Hastings NE
2. to attend a 2 year or 4 year, post-secondary education

One scholarship will be awarded for \$500 and it can be renewed one time only. The scholarship will be paid directly to the recipient's college for the 2022-2023 school year. Preference will be given to students that are not currently receiving an Ann L Binfield Scholarship.

View the application as an opportunity to persuade the Scholarship Committee that you meet the criteria for the scholarship. For example, tell us about your church and school activities, your proposed academic major and career plans (if you know those), and the school you plan to attend.

The application is due to the church office on or before March 21, 2022. Completed applications can also be directly emailed to WilliamTOliver@gmail.com.

If you have questions, you are welcome to contact William Oliver, moderator of the Scholarship Committee, 402-705-2238 or WilliamTOliver@gmail.com

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
MON 3/7	11:30a-12:00p	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
	8:30a-10:00a	Walkers/Walkers Coffee	PEACE Gym/NW Classroom <i>(Mon-Thurs)</i>
	1:00p-3:00p	1 st Pres Open Pickleball	PEACE Gym
TUES 3/8	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
	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 Service/Followed by Luncheon	Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall
	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Book Club	Zoom with Dan Deffenbaugh
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
		<i>No WNL-Spring Break</i>	
	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
		<i>No Sunday School All Ages</i>	
	10:00a-10:30a	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30a-12:00p	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room



MON 3/14	8:00a-10:30a	Walkers/Walkers Coffee	PEACE Gym Mon-Thurs
	10:30am	Rachel Lay Funeral	Sanctuary
		Rachel Lay Graveside	Hanover
	After Graveside	Rachel Lay Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
	12:00-3:00p	PEO Chapter HT	Lydia Room
	1:00p-3:00p	1 st Pres. Pickleball Open Gym	PEACE Gym
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
TUES 3/15	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting	Zoom
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study with Pastor Greg	Anderson Room/Zoom
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6:45p-7:45pm	Deacons Meet	Anderson Room
	7:00p-8:00p	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Classroom
WED 3/16	9:00a-10:30a	PW Circles 1 & 2	Parlor
	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Book Club	Zoom sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	1:15p-2:15p	PW Circle 3	Library
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
	4:00p-6:00p	WNL	Fellowship Hall Check-In
	6:00p-6:45p	Family Meal	Fellowship Hall
	6:45p-7:45p	6 th -12 th Youth Group	Youth Group Rooms
	7:45p-8:15p	Cal/West Choir Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
	8:15p-8:40p	Cal/West Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
	6:30p-9:00p	Wood Carvers	Lower-Level Church
	6:30p-7:30p	1 st Pres. Pickleball Open Gym	PEACE Gym
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Memorial Room
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
THURS 3/17	5:30p-7:30p	Session Meets	Anderson Room/Zoom
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Folkloric Dance Class	PEACE NE Classroom
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
FRI 3/18	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies	Church Room 111
SAT 3/19	9:30a-1:00p	United Harvest	PEACE Center

United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry Receives Grant from Hastings Community

Foundation: The United Harvest food ministry distributes 30-40,000 pounds of food on the third Saturday of every month, no questions asked, to local families in need. Most of the food that is distributed comes from the Food Bank of the Heartland in Omaha. During the pandemic, however, the United Harvest Board of Directors has been purchasing frozen hamburger from Custom Pack in order to supplement the protein provided by the Food Bank of the Heartland's pre-packaged food boxes. On occasion, the number of recipients arriving at a given monthly distribution is greater than the number of food boxes available. In these cases, United Harvest team members distribute grocery gift cards so that recipients do not leave empty-handed. To replenish the store of grocery gift cards and to replenish the budget, which had been reduced by purchases of nearly 500 lbs of hamburger per month for multiple months, United Harvest Board members applied for and received a grant in the amount of \$5000 from the Hastings Community Foundation. THANK YOU, HASTINGS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION!!



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

Head of Church: Jesus Christ
Senior Pastor: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett
Director of Children & Family
Ministries: Rose Koepp
Organist and Music Coordinator: Linda Vollweiler
Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson
Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Teresa & Tim Canady
Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver
Accompanists: Mary Plock
Scholar in Residence: Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh

Ministers: Members of the Church
Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann
Parish Associate: Kili Wenburg
Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger
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Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen
Church Office Administrator: Sarah Allen
Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey