



February 19, 2023 Celebrating the Gifts of Women Sunday

PRELUDE

“When We Are Living”

arr. Diemer

Linda Vollweiler, Organist

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

INTROIT

“Goodness is Stronger Than Evil”

750

Women of the Chancel and Calvin/Westminster Choirs, director Brett Epperson

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sharon Brooks

On this day, which is holy, we gather, not alone, but as Christ's Body;

As ones who would suffer together, we gather.

On this day of wonder and hope, we gather, not in isolation, but in community;

As those who would care for one another, we gather.

On this day of prayer and praise, of silence and song, we gather, not with empty hands, or emptier hearts;

As those baptized in tears of grace, we gather. Come, let us gather and worship God!

***HYMN**

“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

280

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sue Medsker

Search us, O God, and know our hearts; test us and know our thoughts. See if there is any hurtful way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting. Let us come together to confess our sins, first by reading aloud the prayer of confession, followed by a time of silent confession. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of great giving, we confess that we hoard our gifts. You give us talents of speaking and teaching, and we pretend we can't use them. You give us gifts of working with our hands and minds, and we often use those gifts for our own gain, forgetting the needs of others. You give us wisdom and knowledge, and we hide what we know. Open our hearts to use what you have given us to be a blessing to others.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Dr. Sue Coller

God's Spirit is upon us: that Spirit of forgiveness, that Spirit of grace, that Spirit of unity with all people.

Today, and in all the days to come, God's Spirit is with us.

Thanks be to the One who is our joy, our strength, our hope. Praise God! We are forgiven!

Praise God! We are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

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*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.)

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In this cold and flu season, we are encouraging safety. Instead of shaking hands or hugging, you can 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 sharing some other appropriate sign.

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRESENTATION OF THE PW HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mary Fisk

God of light, show us your Word as we read the words of Scripture today, so that your will and way can illumine our paths. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Corinthians 12:4-20

ANTHEM "For All the Faithful Women" 324
Women of the Chancel and Calvin/Westminster Choirs, director Brett Epperson

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Judges 4:1-10

MESSAGE "My Cup Overflows" Sue Coller

*HYMN "A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar" 201

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the 1991 PC(USA) "A Brief Statement of Faith")

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage:

- ***to pray without ceasing,***
- ***to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,***
- ***to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,***
- ***to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and***
- ***to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.***

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

OFFERING

(All loose coins in the offering plate will be donated to The 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/>

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OFFERTORY "Our Father in the Heaven Who Art" J.S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Sue Medsker

Generous God, you have planted the seeds of generosity into our hearts and by your grace, you give growth through our actions and response. Receive the fruit of your mercy and the offerings of our lives and use these gifts to grow your harvest of justice and mercy, Amen.

LITANY OF GRATITUDE AND CELEBRATION FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Jill Kramer: Today we celebrate the blessing of God calling women at all stages in life, from diverse ages, languages, cultures, races, backgrounds, and in all circumstances. We celebrate God's gifts bestowed upon us, a variety of gifts and services for the common good "activated by one and the same Spirit." We are grateful . . .

Sharon Brooks: For women of all ages who serve God and neighbor in committees and on boards, as members, elders, and deacons, as mid-council leaders and beyond. For young women, tweens and teens, who serve in manifold ways and for the advisors who mentor, listen, and hold space for their growth in wisdom and grace. For nominating committees that recognize potential and promise, hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit in all voices, regardless of age.

We celebrate and give thanks to God!

Sue Medsker: For women who work toward a more just world, one free of biases, discrimination, food insecurity, and poverty. For women entrepreneurs, homemakers, students, and volunteers who partner and lead, who sit on decision-making boards, who head micro-enterprises, small businesses, nonprofits, corporations, churches, and ecclesiastical bodies.

We celebrate and give thanks to God!

Mary Fisk: For congregations, faith-based organizations and other organizations advocating for and empowering women and girls. For those who work in refugee camps and border ministries. For those who work in helplines and call centers, who provide healthcare and counseling, pastoral care, and accompaniment to women and families. For those who offer welcome, affirmation, safety, and care.

We give thanks to God for your service and love in action!

For foremothers, trailblazers, role models, mentors, activists, educators, reformers, innovators, peacemakers, motivators, advocates, coaches, and preachers.

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Jill Kramer: We celebrate you, and we celebrate the blessing of God's call! We give thanks for the gifts this rich diversity brings to building God's kingdom. We pray in gratitude and joy, magnifying God for God's favor!

Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

*HYMN	"In the Midst of New Dimensions"	315
*BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL BENEDICTION	"Go with Us, Lord"	748
*POSTLUDE	"Joyful Praise"	<i>Eugene Butler</i>

COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK AND
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

8:30 AM – CONTEMPLATIVE COMMUNION SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL

9:15AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

10:30 AM – CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF WOMEN SUNDAY!

The 10:30 service is also broadcast live on KICS 1550 AM streamed live at:

www.facebook.com/fpchastings

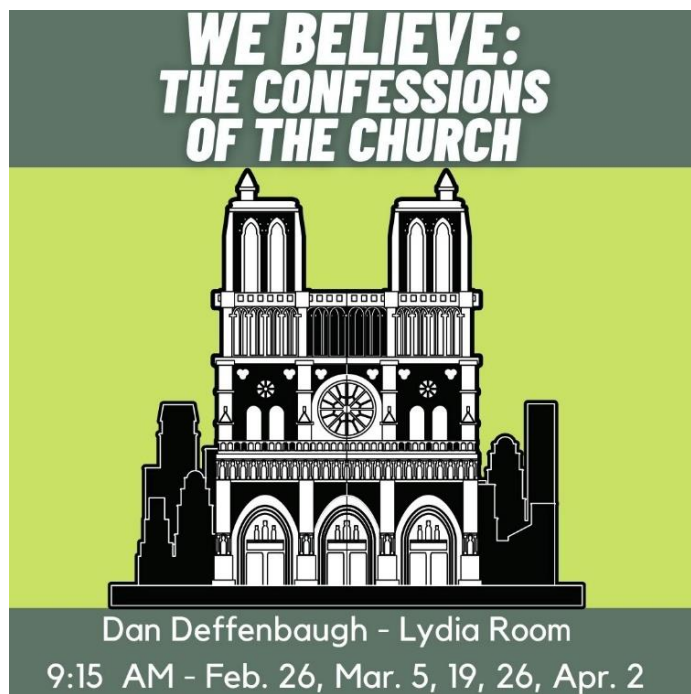
(Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to view the service.)

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given by First Presbyterian Church.

THE FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Michele L. Northrop by the Northrop family.

USHERS Kim Creech, Laurie Johnson, Lois Hafer, Jill Kramer

GREETERS May Wierenga, Flossie Sanderson, Bonnie Grams, Nan Huey, Katharine Davis



Ash
Wednesday

Imposition of Ashes Service
Wednesday, February 22
7pm
First Presbyterian Church
Sanctuary

Scam Alert

Pastor Greg has been hacked again. If you receive a message from the number below. DO NOT RESPOND. Pastor Greg's number begins with a (470)



Langenberg Lesson Applications for Spring 2023 are now available.

Parent(s) of students in grades 1-12 may apply for up to \$250 per semester to offset the cost of private music instruction. Applicable areas of study include piano, voice, guitar, or any band/orchestral instrument. Grants are limited to one per child. Parent(s) must be members of First Presbyterian Church and students must be active participants in the church choir/music program. Although grants are renewable, parents **MUST RE-APPLY EACH SEMESTER.**

Applications are available in the church office or on the church website and are **DUE APRIL 1, 2023**



Sunday, February 19

4pm

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

1338 N Saunders Ave.

The music and liturgy was written in 1972, its purpose "to be a bridge of understanding among all generations", "an answer for youth seeking relevance in worship."

First Presbyterian's own Mary Plock is one of the musicians!

Sunday 2/19	8:30am-9:15am	Taizé Service	Chapel
	9:15am-10:15am	Sunday School/Confirmation	Various
	10am-10:30am	HAW Store open	Narthex
	10:30am	Gifts of Women Sunday Service	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store open	Narthex
	5-7pm	Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group	Various
	6pm	Hastings College Choir Concert	Sanctuary
Monday 2/20	Church Office Closed-President's Day		
	1-3pm	First Pres Pickleball	PEACE gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 2/21	10-11am	Staff Meeting	In person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room/ZOOM
	6:45pm	Deacon's meeting	Anderson Room
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 2/22	11:55am	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	5-6:45pm	PreK-5 th WNL	Various
	6:15pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
	6:30-9pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
Thursday 2/23	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout room
Friday 2/24	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
Sunday 2/26	8:30am-9:15am	Taizé Service	Chapel
	9:15am-10:15am	Confirmation/Sunday School	Various
	10am-10:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30am-12pm	HAW Store open	Narthex
	5-7pm	Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group	various

Syria-Turkey Earthquake



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) urges your support in the aftermath of the 7.8- magnitude earthquake and its aftershocks in Syria and Turkey. Thousands are reported dead and injured, numbers that will rise as search and rescue continues. Buildings have been reduced to rubble, and roads and bridges have been severely damaged, resulting in dangerous conditions for first responders. In some places, such as Aleppo, this destruction is compounding the damage of the now 11-year war in Syria.

PDA is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery in the impacted areas. PDA will remain active throughout the recovery process, accompanying our partners as they determine long-term program needs and providing financial support for building and resilience.

Years of recovery lie ahead, and your commitment will help PDA extend the hands of Christ. Will you stand in the "GAP" for the people affected by this catastrophic earthquake?

GIVE: PDA's emergency response and specialization in long-term recovery is fueled by your generous gifts. Gifts can be made online at pcusa.org/give-STearthquake, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check made payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with "DR999999-ST earthquake" written on the memo line and mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700



PRAY: *God of mercy, we join in prayer for our siblings in Syria and Turkey, and all other regions affected. In the face of the terrible images that come to us, we ask that your Spirit, O God, once again move in the midst of chaos and destruction. May you provide protection, energy and strength through your presence.*

☐ \$500 ☐ \$125 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25 ☐ Other \$ _____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Congregation/PIN _____

Please detach the reply form and return it with your gift to your church; or enclose it in an envelope with your check and mail it to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.



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DISASTER ASSISTANCE**
OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE



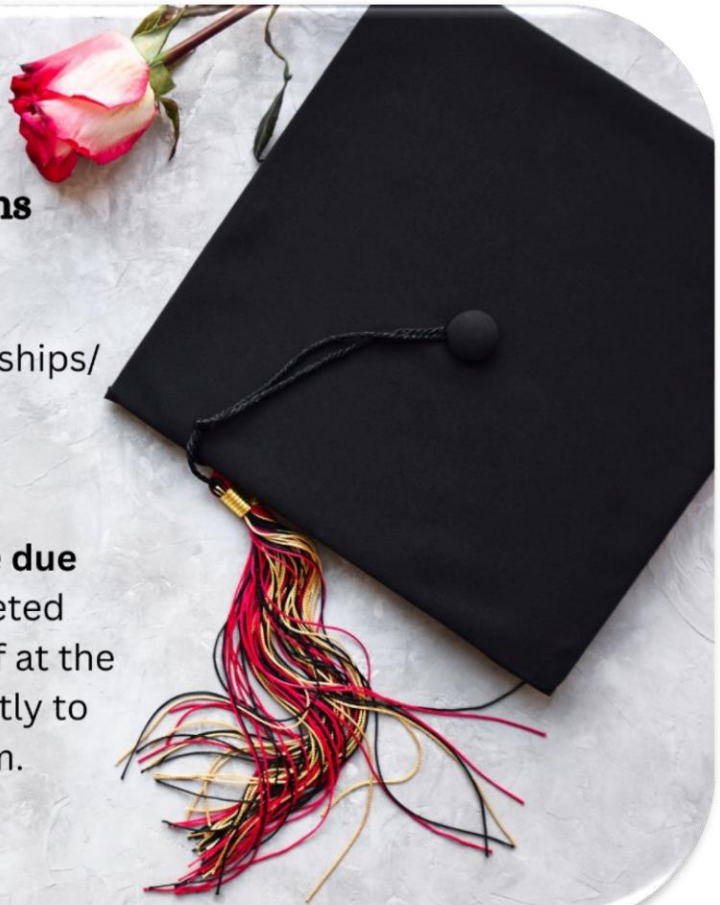
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**College
Scholarship Applications**

are available on
the church website at
<https://fpchastings.org/scholarships/>
or
in the Church Office

The application and essay are **due
February 28th, 2023**. Completed
applications can be dropped off at the
church office or emailed directly to
tim@redlinepharmacy.com.



The Church Office
will be closed on
Monday, February 20
in observance of
President's Day



Prayers for

Shirley Maul
Barry Thomson
Christian Fruehling

Stephen Gass

Bev Stein

Greg Howard

Irina Belikova-Erickson

Rich Portwood

Shirley Gass

Tarah Davis & family

Cheryl Ann Elfond

Brad Davis

Roberta Lloyd and family

Nancy Grams

Amanda Turner

Reta & Lowell Johnson

Carl Utley

BJ Pumroy & family

Elaine Schumacher

Melba Trehern

Family of Michael Hahne

Dave Schawang

Katie Reynolds & family

Jenni Bauer

Sally Smith

Don Rasmussen

Freddie Petersen

Jenni Welsch

Dale Hamburger

Audre Zaroban

In loving memory of

Michael Hahne, who passed
away on 12/20/22



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

Head of Church: Jesus Christ
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Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson
Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady
Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver
Accompanist and Music Coordinator: Mary Plock

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