February 26, 2023
First Sunday of
The Season of Lent

PRELUDE "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" *arr. Mark Hayes*
Linda Vollweiler, Organist
(The prelude is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" *Henry Percy Smith*
Praise Bells, director Susan Oliver

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Matthew 4) Damen Jensen-Heitmann

For forty days and forty nights,
Our Savior fasted in the wilderness.
He was tempted to turn from God, tempted to turn to worldly power,
And our Savior resisted.
Let us follow Jesus through the wilderness this Lent,
Examining our own temptations, resisting them, and returning to God.

*HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" 1
Sue Medsker, Song Leader

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, as we wander through this wilderness with Jesus, examining all the worldly comforts we turn to during times of stress and struggle, we confess the neglect of our faith. We confess all that we place above you, making idols of wealth, earthly power, comfort, and convenience. Empty us this Lent, Holy God. Guide us in our spiritual practices so we can leave this wilderness season more aware of your presence and the ways our faith can sustain us.

SILENT CONFESSION & QUESTION FOR CONTEMPLATION
What do I need to give up during this Season of Lent in order to grow in my faith?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Remember and receive these hopeful words from Jesus; "If you continue in my word, you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."
Receive God's truth. Receive God's grace. Accept the freedom God provides.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved.

*RESPONSE "Lord, Have Mercy" (vs. 1-2) 579

*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

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rose Koepp

While the children are coming the congregation will sing "Jesus Loves Me."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of grace, help us seek you and the message you intend for us today. Let us not be distracted by worldly pursuits or pleasures. Help us to focus our hearts and minds on you and your Word, read and proclaimed today. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE READING – Colossians 1:15-20

ANTHEM "Shine, Jesus, Shine" *Graham Kendrick*
Alleluia Bells, director Susan Oliver *arr. Peggy Bettcher*

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – John 1:1-14

MESSAGE **"I believe in one God…"** Greg Allen-Pickett
Lenten Sermon Series on Creeds and Confessions

*HYMN "Of the Father's Love Begotten" (vs. 1-2, 6) 108

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Nicene Creed)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day, he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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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/

OFFERTORY "Come as a Child" *Mark Wilson*

Praise and Alleluia Choir, director Teresa Canady

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of grace, you provide for us in amazing ways. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless them to further Christ's ministry and mission among the lost, the least, and the last. Amen.

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 "O God in Whom All Life Begins" 308

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune" *David N. Johnson*

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 – TRADITIONAL SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY

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 in memory of Michele L. Northrop by the Northrop family.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Mrs. Besse Byrne Foote; Mrs. Gwendolyn Foote Beck; Dr. and Mrs. E.C. Foote; Dr. and Mrs. E.C. Foote, Jr.

ACOLYTES Harrison Welsch, Vivienne Turner

USHERS: February (Team #6) Captain – Jim Harrenstein, Andrew Barrows, Lynne Friedewald, Chuck Shoemaker

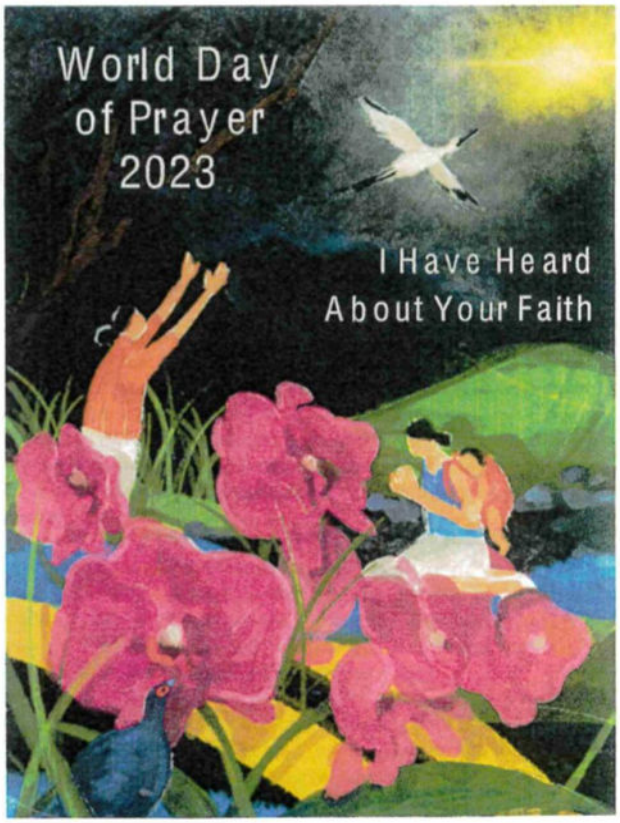
February Greeters

FEBRUARY	MEMORIAL ROOM	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
5	Jan Ham	Julie Thomsen	Susie Graham
12	Flossie Sanderson		Pat & Dick Kleiber
19	Gifts of Women Sunday		
26	Jane Foote	Sue Medsker	Bonnie & Kenton Grams

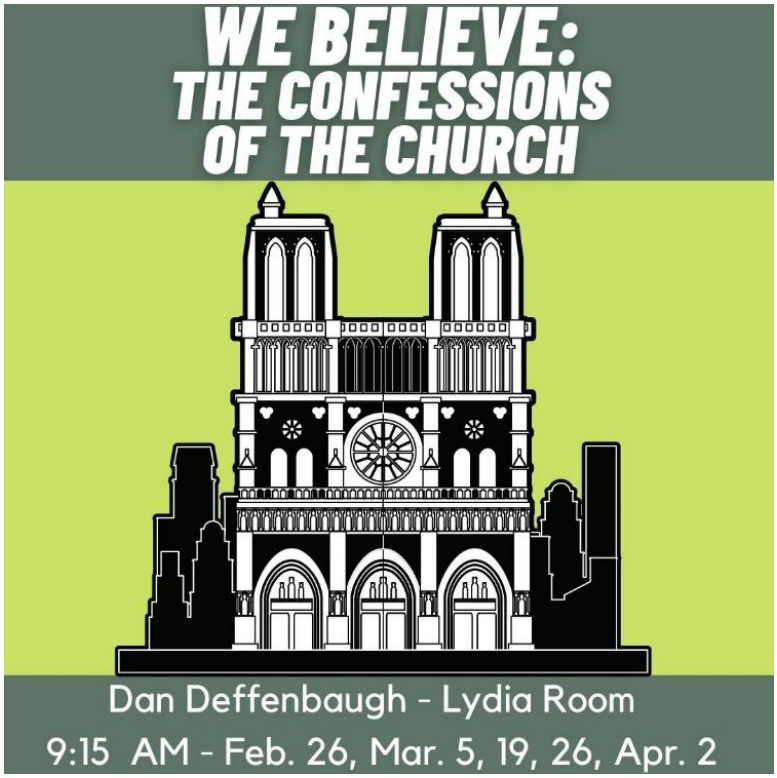
March Ushers (Team #1) Captain – Chuck Hastings, LaVern Franzen, Elaine Specht

March Greeters:

MARCH	MEMORIAL ROOM	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX	NARTHEX
5	Gayle Fandry	May Wierenga	Katherine Davis	
12	Mary Kay LaMaster	Jean Barber	Melissa Davis	
19	Sally Smith	Mary Fisk	Cathy & John Pershing	
26	Laurie & Brian Johnson		Stephanie Bliss	



"World Day of Prayer"
10 am, Friday, March 3 Coffee @ 9:30
First Christian Church, 1201 Sheridan Dr.
Speaker: Tammy Stuhr
Church Women United



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.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE
OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Mission

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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
Monday 2/27	1-3pm	FPC Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 2/28	11:45am-1:15pm	Habitat for Humanity	Parlor
	12pm	Noon Bible Study	Anderson/ZOOM
	7-8PM	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 3/1	11-11:45am	PW Coord Team	Library
	11:45am-1:30pm	PW Program and Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
	12-1pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	5-6:45pm	PreK-5th grade WNL	various
	6:30pm-9pm	Woodcarvers	basement
	6:45pm-7:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm-8:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 3/2	12:30pm-1:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5:30pm-6:30pm	Youth Christian Education Meeting	Parlor
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 3/3	10am-12pm	Mahjong	Room 111
Sunday 3/5	8:30am-9:15am	Taizé Service	Chapel
	9:15am-10:15am	Confirmation/Sunday School Hour	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

EASTER LILIES 2023

Easter Lilies are $12 each. Monies raised above the cost will be donated to a non-profit to be determined.

Lily in memory of:

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Lily in honor of: _____

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Given by: _____

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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

ANYONE FOR CHUNCH?

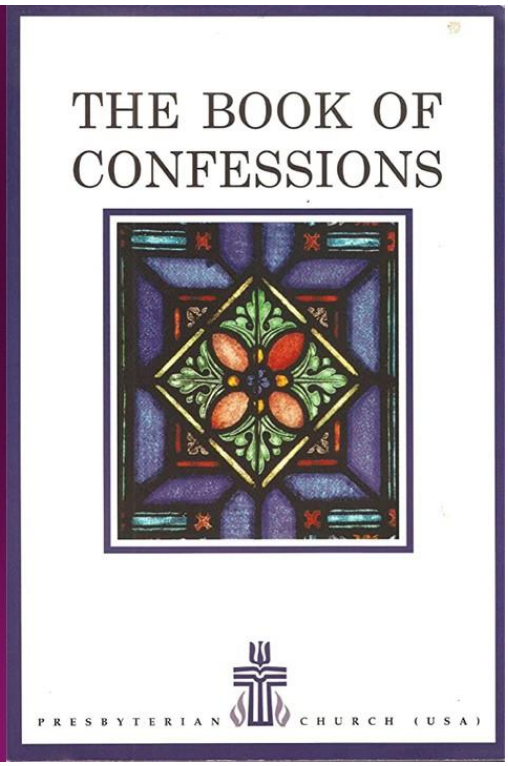
CHURCH + BRUNCH = CHUNCH!
SUNDAY, MARCH 12 @ BLUE FORK
10:00 A.M.
$10 - AGES 4-12, $18 - ADULTS, $14 - 65+
KIDS 3 AND UNDER EAT FOR FREE
RSVP TO CHURCH OFFICE BY MARCH 10

THIS IS AN ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY TO WORSHIP
THE 10:30 SERVICE WILL STILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SANCTUARY

I believe...

Lenten sermon series on
Presbyterian confessions and creeds

February 26: The Nicene Creed
March 5: The Scots Confession
March 12: The Barmen Declaration
March 19: The Confession of 1967
March 26: A Brief Statement of Faith
April 2: FPC Hastings Confirmands
Affirmation of Faith, 2019



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
Family of Bernice Rakestraw

Reta & Lowell Johnson
Carl Utley
BJ Pumroy & family
Elaine Schumacher
Melba Trehern
Dave Schawang
Katie Reynolds & family
Jenni Bauer
Sally Smith
Don Rasmussen
Freddie Petersen
Jenni Welsch
Dale Hamburger
Audre Zaroban

In loving memory of

Bernice Rakestraw, who passed away on 1/22/23

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
Organist and Music Director: Linda Vollweiler
Chancel Choir Director: Brett Epperson
Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen
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

Ministers: Members of the Church
Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann
Director of Children & Family Ministries: Rose Koepp
Church Office Administrator: Melissa Davis
Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun
Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger
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Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey