



Second Sunday in Lent March 5, 2023

PRELUDE

“Italian Hymn”

arr. Albert L. Travis

Linda Vollweiler, Organist

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

WELCOME

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

INTROIT

“As the Deer”

626

Sue Medsker, Song Leader

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Greg Allen-Pickett

We come to this place frequently and often to be reminded of who we are.

We are children of God who rely upon the Word,

Who are justified by God’s grace,

Who are redeemed through faith.

We are the foolish who claim the way of the cross,

Who embrace the story of humility and sacrifice,

Who find their lives by giving them away.

We are beloved of God who gather to worship and praise.

*HYMN

“I Love to Tell the Story”

462

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that we are dust. We are temporal. We are fleeting. We are limited. Though the cosmos is in our bones, we confess that we cannot understand it. Though your breath fills our lungs, we cannot know the full meaning of your Word. Though your image enlivens our beings we cannot reflect it fully. We are dust. We are ash. We hurt. We scar. We destroy. And so we seek your mercy, asking that you bring us back to new life in you. Renew us once more and help us to let your light shine through our dust.

SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

What of God's truths do you struggle to understand?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Glory Be to the Father"

581

*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)

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.

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SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH CHILDREN

(While the children are coming forward the congregation will sing "This Little Light of Mine")

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

We rely, O God, upon your Word. It gives shape and form and meaning to our lives. We ask that it do so again this day, that in these passages and in these reflections our hearts might entwine once more with yours. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 7:1-5

ANTHEM

"How Beautiful"

arr. Benjamin Harlan

Calvin Westminster Choir; Linda Johnson, director

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

MESSAGE

"Limited Humility"

Lenten Sermon Series based on creeds and confessions (Scots Confession)

*HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

321

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Selected portions of the Scots Confession)

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust.

When the fullness of time came God sent his Son, his eternal wisdom, the substance of his own glory, into this world... the very Messiah promised, whom we confess and acknowledge to be Emmanuel, true God and true man, two perfect natures united and joined in one person.

Our faith and its assurance do not proceed from the flesh and blood, that is to say, from natural powers within us, but are the inspiration of the Holy Ghost; whom we confess to be God, equal with the Father and with his Son, who sanctifies us, and brings us into all truth by his own working, without whom we should remain forever enemies to God and ignorant of his Son, Christ Jesus.

We believe the notes of the true Church to be: first the true preaching of the Word of God; secondly, the right administration of the sacraments of Christ Jesus; and lastly, ecclesiastical discipline uprightly ministered, whereby vice is repressed and virtue nourished.

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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 "Fairest Lord Jesus" *arr. Bill Ingram*
Calvin Westminster Bells; Hannah Jensen-Heitmann, director

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

To God be the glory. To God be our lives. To God be these gifts that they might bring peace to the suffering and hope to the lost. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE 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 "In the Signing" 533
During the singing of the final hymn, we will take a communion offering to benefit *A Joyful Noise*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE "Go Ye Now in Peace" *Joyce Eilers*

POSTLUDE "Toccata in E Minor" *Pachelbel*

*(*Indicates the congregation shall stand as they are able.)*

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 Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Geyerman by their family.

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

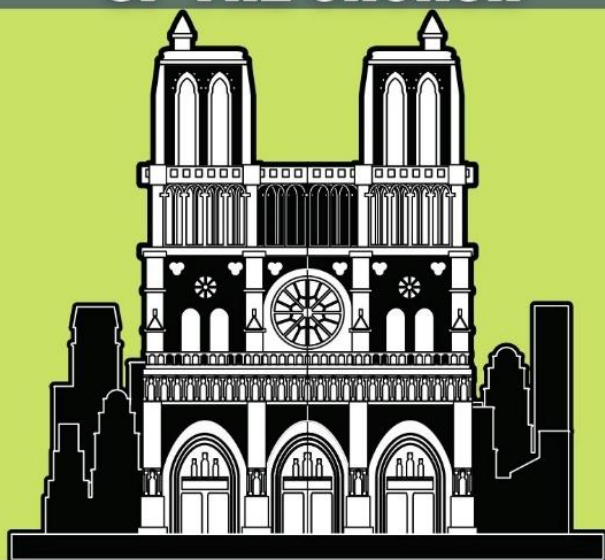
ACOLYTES Lincoln Welsch, Evan Turner

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

March Greeters

MARCH	MEMORIAL ROOM	MEMORIAL ROOM	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

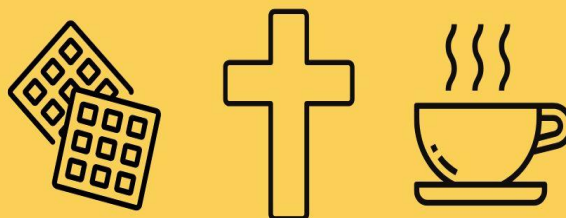
WE BELIEVE: THE CONFESSIONS OF THE CHURCH



Dan Deffenbaugh - Lydia Room

9:15 AM - Feb. 26, Mar. 5, 19, 26, Apr. 2

ANYONE FOR CHUNCH?



CHURCH + BRUNCH = CHUNCH!
SUNDAY, MARCH 12 @ BLUE FORK
10:00 A.M.

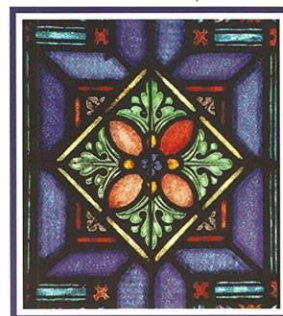
\$10 - AGES 4-12, \$18 - ADULTS, \$14 - 65+
KIDS 3 AND UNDER EAT FOR FREE
RSVP TO CHURCH OFFICE BY MARCH 10

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

THE BOOK OF CONFESSIONS



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

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
Monday 3/6	1-3pm	FPC Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 3/7	10-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson/ZOOM
	5:30pm	United Harvest Board Meeting	PEACE NW Classroom
	5:45pm	Trustee's Meeting	Confirmation room/ZOOM
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 3/8	11:55am	Noonday Book Club	Sbrooks52@gmail.com
	5:30pm-7pm	Scholarship Committee Meeting	Kessler Room
		NO WNL	
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 3/9	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5pm	Personnel Meeting	As needed
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 3/10	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
Sunday 3/12	8:30am	Taizé Service	Chapel
		NO Confirmation or Sunday School	
	10am-10:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10am	Church	Blue Fork
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Radio/Facebook
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
		NO Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group	

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**

HOW BEAUTIFUL

(Incorporating When I Survey the Wondrous Cross)

for congregation

Arranged by
BENJAMIN HARLAN

Words and Music by
TWILA PARIS (ASCAP)

Verse 1: How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.
(Choir only) How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.

Verse 2: How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead.
(Choir only) How beautiful the tender eyes that chose to forgive and never despise.
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.

Verse 3: *See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
(Choir only) Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Verse 4: Choir and Congregation

How beau - ti - ful the feet that bring the sound of good
news and the love of the King. How beau - ti - ful the hands that
serve the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth. How beau - ti -
ful, how beau - ti - ful, how
beau - ti - ful is the bod - y of Christ.

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross; music by Lowell Mason (1792-1872); words by Isaac Watts (1674-1748).

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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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EASTER LILIES 2023

Easter Lilies are \$12 each. Monies raised above the cost will be donated to "A Joyful Noise".

Lily in memory of _____

Lily in honor of _____

Given by _____

I will take my Lily home after the Easter Sunday services: ☐ Yes ☐ No

I will leave my Lily at the church: ☐ Yes ☐ No

SINGER/SONGWRITER CONCERT

WITH THE HASTINGS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 4PM  Hastings Masonic Center



Featuring Emily Dunbar, Peter Lainson, and Hannah Jensen-Heitmann,
performing original music, backed by the HSO.

BUY TICKETS AT HASTINGSSYMPHONY.COM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"MEMORABLE MEMBERS"

An Evening of Living History
March 26, 2023

Soup Supper at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
Program at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary

THE DETAILS

- A variety of soups will be provided.
- Dress however you'd like.
- Free will donation to be collected at dinner.
- Learn about notable figures and events from the last 150 years!



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

Jenni Bauer
Sally Smith
Don Rasmussen
Freddie Petersen

Jenni Welsch
Dale Hamburger
Audre Zaroban
Ashley Ibach

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
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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

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