



March 12, 2023 Third Sunday of The Season of Lent

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude on "Aus Tiefe Rufe Ich" *J.S. Bach*
*Cathedral Brass: Louie Eckhardt, trumpet; Tim Farrell, trumpet;
Amy Schneider, horn; Nathan LeFeber, trombone; Dan Sodomka, tuba*
(The prelude is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT Chancel Choir, director Robin Koozer

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Based on Joshua 24) *Damen Jensen-Heitmann*
As we gather this morning, may we revere the Lord,
Let us serve and worship God in sincerity and in faithfulness;
Let us put away idols and worldly powers and serve the Lord.
***We will choose this day whom we will serve. As for me and my
household, we will serve the Lord.***
O come, let us worship and bow down;
Let us worship Christ our Lord.

***HYMN** "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand" *331*
Linda Vollweiler, organist

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Gracious God, as we wander through the wilderness this Lent, we
are more aware of our thirst for your presence, your love, your
guidance on life's journey. Forgive us for turning away from you.
Forgive our doubt and uncertainty that led us to place our faith in
worldly comforts, powers, and principalities instead of trusting in
you as our King and Lord. We come to you today desperate and
thirsty for Christ's presence and power in our lives, desperate to
reaffirm Christ as Lord and proclaim God's kingdom come and God's
will be done. Grant us your forgiveness and your grace.***

SILENT CONFESSION & QUESTION FOR CONTEMPLATION

How have I relied on earthly powers instead of trusting Christ as Lord?

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)

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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.)

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, fountain of every blessing, open us to your life-giving Word and fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we can proclaim Christ as our Lord and Savior and live as citizens of your kingdom of love, justice, and peace. Amen

1st SCRIPTURE READING – Acts 4:1-12

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Ephesians 4:1-5, 14-16

MESSAGE

“We believe God claims our whole lives...”
Lenten Sermon Series on Creeds and Confessions

Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

“This Is My Song”

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Excerpts of the Barmen Declaration)**

We believe: Jesus Christ, as he is attested to us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God whom we have to hear, and whom we have to trust and obey in life and in death.

We reject the false doctrine that the Church could and should recognize as a source of its proclamation, beyond and besides this one Word of God, yet other events, powers, historic figures and truths as God's revelation.

We believe: As Jesus Christ is God's comforting pronouncement of the forgiveness of all our sins, so, with equal seriousness, he is also God's vigorous announcement of his claim upon our whole life. Through him there comes to us joyful liberation from the godless ties of this world for free, grateful service to his creatures.

We reject the false doctrine that there could be areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ but to other lords, areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

We believe: The Christian Church is the community of brethren in which, in Word and Sacrament, through the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ acts in the present as Lord. With both its faith and its obedience, with both its message and its order, it has to testify in the midst of the sinful world, as the Church of pardoned sinners, that it belongs to him alone and lives and may live by his comfort and under his direction alone, in expectation of his appearing.

We reject the false doctrine that the Church could have permission to hand over the form of its message and of its order to whatever it itself might wish or to the vicissitudes of the prevailing ideological and political convictions of the day.

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

“Ne Irascaris Domine”

William Byrd

*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 kingdom, 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 “The Church’s One Foundation”

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*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE “The Lord Bless You”
Chancel Choir

Brett Epperson

*POSTLUDE “Canzona per sonare No. 4”
Cathedral Brass

Giovanni Gabrieli

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 by First Presbyterian Church.

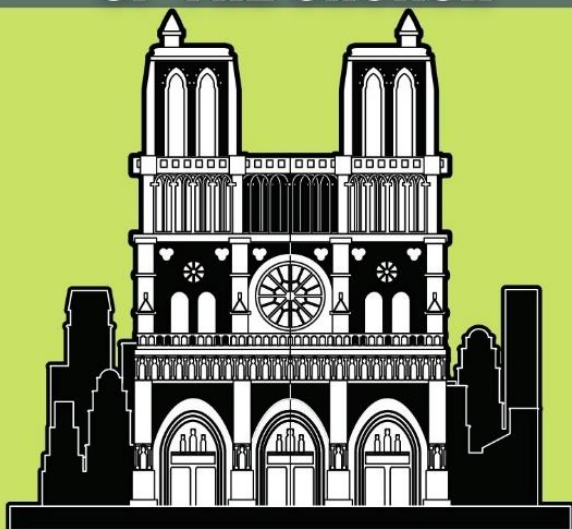
THE FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Carl Sanderson by his family.

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	Laurie & Brian Johnson	Jean Barber	Melissa Davis
19	Sally Smith	Mary Fisk	Cathy & John Pershing
26	Mary Kay LaMaster	Sue Medsker	Stephanie Bliss

**WE BELIEVE:
THE CONFESSIONS
OF THE CHURCH**



Dan Deffenbaugh - Lydia Room
9:15 AM - Feb. 26, Mar. 5, 19, 26, Apr. 2

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!

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



Mr. Rogers' Day at Hastings College

Wednesday, March 22 is Mr. Rogers' Day at Hastings College! Wear your favorite cardigan and join us for one or both of the following events:

9:30 a.m. - Mr. Rogers' Chapel featuring Hastings College Choral Union and our own Mr. Rogers! Worship will last 30-40 minutes and will remind us of all the great lessons we learned from Mr. Rogers!

7:00 p.m. - Join us in the chapel for a viewing of "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" - the 2019 movie about Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood starring Tom Hanks. Admission is free and snacks will be provided.

I believe...

**Lenten sermon series on
Presbyterian confessions and creeds**

February 26: The Nicene Creed

March 5: The Scots Confession

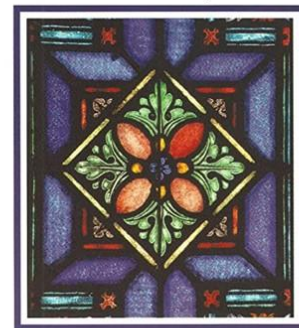
March 12: The Barmen Declaration

March 19: The Confession of 1967

March 26: A Brief Statement of Faith

April 2: FPC Hastings Confirmants
Affirmation of Faith, 2019

THE BOOK OF CONFESSIONS



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



March 18, 2023		
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM

Hastings Community Music Academy



UKULELE FOR RETIREEES

WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 4, 11, 18, 25

11:00-11:45

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

\$40

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

PERFORMANCE WITH HASTINGS

COLLEGE HANDBELL CHOIR - MAY 1ST



**American
Red Cross**

The American Red Cross and First Presbyterian Church are hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, March 28, from 12pm-6pm. There is a critical need for donated blood. Please consider making an appointment to give blood during this drive. To make an appointment go to redcrossblood.org, select the drive at First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, and make your appointment.



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

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**

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

Scholar in Residence: Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

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	
Monday 3/13	1pm-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	5:30pm	Global Mission Committee Meeting	PEACE NW Classroom
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 3/14	10am-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Congregational Life Meeting	Parlor
Wednesday 3/15	9:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	Parlor
	11:55am-1pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	1:15pm-2:15pm	PW Circle 3	Library
	5-6:45pm	PreK-5 th Grade WNL	Various
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	basement
Thursday 3/16	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5:30pm	Session Meeting	Anderson Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 3/17	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
Saturday 3/18		United Harvest	
Sunday 3/19	8:30am-9:15am	Taizé Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Confirmation Class/Sunday School	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	In person/Radio/Facebook
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	5-7pm	Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group	various