



## ***March 19, 2023 Fourth Sunday in The Season of Lent***

### **PRELUDE**

**“Andante Cantabile”**

**Charles-Marie Widor**

*Linda Vollweiler, Organist; Sarah Wolf, flute*

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

### **WELCOME**

**Greg Allen-Pickett**

### **INTROIT**

**“I Love You, Lord”**

**The Celebrate Band**

*Vocals: Sue Medsker, Mary Fisk, Sarah Wolf; Piano: Mary Plock; Percussion: Phill Parker; Guitar: Peter Lainson; Bass: Erik Nielsen*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Based on The Confession of 1967, 9.50) **Damen Jensen-Heitmann**

The church responds to God’s promise of reconciliation in worship and prayer.

***In that response, we commit ourselves afresh to the church’s mission;***

Through our worship today, may we experience a deepening of faith;

***And may we bear witness to the good news of the gospel!***

Adoration of God is an acknowledgment of the Creator by us, God’s creation.

***Thanksgiving is found in rejoicing in God’s goodness to all people and in giving generously for the needs of others.***

The music we will share contributes to the praise and prayer of church;

***May it help us to look beyond ourselves to God and to the world, which is the object of God’s love. Come, let us worship God!***

### **\*HYMN**

**“In Christ There Is No East or West”**

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Song leaders: Sue Medsker, Mary Fisk, Sarah Wolf

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Based on The Confession of 1967, 9.08 and 9.12)

***In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once and for all. Jesus lived among his own people and shared our needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. Many rejected him. And yet he gave himself freely for us, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. The reconciling act of God in Jesus Christ exposes our sin. In sin, we try to claim mastery of our own lives, turn against God and each other, and become exploiters and despoilers of the world. We can lose our humanity in futile striving and are left in rebellion, despair, and isolation.***

SILENT CONFESSION & QUESTIONS FOR CONTEMPLATION

*How have I seen God try to reconcile with me? How have I sought reconciliation with others?*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself.

***The risen Christ is the savior of all.***

All who are joined to Christ by faith are set right with God;

***In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and commissioned to serve as Christ's reconciling community. Amen.***

\*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

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rose Koepp

While the children are coming, the congregation will sing “Jesus Loves Me.”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures, which are received and obeyed as the word of God written.***

***The Scriptures are not a witness among others but the witness without parallel, by which our faith and obedience are nourished. Let us listen now for the Word of God. Amen.***

1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Romans 5:5-11

ANTHEM

“Who Am I”  
The Celebrate Band

Mark Hall

Who am I, that the Lord of all the earth  
Would care to know my name, would care to  
feel my hurt?  
Who am I, that the Bright and Morning Star  
Would choose to light the way for my ever  
wandering heart?  
Not because of who I am, but because of what  
You've done  
Not because of what I've done, but because of  
who You are  
I am a flower quickly fading, here today and  
gone tomorrow  
A wave tossed in the ocean, a vapor in the wind  
Still, You hear me when I'm calling, Lord, You  
catch me when I'm falling  
And You've told me who I am  
I am Yours, I am Yours

Who am I, that the eyes that see my sin  
Would look on me with love and watch me rise  
again?  
Who am I, that the voice that calmed the sea  
Would call out through the rain and calm the  
storm in me?  
Not because of who I am, but because of what  
You've done  
Not because of what I've done, but because of  
who You are  
I am a flower quickly fading, here today and  
gone tomorrow  
A wave tossed in the ocean, a vapor in the wind  
Still, You hear me when I'm calling, Lord, You  
catch me when I'm falling  
And You've told me who I am (I am)  
I am Yours, I am Yours

2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

MESSAGE

**“We believe in God’s reconciling work...”**  
Lenten Sermon Series on Creeds and Confessions

Greg Allen-Pickett

\*HYMN

“O for a World”

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Excerpts of the Confession of 1967, 9.20-9.22)

***We believe that the reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to us, moves us to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.***

***We believe that the new life takes shape in a community in which we know that God loves and accepts us in spite of what we are. We therefore accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except by God's grace.***

***We believe that God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which we are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables us to receive forgiveness as we forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as we make peace among ourselves.***

***We believe that in spite of our sin, the Holy Spirit gives us power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and to proclaim the good news of reconciliation to all.***

## 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

“All Praise to Thee, Eternal God”

Paul Manz

## \*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Based on The Confession of 1967, 9.46)

***We believe that the reconciliation of humankind through Jesus Christ makes it plain that poverty in a world of abundance is a violation of God's good creation. Because Jesus identified with the poor, the cause of the world's poor is the cause of his disciples. We are called to use our abilities, our possessions, and the fruits of technology as gifts entrusted to us for the maintenance of God's family and the advancement of the common welfare. May the gifts we share today and every day embody these beliefs. 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

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

***The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple;  
The church is not a resting place, the church is a people.  
I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together;  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world;  
Yes, we're the church together!***

\*POSTLUDE

"Postlude in D"

Healey Willan

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](http://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 Isabelle and Chester Gates by their daughter, Ann, and their son, Jerry.

**THE FLOWERS** are given in memory of Mildred and Victor Lutkemeier by their 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



**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](http://redcrossblood.org), select the drive at First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, and make your appointment.

## I believe...

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

February 26: The Nicene Creed

March 5: The Scots Confession

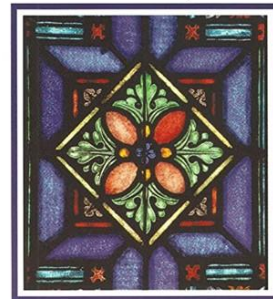
March 12: The Barmen Declaration

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)

## GO & SERVE CINNAMON ROLL PICK UP DATE WILL BE APRIL 2



### GO & SERVE CINNAMON ROLL FUNDRAISER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Pick-Up Date - April 2

Number of Pans: \_\_\_\_\_

(\$15 a pan, 6 frozen rolls a pan. Please pay at pick-up)



Thank you for your support of Go & Serve!



## 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

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## "A LIVING HERITAGE"

An Evening of Living History

March 26, 2023

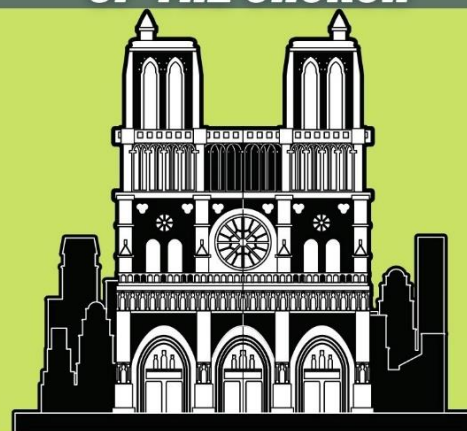
Soup Supper at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

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!

## WE BELIEVE: THE CONFESSIONS OF THE CHURCH



Dan Deffenbaugh - Lydia Room

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

<b>Sunday 3/19</b>	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
<b>Monday 3/20</b>	1-3pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	5:30-6:30pm	Go & Serve meeting	Parlor
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
<b>Tuesday 3/21</b>	10-11am	Staff Meeting	In person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	6:45pm	Deacons Meet	Anderson Room
<b>Wednesday 3/22</b>	11:55am-1pm	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a>
	5-6:45pm	PreK-5 <sup>th</sup> grade WNL	Various
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
<b>Thursday 3/23</b>	12:30pm-1:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
<b>Friday 3/24</b>	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
<b>Sunday 3/26</b>	8:30am	Taizé Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Confirmation/Sunday School	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Radio/Facebook
	11:30am-12pm	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	5-7pm	Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group	various
	<b>Living History Event</b> 5pm- Soup Supper (Fellowship Hall) 6pm- Program (Sanctuary)		



## 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.



# Holy Week Schedule



*First Presbyterian Church Hastings*  
2023



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(you do not need a Facebook account to view)

Radio broadcast KICS 1550 AM and 92.7 FM

## Palm Sunday, April 2

In-Person Worship at 8:30 & 10:30am  
(10:30am with palms and a joyful procession!)  
10:30am also on radio and Facebook

## Maundy Thursday, April 6

Communion Service at 7:00pm  
In-Person and on Facebook

## Good Friday, April 7

Worship at 7:00pm  
In-Person and on Facebook

## Easter Sunday, April 9

In-Person Worship at 8:30 & 10:30am  
Organ, Choir, Handbells, Cathedral Brass  
10:30am also on radio and Facebook

# Easter Prayer Vigil



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## Good Friday through Easter Morning

This prayer vigil is a time for our community of faith to come before God to acknowledge that we are the body of Christ, and to ask for God's guidance and presence. You are invited to come to the Chapel or participate from home. This is a community time, for this prayer vigil is an act of our entire congregation.

Please sign up to participate by using the link or QR Code below

<https://bit.ly/FPCHEV>



# PRAYERS FOR

Shirley Maul  
Barry Thomson  
Christian Fruehling

Reta & Lowell Johnson  
Carl Utley

Stephen Gass

BJ Pumroy & family

Bev Stein

Elaine Schumacher

Greg Howard

Melba Trehern

Irina Belikova-Erickson

Dave Schawang

Rich Portwood

Jenni Bauer

Shirley Gass

Don Rasmussen

Tarah Davis & family

Freddie Petersen

Cheryl Ann Elfond

Dale Hamburger

Brad Davis

Audre Zaroban

Roberta Lloyd and family

Ashley Ibach

Nancy Grams

Family of Bernice Rakestraw

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 Koepf

**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