March 26, 2023
Fifth Sunday in
The Season of Lent

PRELUDE "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" *arr. Diane Bish*
Linda Vollweiler, Organist
(The prelude is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT "The Sacred Grove"
Praise Bells

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on The Brief Statement of Faith) Damen Jensen-Heitmann
In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Through the love of God, and through the communion of the Holy Spirit,
We trust in the one triune God, whom alone we worship and serve.
Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN "Where Charity and Love Prevail" 316
Carter Pursley, Song Leader

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Based on The Brief Statement of Faith)
In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love, God blesses us.
Hearing our cry, God delivers us.
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

SILENT CONFESSION & QUESTIONS FOR CONTEMPLATION

How do I understand God's love and forgiveness in my life and in the world?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (From The Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life;
In Christ, God breaks the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and loved.
Amen.

*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.)

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 forward, the congregation will sing "Jesus Loves Me."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (From The Brief Statement of Faith)

The Holy Spirit, who inspired the prophets and apostles, rules our faith and life in Christ through Scriptures and engages us through the Word proclaimed. May we listen and hear how the Holy Spirit is speaking to us today. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 130

ANTHEM "And Can It Be That I Should Gain" *Thomas Campbell*
Alleluia Bells *arr. Jason Krug*

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – 2 Corinthians 13:13, Romans 8:31-39

MESSAGE **"We believe that nothing can separate us from God's Love"**
Lenten Sermon Series on Creeds and Confessions Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN "O for a World" 372

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From The 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.
The same Spirit… claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of 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.***

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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.)

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Donation QR Code

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 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" *Frederick Atkinson*
Alleluia and Praise Bells

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Good and gracious God, may these gifts be one of the ways your life-giving presence is experienced in our community. Use these gifts and our lives to give hope to the hopeless, wholeness to the broken and fullness to the hungry. In Christ's name, we pray. 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" 321

*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 "Trumpet Tune" *Handel/arr. Wolff*

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 – PALM SUNDAY 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.

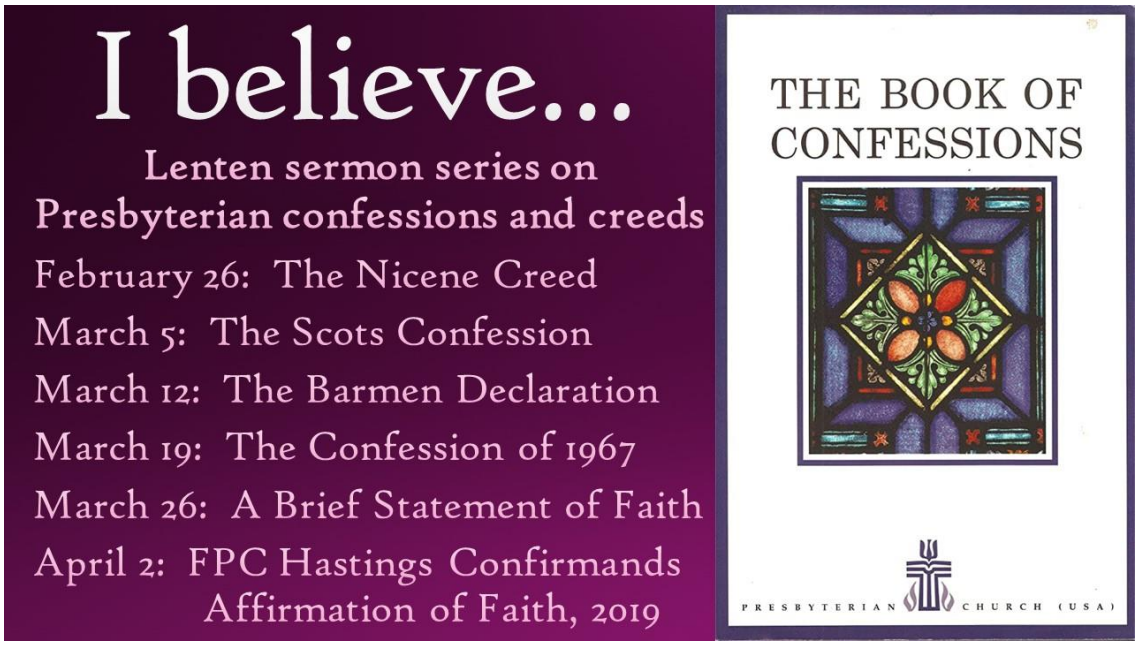
THE FLOWERS are given by First Presbyterian Church.

ACOLYTES Maddie Gosda, Molly Gosda

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

March Greeters

MARCH	MEMORIAL ROOM	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
5	Gayle Fandry	May Wierenga	Katharine 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



Happening Today

Although, the soup supper tickets are sold out, we invite you to join us for the program at 6pm in the Sanctuary

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!

Greeters:
We are in need of Greeters for the 8:30am service and 10:30am service on Easter.
We are also in need of Greeters for the 10:30am service on April 23rd.

Ushers:
We are in need of Ushers for the 8:30am service on Easter.

Please let Melissa know in the church office if you are able to help out! (402) 462-5147 or melissa@fpchastings.org

Thank you for your willingness to serve!

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."

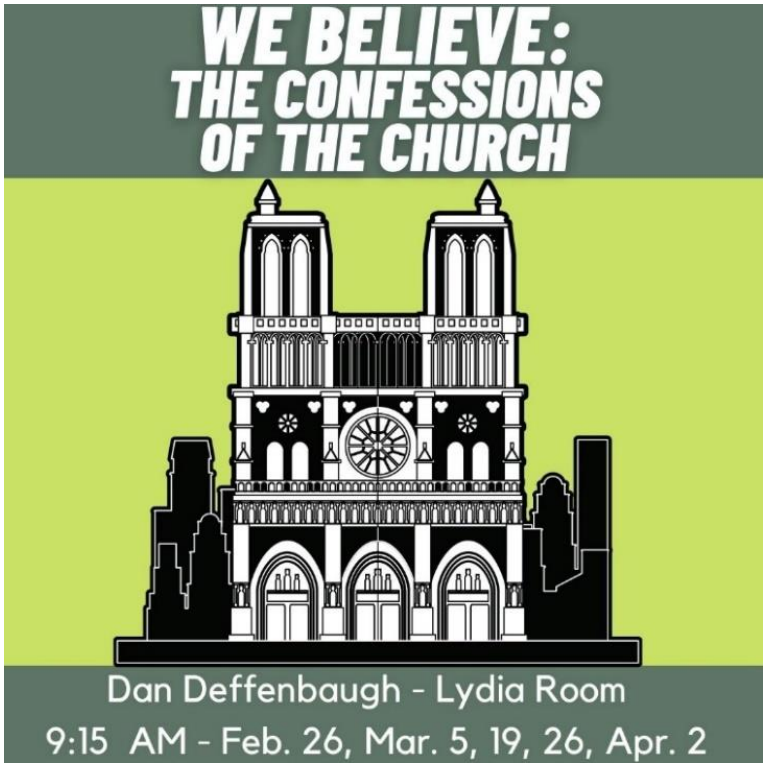
Lily in memory of _____

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



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

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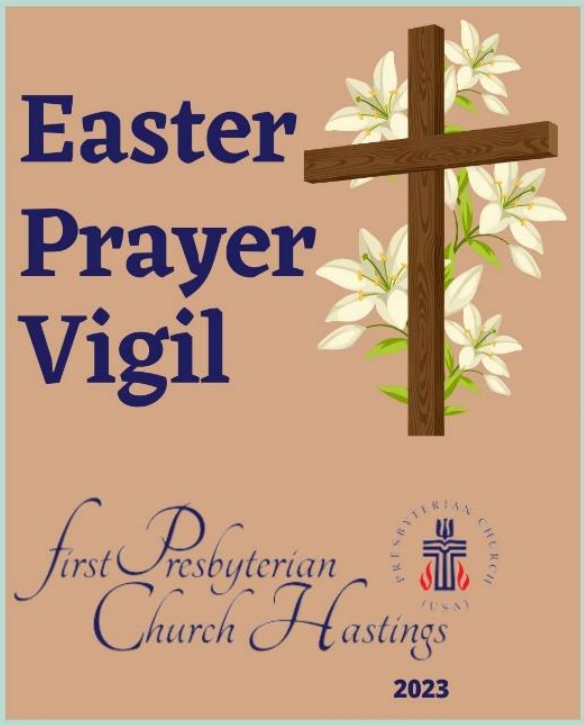
(you do not need a Facebook account to view)

Radio broadcast KICS 1550 AM and 92.7 FM



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

Sunday 3/26	8:30am	Contemplative Communion 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
	Living History Event 5pm- Soup Supper (Fellowship Hall) 6pm- Program (Sanctuary)		
Monday 3/27	11am	Bernice Rakestraw Memorial Service	Chapel
	1-3pm	First Presbyterian Pickleball	PEACE Center Gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 3/28	10-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	11am-7pm	Red Cross Bloodmobile	Fellowship Hall
	11:45am	Habitat for Humanity Board	
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
Wednesday 3/29	11:55am	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	5-6:45pm	PreK-5th grade WNL	Various
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
	6:30pm-9pm	Woodcarvers Meet	basement
Thursday 3/30	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 3/31	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
	10:30am	Ted Van Fossen Memorial Service	Sanctuary
Saturday 4/1		Langenberg Lesson Applications Due	
Sunday 4/2	8:30am	Contemplative Communion Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Confirmation/Sunday School	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Palm Sunday Service	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	5-7pm	Jr. High/ Sr. High Youth Group	various

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

Prayers for

Shirley Maul
Barry Thomson
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

Reta & Lowell Johnson
Carl Utley
BJ Pumroy & family
Elaine Schumacher
Dave Schawang
Jenni Bauer
Don Rasmussen
Freddie Petersen
Audre Zaroban
Lisa Unger & family
Family of Bernice Rakestraw
Jodi Graves & family
Ashley Ibach

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

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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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