



Third Sunday Of Easter April 23, 2023

PRELUDE

“Allegro”
from Violin Sonata, Op. 5 No. 3
Organist Linda Vollweiler

Arcangelo Corelli

WELCOME

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

INTROIT

"By Gracious Powers"
Verse 1
Chancel Choir, director Brett Epperson

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Greg Allen-Pickett

We gather once more to be reminded of where we truly belong.

We belong to God, our creator, redeemer, and sustainer.

We come together yet again to hear the call of God.

The call to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

We bring ourselves into this hour in order to find our true treasures.

***The lives of our sisters and brothers, the hearts of our neighbors,
and the love of God.***

*HYMN

“Seek Ye First”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that our hearts get lost, that they get pulled and lured in any number of directions. We find ourselves straying and wandering directionless in the world, searching for treasure in jealousy, consumption, and the false pride of self-righteous indignation. We fancy ourselves as treasure hunters, thinking that surely the next dollar, the next trinket, the next social ascension will bring us joy and contentment. We forget that we are caretakers, asked to tend not to ourselves but to others, stewards tasked with honoring the beauty of the created world, and followers called to cling to Jesus and not our own whims.

SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

What is the treasure of your life? How does your living reflect its importance?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

A sinner repents

and there is joy in heaven.

Mercy is granted

and our lives are reconciled.

*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

RECOGNITION OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

(While the graduates and children come forward, we'll sing “God Is Here Today,” which is number 411 in the hymnal)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

May your words, O God, not go to waste. May they fall upon the fertile soil of our hearts. May they catch and grow and take root in our lives. May we be shaped and changed by them. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 6:19-21, 24

ANTHEM

"The Plans I Have for You"

Jonathan Adams

Text from Jeremiah 29:11-12

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and never harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon Me, and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord.”

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 5:17-26

MESSAGE

Where Is Your Treasure?

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Written by the 2019 First Presbyterian Confirmands)

We believe God is the creator of heaven and earth. God listens to our prayers and comforts us. We believe he is merciful and forgiving toward all humans. He helps us to love all living beings and to serve him faithfully. We believe that God has a plan for each of us, even if we don't fully understand what it is.

We believe that Jesus is the Son of God and is fully human and fully God. He is our savior, who died on the cross to forgive our sins. We believe that Jesus is the human form of God, who taught people about God while he was on earth. He wants us to be his disciples.

We believe the Holy Spirit is part of God within us. The Holy Spirit helps us communicate with God and connects us all. We believe the Holy Spirit is the part of us that will live forever, if we have faith in God and Jesus.

We believe the Church is a community of hope. The Church is a safe gathering place. We believe the Church helps people in need, teaches people about God, and cares for people in the community.

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

“Festive Voluntary”

Robert Lau

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE

“The Lord Bless You”

Brett Epperson

POSTLUDE

“Rigaudon”

Andre Campra

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

11:30AM – POTLUCK IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

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 Jo & Les Seiler.

THE FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Ty Chapel by the Chapel family.

ACOLYTES Raegan Welsch, Madilyn Graves

USHERS April (Team #2)- Captain – Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth,
Daveta Brader, Lois Hafer, Dick Brader

April Greeters

APRIL	MEMORIAL ROOM	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
Palm Sunday 2	Teresa Luther		Lois & John Meeske
Easter 8:30a	Julie Thomsen		Melissa Davis
Easter 10:30a	Kay Georgiana	Jan Ham	Cathy & John Pershing
16	Julie Thomsen		Lynne Friedewald & Chuck Shoemaker
23	Kathy Utter	Kim Creech	Jan Bolliger
30	Jan Bolliger		Melissa Davis

Sunday 4/23		<i>Senior Recognition Sunday</i>	
	8:30am	Contemplative Service	Chapel
	9:15am-10:15am	Sunday School/Confirmation Class	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	5-7pm	Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group	Various
Monday 4/24	1-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE gym
	1-3pm	Quilters	PEACE quilting room
	5:30pm-6:30pm	Foundation Meeting	Anderson Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 4/25	10-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	11:45am-1:15pm	Habitat for Humanity Meeting	Parlor
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 4/26	12-1pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	5-7pm	Session and Confirmands Meet	Memorial Room
	5-6:45pm	PreK-5 th WNL	Various
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell room
Thursday 4/27	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 4/28	10-11am	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
Sunday 4/30	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15-10:15am	Sunday School /Confirmation	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	Congregational Potluck	Fellowship Hall
	5-7pm	Jr High/Sr. High Youth Group	Various
	7:30pm	Sarah Sutton Organ Recital	Sanctuary

HOSPITAL REMINDER – Due to privacy regulations in place at the hospital, if you would like the church to know that either you or a family member will be hospitalized or have been admitted, please take a moment and call the church office at 402-462-5147.

2023 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Renée Canady

Parents: Tim and Teresa Canady

High School: Hastings High

Extracurricular Involvement: Swim, Soccer, Go & Serve,
South Central NE Children's Chorale

After Graduation: "Using a gap year to plan my rise to stardom."

Memorable FPC Event: Spirited games of Pictionary & Dodgeball

Memorable High School Event: Surviving the butterfly stroke. "Even when it seems impossible, the best you can do is prepare for the moment, and when it comes, just push yourself like crazy because we all are capable of more than we think."

Favorite Scripture: Matthew 7:13

Why? "It gives me courage to do what can be difficult."

Jackson Graves

Parents: Danny and Jodi Graves

High School: Hastings High

Extracurricular Involvement: Eagle Scout, Tennis, Golf, Skills USA,
NHS, Show Choir, Musical, Youth Group, Go & Serve

After Graduation: Attend Southeast Community College
to major in Manufacturing Engineering

Memorable FPC Event: Eye-opening Go & Serve trip to Biloxi, MS

Memorable High School Event: Serving as State Vice President of
Skills USA, winning Skills USA competition, high adventure Scouting

Favorite Scripture: 1 Timothy 4:12 Why? "Sometimes people assume that kids don't know anything when we really have a unique perspective on the world. It's also a good reminder that you have to earn respect through your actions, you can't demand it."



Eleanor Oliver

Parents: Susan and William Oliver

High School: Hastings High

Extracurricular Involvement: Softball, Cheer, Orchestra, NHS,
Church Choir & Bells, Youth Group

After Graduation: Pre-medical track at UNO

Memorable FPC Event: Youth group check-ins, especially Triangles
and High, Low, Buffalo

Memorable High School Event: Losing the State Softball
Championship game and realizing that failure is a gateway to success.

Favorite Scripture: Isaiah 54:10 Why? "God is bigger than whatever I am going through and, while sometimes difficult to remember, it is a good thing to know!"



Campbell Schukei

Parents: Chris and Colleen Schukei

High School: Hastings High

Extracurricular Involvement: Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Basketball, NHS, Quiz Bowl

After Graduation: Attend Hastings College

Memorable FPC Event: Middle School Lock-ins

Memorable High School Event: Winning a game with the 9/10 crew!

Claire Schwarz

Parents: Chris and Kristen Schwarz

High School: Doniphan-Trumbull

Extracurricular Involvement: Cross Country, Track, Musical, Speech, Cheer, United Harvest, Mock Trial

After Graduation: Attend UNK, major in Math & Science

Memorable FPC Event: Middle School Lock-ins were a great way to get to know everyone.

Memorable High School Event: Decorating for prom with classmates

Favorite Scripture: Psalm 30: 5 Why? "Even during my darkest days, God will always help me find the light."



Selah Skye Wenburg

Parents: Justin and Kili Wenburg

High School: Hastings High

Extracurricular Involvement: CrossFit, work

After Graduation: Northeast Community College for Business Administration

Memorable FPC Event: Repeat-after-me songs with Tim and Teresa during Wednesday Night Live

Memorable High School Event: Graduating early

Favorite Scripture: Isaiah 41:10

Why? "I need all the help I can get."





THE MISSION COMMITTEE IS COLLECTING
LONG-SLEEVE WORK
SHIRTS FOR OUR MIGRANT WORKERS.

THESE SHIRTS PROTECT THE WORKERS FROM
THE SUN AND EXPOSURE TO AGRICULTURAL
CHEMICALS.

SHIRTS CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE DESIGNATED
BIN IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.

THE MISSION COMMITTEE THANKS YOU.

Labor with Love - A Heart to Care

May Friendship Day Salad Luncheon

You're Invited.....All are Welcome

May 5, 2023 12pm Noon

Grace United Methodist Church
1832 W. 9th Street, Hastings

402-463-1329

Tickets are available for \$8 each in the FPC Church Office.
Hannah Jensen-Heitmann will be honored as our Outstanding
Young Woman

Church Women United

Agreed to Differ, Resolved to Love, United to Serve

CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS??



The First Presbyterian Church
would love to receive your gently used
winter coats for our coat drive that
will be held in October.

Coats of all sizes are needed for
Men, Women and Children.

(Adult XL and XXL are in high need)



Donations accepted now through October at
these Hastings locations:

First Presbyterian Church,
Pershing Orthodontics.

Thank you in advance!!



DATE: Monday, June 26th – Thursday, June 29th

TIME: 8:30 am – 11:30 am

WHERE: First Presbyterian Church

621 N Lincoln, Ave

AGES: *Pre-School – 6th grade

(This is the grade they are entering in August 2023)

*Preschoolers must be potty trained; exceptions can be made on
a case-by-case basis.

Register or sign-up to volunteer by visiting: fpc Hastings.org/vbs/

FPC
POTLUCK

April 30
following 10:30
worship service

Congregation asked to bring food items based on
the first letter of their last name:

A-G Salad or Veggie

H-M Main Dish

N-Z Dessert

Stories of the Resurrected Jesus



WHY DO YOU LOOK FOR THE LIVING
AMONG THE DEAD?

Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh - Lydia Room
9:15 A.M. - April 23, 30, & May 7

Organ Recital

Sarah Sutton, an organ and piano major at Hastings College, will be performing her organ recital at FPC. You are invited to attend. The recital is open to the public at no charge.

Organ Recital



Sarah Sutton

April 30th, 2023 | 7:30pm
First Presbyterian Church
621 N LINCOLN AVE

SAI will be providing a reception afterwards

Presbyterian Women collect an offering in honor of and in memory of mothers. The offering this year will be split between “Our Little Angels” and “Threads of Grace.” We will be set up in the Memorial Room April 23 and 30 and May 7 and 14.

Our Little Angels: Our mission is to help families who have experienced infertility or loss during pregnancy & infancy. We donate care packages and provide financial assistance for counseling, medical & funeral expenses. We also offer monthly support groups, ongoing bereavement support & coordinate other services the family may need at this time such as cleaning, meal preparation, fundraisers, memorial registration & funeral planning. We offer our services to Hastings and the surrounding areas.

Threads of Grace: Threads of Grace strives to relieve some of the stress for children transitioning to a new foster home or enCourage shelter and supply them with basic needs. Our goal is to provide five new outfits for each child. Threads of Grace will partner with retailers to purchase brand new clothing at a discount utilizing donated funds. Additionally, we hope to relieve the initial financial burden many foster families face within the first 24 hours of placement. Future aspirations are to assist local schools with children’s emergency needs. It is a nonprofit that serves children birth to 19 years of age who have been placed into foster care or have sought shelter with enCourage in Adams County.

Please pray for

Shirley Maul	Irina Belikova-Erickson
Barry Thomson	Rich Portwood
Stephen Gass	Shirley Gass
Greg Howard	Tarah Davis & family
Lisa Unger & family	Brad Davis
Jodi Graves & family	Elaine Schumacher
Ashley Ibach	Dave Schawang
Rhonda Sanford	Renee Miller
Vicki Howard	Don Rasmussen
Roberta Lloyd and family	Audre Zaroban
Reta & Lowell Johnson	Merry Williams
Carl Utley	Ken Fisk
Denny Storer and family	



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