

EASTER SUNDAY



*Weeping may linger for the night, but joy
comes with the morning. ~Psalm 30:5*

APRIL 9, 2023 - FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

PRELUDE

“My Spirit Be Joyful”
The Cathedral Brass Quintet

J.S. Bach/Herforth

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT

“The Strife Is O'er”

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Today we come to the tomb with Mary Magdalene

And discover that the stone has been rolled away!

The tomb is empty, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Like Mary, we don't find Christ in the empty tomb; Christ is here among us,

Inviting us to joyfully proclaim and share his love.

Christ is made known in every act of compassion we show to the world;

***Christ is present, resurrected and alive in us and in our joyful acts of
compassion and love! Come, let us worship our risen Christ!***

*HYMN

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Holy God, sometimes we choose darkness over light.
Sometimes we choose hate and anger over love and joy.
Sometimes we choose to hold grudges rather than grant forgiveness.
Sometimes we choose to look away rather than respond to suffering around us.
This morning we ask you to help us choose light and to open us to your love, to your acceptance, to your forgiveness, to your peace;
Open us to one another and to the possibilities you have in store for us.
Give us hope for the future and a passion for life here and now.
We pray in the name of the One who destroyed death, Jesus Christ, our Savior.***

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Come into the light of God's love!

Christ is risen! Death has been swallowed up in victory!

Know beyond all doubt that God's love is always with you, surrounding you, leading you, comforting you. In the name of the risen Christ, we are forgiven and loved!

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Glory to God"

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*PEACE OF CHRIST

The congregation is invited to exchange signs of peace with one another using these traditional words that have been spoken by Easter Christians throughout the centuries:

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

(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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***As your Word is read and proclaimed, O God, help us to listen with open ears, think with open minds, and trust with open hearts. May we be open to receive and share the life-giving love found in your Word.
Amen.***

SCRIPTURE READING – John 20:1-18

HANDBELL ANTHEM “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

Chancel Handbell Choir, director Byron Jensen

Robert Williams
arr. Dan R. Edwards

MESSAGE “From weeping to joyful proclamation!”

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Cum sancto spiritu”
(excerpted from the "Gloria") from *Mass*

Joseph Jongen

OFFERING *(All loose coins in the offering plate will be donated to the PC(USA) Hunger Fund.)*

(The Special Offering this morning goes to the One Great Hour of Sharing to fund projects in the United States and around the world to support disaster relief and address root causes of hunger and poverty. If you wish to contribute to this, put your offering in the Special Offering envelopes found in the pews.)

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 “Sheep May Safely Graze”

J.S. Bach/Watts

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, you shower us with gifts so abundant that we cannot measure them all. You give us life itself, and embrace us with your love. Then you invite us to share your love with others. Bless these gifts that they may be used to show your love to those in need. In your generous 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 “Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

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(During this hymn, if you would like to join the choir in singing “Hallelujah” from Handel’s *Messiah*, you are invited to come forward to the choir loft.)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE “Hallelujah”

from G.F. Handel’s *Messiah*

The Chancel Choir and Members of the Congregation, director Brett Epperson

*POSTLUDE

"Flourishes"

Carlyle Sharpe

The Cathedral Brass; Organist Linda Vollweiler

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

Special thanks to the Cathedral Brass for their worship leadership this morning:

Dr. Louie Eckhardt, trumpet | Erin Beave, trumpet
Andrew Buller, horn | Dan Sodomka, tuba | Nathan LeFeber, trombone

COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK &
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!

8:30am – Contemplative Service in the Chapel with Communion
9:15am – Sunday School for all ages
10:30am – Traditional Worship with Special Music, Jongen's Opus 130
3:00pm – Cathedral Brass Concert in the Sanctuary

Join us for our upcoming sermon series: Easter Building Blocks!

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Lois & Lester Beahm by Cindy and Terry Beahm and family.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Henrietta Morhart, Frank Morhart, Doris Kovar Morhart, Dr. Louis J. Kovar.

USHERS 8:30am- Jessica Meeske, Todd Pankratz; 10:30am-Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Daveta Brader, Lois Hafer, Dick Brader

GREETERS 8:30am- Julie Thomsen, Melissa Davis; 10:30am- Kay Georgiana, Jan Ham, Cathy & John Pershing

The Church Office
will be closed on
Monday, April 10



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.



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: fpchastings.org/vbs/



Sunday 4/9		Easter	
	8am	Prayer Vigil Ends	
	8:30am	Easter Sunday Service	Sanctuary
	NO Sunday School, NO Confirmation, NO Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group		
	10:30am	Easter Sunday Service	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
Monday 4/10		Church Office Closed	
	1pm-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1-3pm	Quilters	PEACE quilting room
	5:30pm	Global Mission Committee Meeting	PEACE NW Classroom
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	6-7pm	150 th Anniversary Committee	Anderson Room
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tuesday 4/11	10-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Congregational Life Meeting	Anderson Room
	5:45pm	Trustees Meeting	Confirmation Room
	6:45pm	Deacons Meeting	Anderson Room
	7pm-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 4/12	11:55am	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	5-6:45pm	PreK-5 th WNL	Various
	6:30pm-9pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 4/13	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5pm	Personnel Committee	As needed
	5:30pm	Christian Ed meeting	
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 4/14	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
Saturday 4/15		United Harvest	
Sunday 4/16	8:30am	Contemplative Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Confirmation/Sunday School	various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	3pm-4pm	Cathedral Brass Concert	Sanctuary
	5-7pm	Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group	various

United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry is a joint ministry with First Presbyterian Church & First United Methodist Church. We provide a food distribution to 400+ families.

- If you need food, please come at the time indicated based on the first letter of your last name.
- If you would like to volunteer for this distribution, please come to the church at 9:30am to help us with the distribution.



April 15, 2023

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

Prayers for

Shirley Maul
Barry Thomson
Stephen Gass
Greg Howard
Lisa Unger & family
Jodi Graves & family
Ashley Ibach
Rhonda Sanford
Vicki Howard

Reta & Lowell Johnson
Carl Utley
BJ Pumroy & family
Elaine Schumacher
Dave Schawang
Jenni Bauer
Don Rasmussen
Audre Zaroban
Nancy Grams

Irina Belikova-Erickson
Rich Portwood
Shirley Gass
Tarah Davis & family
Cheryl Ann Elfond
Brad Davis
Roberta Lloyd 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 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

A note of welcome and an invitation from Pastor Greg and the First Presbyterian Church Family:



We are so happy that you are here worshipping with us on Easter! We hope that you are inspired by this worship service and that it equips you to go out and share the love of the risen Christ in your family, your community, and the world!

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings is celebrating its 150th Anniversary this year. The tagline for our anniversary is “Living a Legacy of Love.” We are a community that is deeply committed to **living the love of Christ** in Hastings and beyond, and we do that most effectively by seeking to serve those who are in need, both spiritually and physically.

Our church is actively engaged in **local ministry and mission** including the United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry, Open Table, and support of many local organizations including Habitat for Humanity, Encourage Advocacy Center, Revive Ministries, Crossroads Rescue Mission, and more. Every summer we offer a Vacation Bible School for the whole community. All of these activities and ministries provide **volunteer opportunities** for you to **live the love of Christ** and see where God is at work in Hastings!

We also participate in **national and global mission** through mission trips every year and connections with mission partners. These trips and connections provide more opportunities for us to **live the love of Christ** and learn where God is at work around the world!

Our church seeks to engage our **hearts** and our **minds**, so we offer **amazing learning opportunities**. Come to **Sunday School** for all ages at 9:15am to hear engaging speakers and dig into the Bible to learn about what it means to you. During the school year, come to our “**Wednesday Night Live**” program for 5-12 year olds from 5-6:45pm for bible study, music and dinner. We also have an active **youth group** for 6th-12th graders from 5pm-7pm every Sunday night.

Do you like to make **music**? Come join our Chancel Choir, play in the handbell choir, or bring your kids to our children and youth choirs or handbell groups who all practice on Wednesday evenings.

Join us for **Sunday morning worship** at 8:30 for a contemplative worship service with communion every week. Or join us at 10:30 for a traditional worship experience with our glorious choirs, handbells, organ music, and **engaging bible-based preaching**.

At First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, we are a **community of hope** where you will always hear a message of hope proclaimed. Come engage your **hearts, hands, and minds** and help us **live the love of Christ** in Hastings and beyond. Reach out to any of our staff or volunteers to ask about how to get involved, or you can email Pastor Greg at greg@fpchastings.org

In Christ,

Pastor Greg

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings Mission Statement

Welcoming all;

Living the love of God and neighbor;

Seeking to transform ourselves, our community, and our world to be more Christ-like through service, worship, prayer, education, and fellowship.

Easter Lilies

Given by

Sally Smith

Pamela & Peter Lainson

Steph, Lauren, Matt, & Rosie

Jorn Olsen family

Hanover PW Ladies

Hermes, Olsen, Bliss, and
Overmiller families

Pat & Dick Kleiber

Doug & Diane Phelps

His family

The Shoemaker/Friedewald Family

Deb & Byron Jensen

Dick & Daveta Brader

Kathy Utter & Family

Justin, Kili, Carter & Selah Wenburg

Wihlma Price

Charlie & Lois Hafer

In Memory of

Loved Ones

Phyllis & John Lainson
Virginia & Roger Davis
Gretchen & Hal Lainson

Mark Bliss

Mark Bliss

Hanover Presbyterian Church

Gretchen and Hal Lainson

Our Son, Steve Kleiber
Don Kleiber & Dick Billings

Mary Lee Phelps

Robert L. Foote

Alfred & Dorothy Friedewald
Ome & Honor Shoemaker

Nicole Jensen

Brandon Brader

Dennis Utter

Rogene Wenburg

Herb Price

Merle & Annabelle Hafer
Boyd & Mary Lou Leymaster



Easter Lilies

Given by

Darlene Payne

Janet & Gary Brandt

Colleen & George Adam

Lisa Unger

Jan Bolliger

Linda & Dave Cooke

Mike & Becky Meyer

Marilyn Nielsen

The Northrop Family

Hanover PW Ladies

Given by

Mike & Becky Meyer

Deb & Byron Jensen

Charlie & Lois Hafer

Don & Marie Rasmussen

Your Children & Grand Children

Rev. Bill & Janey Nottage-Tacey

In Memory of

George & Inez Payne Family;
Hubert Payne; son Paul Payne

Robert Asmus

Our Parents

Kurt Anderson Unger

My Parents- Don & Lucille McHargue
My Sister- Marcia Meshbesh
My Granddaughter Livy Zamora

Jim & Mary Jeanne Cooke

Verna Meyer

Dale & Pauline Moomey

David E. Northrop
Frank W. Northrop
Michele L. Northrop

Hanover Presbyterian Church

In Honor of

Dean Meyer

Hannah, Damen, Nathan and Anna

Children & Grandchildren

Abbi & Jayson Stoddard & daughters

Neal & Susan Hoff

FPC Staff and Congregation
Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen

