FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

# Second Sunday in Lent
# February 25, 2024 – 10:30 a.m. Service

PRELUDE "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" *arr. John Innes*
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME Damen Jensen-Heitmann

INTROIT "Trust in the Lord" *arr. Lyndell Leatherman*
Praise and Alleluia Choir
Teresa Canady, director; Mary Plock, piano

*CALL TO WORSHIP Greg Allen-Pickett

Continue, Lord Jesus, to walk before us because we will need someone to follow.
***Through days of temptation and disappointment, we need someone to follow.***
Through nights of shadow and missteps, we need someone to follow.
***Through moments of confusion and greed, we need someone to follow.***
Through the season of lent, with all of its honesty and humility, we need someone to follow.
***Help us to follow you, our savior and our Christ. Amen.***

*HYMN Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days 166
Carter Pursley, song leader

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***We confess, O God, that we are dust. We are temporal. We are fleeting. We are limited. Though the cosmos is in our bones, we confess that we cannot understand it. Though your breath fills our lungs, we cannot know the full meaning of your Word. Though your image enlivens our beings, we cannot reflect it fully. We are dust. We***

***are ash. We hurt. We scar. We destroy. And so we seek your mercy, asking that you bring us back to new life in you. Renew us once more, and help us to let your light shine through our dust.***

SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

*What light is God calling you to share with the world?*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

With the entirety of our hearts, we return to God.

***We return to the very source of grace and mercy.***

Those who seek the tenderness of God shall be forgiven.

***We are known. We are loved.***

*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)

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Scan to sign-in and let us know you were here.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Nancy Grams

(While the children are coming forward, the congregation will sing "Jesus Loves Me")

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *Hannah Jensen-Heitmann*

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 10:31-40

ANTHEM "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" *arr. Betty Pulkingham*
Praise and Alleluia Bell Choir
Susan Oliver, director

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 10:41-52

MESSAGE "Unrequested Healing" or "Another Day, Another Road"

*HYMN Dear Lord and Father of Mankind 169

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE OFFICERS BEING INSTALLED

QUESTIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church, accept these people as deacons, elders, and trustees, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? ***We do.***

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? ***We do.***

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

***Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your servants whom you called through baptism as your own and marked as your own. Grant them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Give them a spirit of truthfulness that they may show the compassion of Christ in the actions of daily living and rightly govern and minister to your people. Give them the gifts of your Holy Spirit to build up the church, to strengthen the common life of your people, and to lead with compassion and vision.***
***In the walk of faith and for the work of ministry, give to your servants gladness and strength, discipline and hope, humility, humor, courage, and an abiding sense of your presence. Amen.***

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

First Presbyterian Church

Donation QR Code

OFFERTORY "Lonesome Valley" *Spiritual*

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***To God be the glory. To God be our lives. To God be these gifts that they might bring aid to the suffering, hope to the lost, and peace to all. Amen.***

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.***

*HYMN A Sower Came from Ancient Hills 171

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE "Fourfold Amen" *David Luna*

POSTLUDE "Trumpet in Dialogue" *Louis Nicolas Cleramault*

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

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AS WE BEGIN THE SEASON OF LENT &
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS

**<u>Sunday, March 3</u>**
**8:30 a.m. Contemplative Worship in the Chapel**
**9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages**
**10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary with Cal/West Choir and Bells and Chancel Choir**

**Stay-at-Home: Broadcast live on Facebook at** www.facebook.com/fpchastings
*(Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to view the service.)*
The Worship Service can also be heard live on the radio simulcast
on KICS 1550 AM and on 92.7FM

**THE RADIO BROADCAST** is given in memory of Michele L. Northrop by the Northrop family.

**THE FLOWERS** are given in memory of Mrs. Besse Byrne Foote; Mrs. Gwendolyn Foote Beck; Dr. and Mrs. E.C. Foote; Dr. and Mrs. E.C. Foote, Jr.

**NURSERY** Esther Allen-Pickett

**ACOLYTES** Charlie Stout

**FEBRUARY USHERS (Team #6)** Captain – Jim Harrenstein, Chanda Essink, Lynne Friedewald, Chuck Shoemaker

**FEBRUARY GREETERS**

| FEBRUARY | MEMORIAL ROOM | NARTHEX |
|---|---|---|
| 25 | Jane Foote, Mary Fisk | Bonnie & Kenton Grams |

**March (Team #1)** Captain – Chuck Hastings, Elaine Specht, Kim Creech

**March Greeters**

| MARCH | MEMORIAL ROOM | NARTHEX |
|---|---|---|
| 3 | May & Ira Wierenga | Katharine Davis |
| 10 | Mary Kay LaMaster, Jean Barber | Melissa Davis |
| 17 | Cathy & John Pershing | Mary Fisk |
| Palm Sunday 24 | Laurie & Brian Johnson | Stephanie Bliss |
| Easter 31 | Kathy Utter | Melissa Davis |

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| **Sunday 2/25** | 8:30am | Contemplative Worship Service | Chapel |
| | 9:15am | Sunday School for all ages | Various |
| | 10am | HAW Store Open | Library |
| | 10:30am | Traditional Worship Service | in-person, Radio, Facebook |
| | 11:30am | HAW Store Open | Library |
| **Monday 2/26** | 1-3pm | 1st Pres Pickleball | PEACE Gym |
| | 1:30pm | Quilters | PEACE Quilting Room |
| | 6-8pm | Mexican Folkloric Dance | PEACE NE Classroom |
| | 7-9pm | Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal | Choir Room |
| **Tuesday 2/27** | 10:15am | Staff Meeting | In-person |
| | 11:45am | Habitat for Humanity Board | Parlor |
| | 12pm | Bible Study | Anderson Room |
| | 7pm | CCC Dog Obedience | PEACE NE Classroom |
| **Wednesday 2/28** | 12pm | Noonday Book Club | Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link |
| | 1:30pm | Quilters | PEACE Quilting Room |
| | 5-7:15pm | PreK-12th grade WNL | Various |
| | 6:30pm | Woodcarvers | Basement |
| | 6:45pm | Chancel Choir | Choir Room |
| | 7:30pm | Chancel Bells | Bell Room |
| **Thursday 2/29** | 12:30pm | Dulcimer | Lydia Room |
| | 6-8pm | Mexican Folkloric Dance | PEACE NE Classroom |
| | 7-8pm | Cub Scouts | Scout Room |
| **Friday 3/1** | 10am | Mahjong | Fellowship Hall |
| **Sunday 3/3** | 8:30am | Contemplative Worship Service | Chapel |
| | 9:15am | Sunday School for all ages | Various |
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**HOUSING FORM**

**TABOR COLLEGE/HASTINGS COLLEGE CHOIRS CONCERT**

**On THURSDAY, MARCH 7th, the Hastings College Choir and the Tabor College Choir will combine for an afternoon workshop and present an evening concert in the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church. HOUSING IS NEEDED FOR 48 MEMBERS OF THE TABOR COLLEGE CHOIR. Hosts will meet their guests following the concert, transport their guests to your home, provide a light breakfast, and transport their guests to the church. Hosts must host *a MINIMUM of TWO MALES OR TWO FEMALES. Each student must have their own bed.* YOUR ASSISTANCE IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

**HOST NAME_____**

**HOST ADDRESS_____**

**HOST TELEPHONE_____**

**STUDENT PREFERENCES:**

**MALES _____**

**Number you will host (number of beds)**

**FEMALES_____**

**Number you will host (number of beds)**

**PETS IN YOUR HOME?? Dog_____ Cat_____**

# Adult Forum

Sundays @ 9:15 a.m.

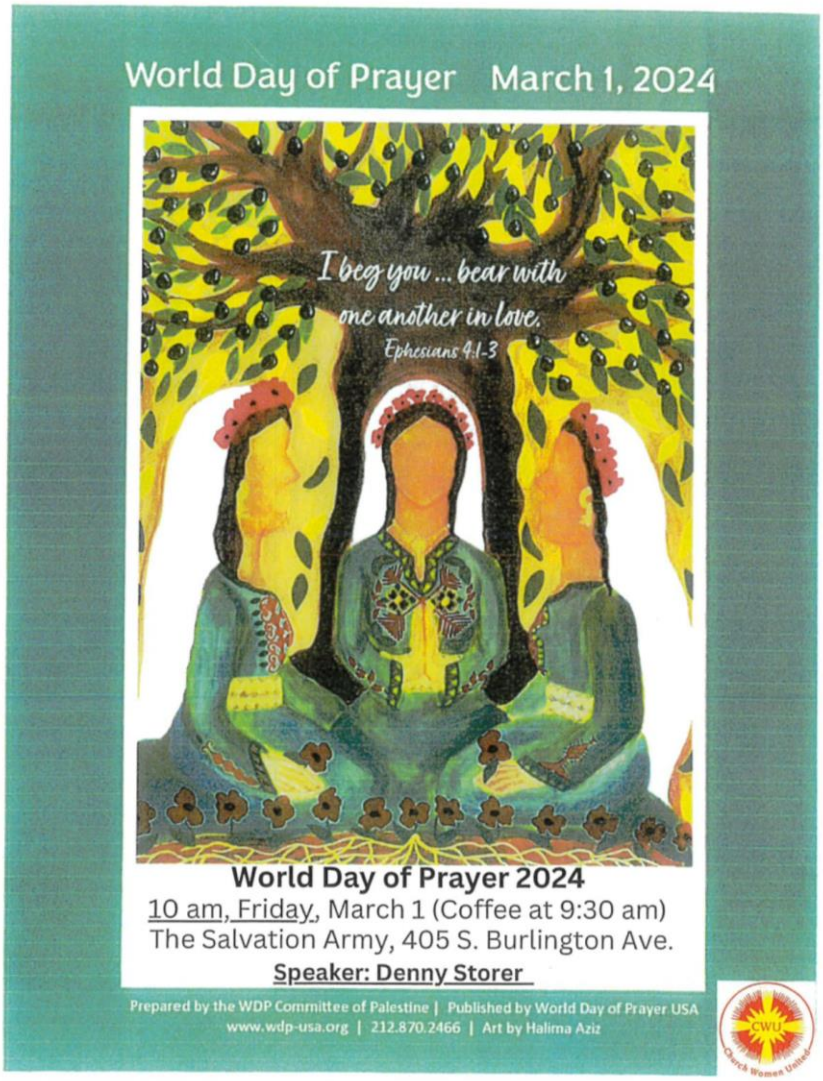
Lydia Room

**February 18, February 25, March 3, March 17, and March 24:**

*How Israel Was Built, Part 2*

(Five Week Lenten Series)

Presenter: Dan Deffenbaugh




**Denny Storer** of Hastings is this year's speaker. He is a retired Hastings College professor, teaching international politics for 40 years. He has visited Palestine and is aware of their history and culture. Palestine women wrote this worship service and have invited the world to pray for peace, justice and freedom of movement.

## EASTER LILIES 2024

Easter Lilies are $12 each. Money raised above the cost will be donated to a non-profit yet to be determined.

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

# Please pray for

Brad Davis
Elaine Schumacher
Dave Schawang
John Northrop
Audre Zaroban & family
Carter Johnson
Dave Johnson and family
Tarah Davis & family
Matt Campbell
June Nielsen
Vernon Groves
Carol Medsker
Frances Kamler
Brent Brooks & family
family of Dave Stewart
family of Dean Meyer
Pam Canady
Ashley Ibach
Virginia Davis & family
Carl Utley
Barry Thomson
Greg Howard
Ken Fisk
Everest Beacon (Zabloudil)
Jim Boeve
Howard Mathews
Paul Nuss
Vicki (Fisk) Nieves
Dana Odom
family of Roberta Lloyd
Bill Beck
Katharine Davis

# In memory of

Dave Stewart, who passed away on 1/30/24
Dean Meyer, who passed away on 2/16/24

***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:** Dr. 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

Dear Goer & Server!

It's time to commit so we can buy plane tickets to Charlotte, NC for our urban outreach work with Cross Missions (https://myersparkpres.org/cross/)! The trip will be July 27-August 3, 2024. We will provide transportation to the airport.

Please send/deliver this form back to the church office with a payment of $400. Half of this money ($200) will be returned after you go on the trip (nothing will be returned if we buy you a plane ticket and you do not go). There is **no** additional cost. If you need assistance with this payment, please contact Damen or Greg.

*Questions*? Contact Tammie Nowka at 402-469-2440, nowkat@gmail.com or Amy Black at 402-469-2968, ablack1968@gmail.com.

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**RETURN THIS PART TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY MARCH 11, 2024:**

*We need the following information to buy your plane ticket.*

Full name as it appears on your ID (must match your official ID like a passport or driver's license if you have one).

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Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Include check for $400 made payable to First Presbyterian Church with "Go & Serve Trip" in the memo line.

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☐ Check HERE if your child does NOT plan to go on this year's Go & Serve trip and please return this form to the church office so we don't wonder if you missed this letter.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# REPENT & BELIEVE

Daily Lenten Scriptures and Prayers
Feb 26-March 3

## MONDAY, FEB 26, MARK 10:46-52

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside.
When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

## PRAYER

Gracious God, let me see again, for my heart has grown cloudy. Let me see as a child with boundless hope and earnest curiosity. Let me see as an elder with wisdom girded by experience. Let me see as a new believer overflowing with thanksgiving. Let me see as an old stalwart knowing I can rely on you. Clear from my heart the distractions of the world. Let me see you again. Amen.

**What’s so good about lent?**

“Lent is an opportunity to reflect, intentionally, on our need for Jesus”
Greg Allen-Pickett

## TUESDAY, FEB 27, MARK 11:12-16

On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see whether perhaps he would find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. He said to it, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again.” And his disciples heard it. Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves; and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple.

## PRAYER

I know, O God, what you have asked me to do. I’ve studied the scriptures. I’ve heard the prophets. You’ve asked me to produce not just fruit, but good fruit. I am one of those who you have called to bring peace, kindness, generosity, mercy, and forgiveness into the world. That is the good fruit you’ve asked me to make. People are hungry for good fruit. I will do my best to make it. Amen.

## WEDNESDAY, FEB 28, MARK 11:20-25

In the morning as they passed by, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. Then Peter remembered and said to him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered.” Jesus answered them, “Have faith in God. Truly I tell you, if you say to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ and if you do not doubt in your heart, but believe that what you say will come to pass, it will be done for you. So I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

“Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.”

## PRAYER

I ask, O God, for forgiveness for the times my callousness has caused pain and destruction for others. I ask for mercy for the moments I’ve put my wants in front of others’ needs. I come to you trembling, with an earnest desire to do right by you and others. Forgive the withering I have caused. Help me to bring about new growth in you. Amen.

## THURSDAY, FEB 29, MARK 11:27B-33

As he was walking in the temple, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders came to him and said, “By what authority are you doing these things? Who gave you this authority to do them?” Jesus said to them, “I will ask you one question; answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin? Answer me.” They argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But shall we say, ‘Of human origin’?” —they were afraid of the crowd, for all regarded John as truly a prophet. So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.”

## PRAYER

There is no shortage of people and institutions that would like to direct my living. I am inundated with requests from companies to adhere to their products and buy their things. News organizations implore me to live life by their priorities. Politicians decree that all is lost unless I follow them. All these things and many more want to assert their authority over me. And yet I desire to swear only to you, to let you be the guiding light in my life. Grant me, O God, a humble heart, strong in your will alone. Amen.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 1, MARK 12:1-9

Then he began to speak to them in parables. “A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watchtower; then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. But they seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But those tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others.

## PRAYER

If I am the vines, then help me make good fruit. If I am the tenant, then help hear your word. If I am the one you sent, then help me to follow your way. Amen.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 2, PSALM 118:21-26

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

## PRAYER

Through the mystery of faith, O God, you gave us Jesus the Christ. He came to us. Lived among us. Knew what it was to be human. He taught. He fed. He healed. He cried. He suffered. He died. Through the mystery of faith, he united us with you. For his birth, life, death, and resurrection, we offer you our thanks and praise. Amen.