



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2024 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE

“Voluntary”
Organist Linda Vollweiler

Charles Zeuner

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

BELL INTROIT

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”
Chancel Bell Choir, director Byron Jensen

arr. John A. Behnke

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rose Koepp

We often come to you, Lord, asking the wrong questions.

Yet every time, you look at us with love and redirect us to your more excellent way.

Today we come acknowledging that we aren't even sure what to say or do, particularly during the forty days of this Season of Lent as we journey with Jesus to Jerusalem.

But we trust you will guide us,

Through our confusion, through our amazement,

Through our resistance, through our defensiveness

Into new understanding, and a new way of living in your upside-down kingdom.

Come, let us worship God who guides us on our journey and looks at us with love.

*HYMN

“Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days”
Sarah Sutton, Song Leader

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you offer us life in your kingdom, beginning today.

But your invitation asks much of us, and honestly, we're not sure.

We've spent so long believing that we have to look out for ourselves, making our own way in the world without depending on anyone else. We've learned always to be the ones who help and never the

ones who need help. We've filled our homes and our lives with everything we could ever need, and grown proud of our self-sufficiency. However, you say it is impossible to enter your kingdom while carrying all of this, and you ask us to leave it behind to live your way. We confess our sadness at the thought... and we ask for your forgiveness and help.

Give us hearts able and willing to trust you.

Give us minds ready to let go of the things we depend on.

Give us hands ready to love our neighbors and our strangers in tangible ways, even when it costs us much.

Look on us with love, we pray, and may your love make us courageous enough for true community and courageous enough to depend on you and one another.

SILENT CONFESSION

When have I put too much emphasis on my own self-sufficiency and failed to trust in God?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For you all things are possible, O God,

So we come to you now asking for your forgiveness.

Your blessings abound.

We thank you for your grace that calls us again and again, grace that saves and reconciles and invites and transforms.

In the name and power of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved.

Let us forgive and love others.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Glory Be to the Father”

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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.)

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH CHILDREN

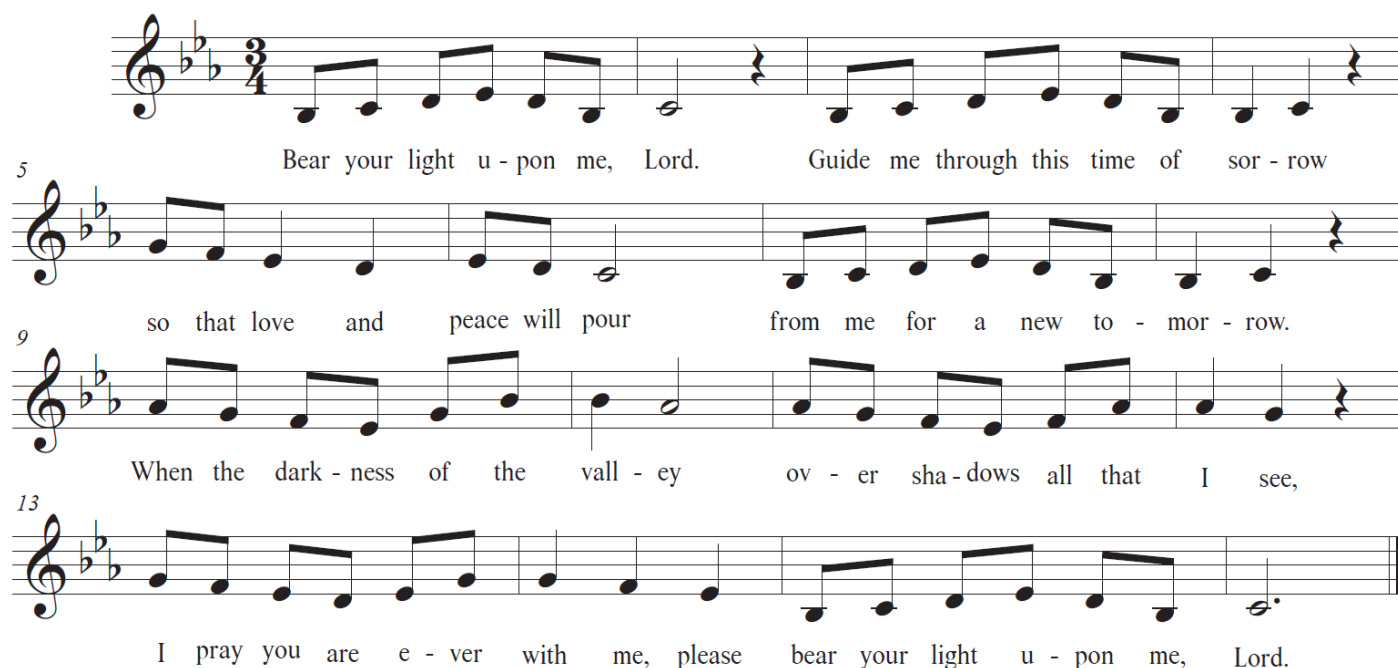
Rose Koepp

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



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

Bear Your Light Upon Me, Lord



5 Bear your light u - pon me, Lord. Guide me through this time of sor - row

9 so that love and peace will pour from me for a new to - mor - row.

13 When the dark - ness of the vall - ey ov - er sha - dows all that I see,

I pray you are e - ver with me, please bear your light u - pon me, Lord.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 19:7-10 (CEB)

ANTHEM

“Hymn of Promise”

arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 10:17-21 (CEB)

SERMON

“Upside-down kingdom building”

Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

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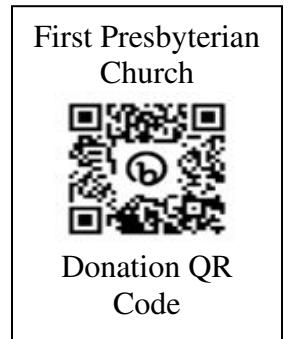
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Rev. Ruth Innes)

We believe in God, Creator and Creating, who gives us steadfast love, and shares with us our joy, and sustains us in our suffering. God’s power is open to us; we trust in God.

We follow Jesus Christ, Son of God, Son of Man. His death is our victory, his resurrection is our hope; in him, the Word became flesh; in him, we are offered forgiveness from sin, renewal from failure, reconciliation from brokenness, release from despair.

We are guided by the Holy Spirit, God's presence in the world. By the Spirit, we are called into Christ's Church to celebrate his love, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen.

Because we are his disciples, his pilgrim people, we joyfully covenant with each other to walk together in love, to pray for one another, to care for one another, to live in community, in life, in death, in life beyond death.



God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

"Gratitude"

Alex Guebert

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, you are the giver of every good gift. Accept these offerings and our lives we pray, that through them we may do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with you, our Sovereign and our God. 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

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

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*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

"Rondo Finale"

Eugene Butler

(*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

Sunday, February 25

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 The Chancel Bells

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 by First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

THE FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Michele L. Northrop by the Northrop family.

NURSERY Peyton Mitchell

ACOLYTES Student Volunteers

February Ushers (Team #6) Captain – Jim Harrenstein, Andrew Barrows, Lynne Friedewald, Chuck Shoemaker

February Greeters

FEBRUARY	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
18	Melissa Davis	Kim Creech
25	Jane Foote, Mary Fisk	Bonnie & Kenton Grams

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

Langenberg Lesson Applications

Langenberg Lesson Applications for Spring 2024 are now available. Parents 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. Parents 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, 2024**.



The Hastings Food Pantry is in need of boxed dinners...
Hamburger Helper, Rice Dinners, Macaroni and Cheese, etc.
(Macaroni and Cheese is an especially big hit!)
Donations can be dropped off in the designated bin in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you

Sunday 2/18	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Sunday School for all ages	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	In-person, Radio, Facebook
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
Monday 2/19		Church Office Closed President's Day	
	1-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30pm	Go & Serve Meeting	Parlor
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 2/20	10:15am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 2/21	9:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	Parlor
	12-1pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	1:15pm	PW Circle 3	Parlor
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12 th Grade WNL	Various
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 2/22	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 2/23	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	TBD
Sunday 2/25	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Sunday School for all ages	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
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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



**College
Scholarship Applications**
are available on
the church website at
<https://fpchastings.org/scholarships/>
or
in the Church Office

The application and essay are **due
February 29, 2024**. Completed
applications can be dropped off at the
church office or emailed directly to
tim@redlinepharmacy.com.

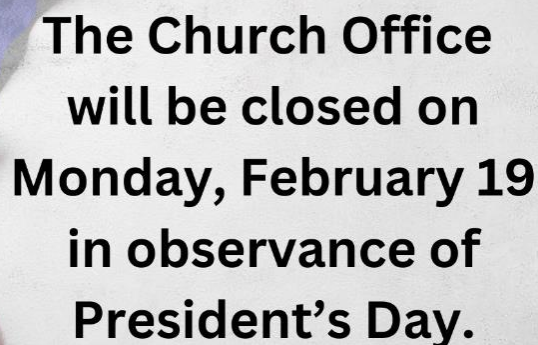
Please pray for

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
John Carllson
Brent Brooks & family
family of Dave Stewart

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

In memory of

Dave Stewart, who passed
away on 1/30/24



**The Church Office
will be closed on
Monday, February 19
in observance of
President's Day.**

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REPENT & BELIEVE

Daily Lenten Scriptures and Prayers
Feb 19-24



MONDAY, FEB 19, EXODUS 20:12-16

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

PRAYER

When the ancient Israelites were a wandering people in need of direction and purpose, you gave them these (and other) commandments to live by. They were for them guideposts, a way to orient their lives and their hearts and find their bearings in the world. Help us, O God, in our Lenten wandering to cling to your commandments and use them as guideposts for our own lives. May the living out of your word bring purpose to our lives and meaning to our nothingness. Amen.

AT A GLANCE

THEMES

- Commandments
- Possessions
- Purpose

SCRIPTURE

- Exodus
- Mark
- Romans
- 1 Timothy

What's so good about lent?

"It is a season of non-commercial humility"

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

TUESDAY, FEB 20, MARK 10:23-27

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

PRAYER

Our things hold us back. They prevent us from taking risks. We believe they make us safe. We think they can make us feel important or loved or, at the very least, interesting. Too often, we set our hearts on our things and not you. Help us to be like the disciples your son first sent out into the world, carrying nothing with them, trusting in you and free of the burden of their stuff. Our safety comes from you, not our possessions. We are important, loved, and interesting because we are your children, not because of the things we possess. Help us to love our neighbors and not our stuff. Grant that we might find our identities in you and not in our things. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, FEB 21, 1 TIMOTHY 6:6-10

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

PRAYER

Can there be contentment in a broken and sinful world? Should there be? Paul isn't asking us to be content with hungry stomachs and harmful relationships. Rather, Paul is saying that we don't need to be constantly grabbing, scratching, and clawing after the next thing. The next thing won't make us happy if we aren't already content in you, O God. The next job, relationship, event, or digit in our account won't satisfy if we are not already satisfied by being your children. Everything that isn't you is a chasing after the wind. During this holy lent, help us to step away from our desire to chase after anything that isn't you. Amen.

THURSDAY, FEB 22, MARK 10:28-31

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

PRAYER

In your infinite wisdom, O God, you did not make me the center of the universe. Good call on that one. It probably wouldn't have gone well. Rather, you created me to be a partner, a helper, an encourager, a part of a larger whole, and a member of your body. When, O God, I give myself to you and to your beloved community, that is when I come alive, that is when I am renewed, that is when I experience what it means to live with you and to have eternal life. Gracious Father, Loving Mother, grant me whatever it is I need to leave everything behind and follow you. Amen.

FRIDAY, FEB 23, ROMANS 8:18-25

O I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

PRAYER

I am not the center of the universe, and yet there are those who wait with eager longing for me to reveal myself as your child, O God. There are those who depend on me to be as loving as I can. There are plenty who count on me to show them the peace which passes understanding. The world itself is longing for me to live responsibly and sustainably. I do not exist in isolation. I am a connected part of a whole, and what I do and how I do it matter. Though I am not and will not be perfect, help me, O God, to love you and my neighbors to the best of my ability. Amen.

SATURDAY, FEB 24, MARK 10:32-34

They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again."

PRAYER

It is tough to hear these words over and over again, O God. But Jesus spoke them several times. Time and time again, he asked his disciples to face the reality of the world. And so, we too must face the reality of the world. Though it is hard, we must look upon the war, madness, and disappointment all around and ask what we can do to help. During lent, O God, help us to see the pain of others and if we need, recognize our own complicity within it. Help us, Dear Lord. It will be difficult. Amen.