



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

Sixth Sunday in Lent March 24, 2024 – 10:30 a.m. Service

PRELUDE “Hosanna” *Dubois*
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME Damen Jensen-Heitmann

OPENING LITANY

We lay, O God, our hearts before you.

We place into your path our very lives.

We greet you this day with honor and praise.

We bow before you our creator, redeemer, and guide.

PROCESSION OF PALMS “Blessed is He Who Comes” *Lloyd Larson*
Dr. Louie Eckhardt-trumpet; Adult Bell Choir-Dr. Byron Jensen, director;
All Youth Choirs-Teresa Canady and Linda Johnson, directors
Mary Plock-accompanist

OPENING HYMN “Blessed is He Who Comes” insert
Carter Pursley, Song Leader

*OPENING LITANY

Heaven and earth, O God, are full of your glory,

The glory of one who comes as a servant,

The wonder of one who washes feet.

We celebrate our savior and seek to follow the path of mercy.

CALL TO CONFESSION Greg Allen-Pickett

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

I don't do much shouting in the streets. Should I? Even now, in the safety of this community, with children proceeding by, I didn't hold my palm as high as I could have, and I didn't wave as enthusiastically as I should have. I held back. As I often do. I didn't fully join in the celebration of your presence. I often hold at least a

piece of myself back. For a host of reasons, I reserve myself and refrain from fully joining in your work, O God. Forgive me. Free me to shout in the streets and create your holy path.

SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

What keeps you from fully joining the procession of God?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God does not desire condemnation

But that those who follow God will repent of their sin.

God is merciful, drawing back those who've strayed, forgiving their sins.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*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

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Nancy Grams

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Hannah Jensen-Heitmann

Bear Your Light Upon Me, Lord



Bear your light u - pon me, Lord. Guide me through this time of sor - row
so that love and peace will pour from me for a new to - mor - row.
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 – Mark 10:41-45

ANTHEM “Blessed is He Who Comes” *Sandy Wilkinson*
Claves-Caleb Schukei, Shaker-Harrison Welsch, Tambourine-Kade Jorgenson

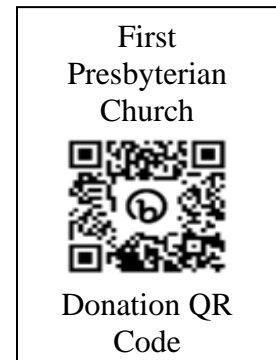
2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 11:1-11

MESSAGE “An Impromptu Kingdom”

*HYMN “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” 197

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from the Affirmation of Faith written by the First Presbyterian Confirmation Class of 2019)

We believe God is the creator of heaven and earth. God is merciful and forgiving. God helps us to love all living beings and to serve God faithfully. We believe that Jesus is the Son of God and our savior who died for our sins and wants us to be his disciples. We believe the Holy Spirit helps us communicate with God and also connects us to one another. We believe the Church is a community of hope and a safe gathering space. The Church helps people in need, teaches people about God, and cares for its neighbors.



INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY “Crown Him with Many Crowns” *arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace & John H. Read*

*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, peace to the lost, and hope 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

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

630

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”
Praise & Alleluia Bells
Director Susan Oliver

POSTLUDE

“Postlude”

Carl Wilhelm Kern

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

JOIN US FOR EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP
AND INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS

Sunday, March 31

8:30 a.m. Easter Service in the Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Easter Service in the Sanctuary

Organ, Choir, Handbells, Cathedral Brass will provide the music at both services

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.

THE FLOWERS are given by First Presbyterian Church.

NURSERY Lexi Longshore

ACOLYTES Raegan Welsch, Vivian Fong

USHERS (Team #1) Captain – Chuck Hastings, Elaine Specht, Kim Creech, Danna Wolford, Steve Wolford

GREETERS

MARCH	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
Palm Sunday 24	Laurie & Brian Johnson	Margaret & Charles Hermes
Easter 31 8:30 a.m.	Cathy & John Pershing	Melissa Davis
Easter 31 10:30 a.m.	Kathy Utter	Jan Bolliger



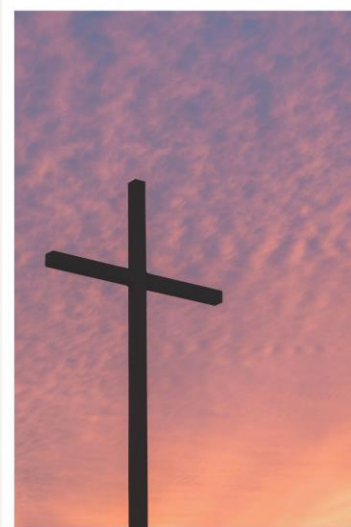
Langenberg Lesson Applications

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**.

Ushers

We are in need of Ushers for the 8:30 a.m. service on Easter Sunday. Please let Melissa know if you are able to help out. (402-462-5147 or melissa@fpchastings.org)

Thank You





The American Red Cross and First Presbyterian Church are hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, March 26, from 12pm-6pm. There is a critical need for donated blood. Please consider making an appointment to give blood during this drive. To make an appointment go to redcrossblood.org, select the drive at First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, and make your appointment.



Prayer Calls



On Monday, March 25 from 6:30-8pm, your church leaders and staff will be calling every family in the church. We will be collecting prayer requests, joys, and concerns, so that we can pray for you. So, if your phone rings on Monday night, please answer it. You will have a chance to talk with a church leader and they will pray for you.

Thank you



EASTER LILIES 2024

Easter Lilies are \$12 each. Monies raised above the cost will be donated to "The Hospice Choir."

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REPENT & BELIEVE

Daily Lenten Scriptures and Prayers
March 25-30



MONDAY, MARCH 25 DEUTERONOMY 15:9-11

Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, "Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land."

PRAYER

This, O God, has been your instruction from the earliest of days. Adam and Eve were meant to steward and keep. David was to shepherd the people. Micah implored listeners to do justice and love kindness. Jesus told his disciples, "love your neighbor as yourself." It is a calling. It is a lifetime. They are ancient instructions sewn upon our hearts. Let us hear them. Let us live them. Amen.

AT A GLANCE

THEMES

- Betrayal
- Destruction
- Hope

SCRIPTURE

- Mark
- Deuteronomy

What's so good about Holy Week?

"It encourages us to hope through our disappointments."

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, MARK 14:10-11, 17-20

Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me.

PRAYER

Why did Judas do it? I could ask forever. Then again, all the disciples will vanish in the night. And I could ask the same of myself. Why do I turn from Jesus? Why do I destroy the things I love? Why do I shrink when my witness is needed? Why do I give my heart so often to greed, jealousy, fear, and animosity? Why do I do such things? I could ask forever. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, MARK 14:26-31

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'

But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Even though all become deserters, I will not." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." But he said vehemently, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And all of them said the same.

PRAYER

I asked my God, "How long had Jesus known? And how long had he welcomed them anyway? If he thought, if he knew, that they'd all desert him, why did he teach them? Why did he lead them? Why did he call and feed and bless and send them? If he knew they'd abandon him, why did he love them?" And my God replied, "Hope always. Anything can be redeemed." Amen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, MARK 14: 39-42

And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

PRAYER

My eyes, too, are heavy, and my heart is worn. I'd like to take my rest, a break from all this bickering and conniving, a moment away from the senseless violence and hatred that so often floods the world. I know, O God, that you've asked me to keep awake, but the world wearies me. Forgive me, O God, and feel free to rouse me from my slumber whenever you would like. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, MARK 15:21-24

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

PRAYER

May we never, O God, benefit from the destruction of others. May we never revel in decimation and cast lots to see how it will benefit us. Grant that we might be those who accompany the crosses and not those who put them up. Help us to be vigilant and mindful in our actions so that we do not inflate ourselves at others' expense. Give us the wisdom and courage we need to avoid being complicit in the pain and suffering of those around us. Amen.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, MARK 15:44-47

Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where the body was laid.

PRAYER

Praise be to you, O God, for those who tended to his broken body, those who carried, washed, wrapped, and laid him gently in the tomb. Thank you for their grace, their compassion, and their willingness to care for such a fragile thing. Help us to be like them and tend to the broken bodies of the world. Help us to care for fragile hearts and spirits. Help us to nurture decimated peoples and communities. Give us that which we need to carry, wash, wrap, and tend to the brokenness we see around us each day. Amen.

Sunday 3/24		Palm Sunday	
	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Sunday School for all ages	various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Radio, Facebook
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
Monday 3/25	1-3pm	1 st Pres. Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Prayer Calling Event	Fellowship Hall
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 3/26	10:15am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm-6pm	Red Cross Bloodmobile	Fellowship Hall
	11:45am	Habitat for Humanity	TBD
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 3/27	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5pm-7:15pm	PreK-12 th grade WNL	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 3/28	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
	7pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Sanctuary
Friday 3/29	10am	Mahjong	Fellowship Hall
	7pm	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary
	8pm-12am	Easter Prayer Vigil	
Saturday 3/30	12am-12am	Easter Prayer Vigil	
Sunday 3/31	12am-8am	Easter Prayer Vigil	
	8:30am	Easter Service	Sanctuary
		No Sunday School	
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Easter Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library

Holy Week Schedule



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Radio broadcast KICS 1550 AM and 92.7 FM

Palm Sunday, March 24

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, March 28

Communion Service at 7:00pm
In-Person and on Facebook

Good Friday, March 29

Worship at 7:00pm
In-Person and on Facebook

Easter Sunday, March 31

In-Person Worship at 8:30 & 10:30am
Organ, Choir, Handbells, Cathedral Brass
10:30am also on radio and Facebook

Easter Prayer Vigil



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Please sign up to participate by
using the link or QR Code below

<https://bit.ly/FPCVigil>



Good Friday, 8 p.m. 3/29 through Easter Morning, 8 a.m. 3/31

We will hold our annual prayer vigil from the conclusion of our Good Friday Service until Easter Morning. You are invited to sign up for one hour time slots to come into the Chapel to pray or to participate from home. There will be prayer stations set up in the Chapel to use during the Vigil. The Vigil is open to anyone in our family of faith who is willing to commit one hour to intentional prayer during the weekend of Easter. In prayer we come before God to acknowledge that we are the body of Christ, to pray for ourselves, our community, and our world, and to ask for God's guidance and presence.

Blessed Is He Who Comes

Words by
THEODULPH OF ORLEANS
Tr. JOHN M. NEALE

ST. THEODULPH
MELCHIOR TESCHNER
Additional Music and Arrangement by
LLOYD LARSON

Congregation:

(on cue)



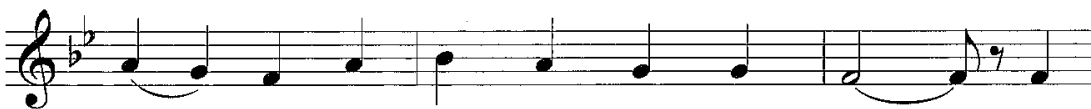
1. All glo - ry, laud and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er,
2. Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al
3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we



King, to whom the lips of chil - dren made
Son, who in the Lord's name com - est, the
bring, who in all good de - light - est, thou



sweet ho - san - nas ring! The peo - ple of the
King and bless - ed One! To thee be - fore thy
good and gra - cious King. All glo - ry, laud and



He - brews with palms be - fore thee went; our
pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise; to
hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King, to



praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise!
whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

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Please pray for

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

In memory of

Dave Stewart, who passed away on 1/30/24
Dean Meyer, who passed away on 2/16/24
Don Canady, who passed away on 3/16/24

*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 Koeppe
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