



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 10, 2024 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE "Prelude in G Major" *Johann Christian Kittel*
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT "Opening Prayer (Lord, May Your Spirit Enter)" *Brett Epperson*
Chancel Choir, director Brett Epperson

*CALL TO WORSHIP Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Come, bring your whole self to worship,
Mind and body, heart and soul.
Love for God and love for our neighbors come together,
For we cannot do one without the other.
This is the foundation of faith and life:
To love with all we have and all we are. Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN "The Lord is God" 63

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you made us for community and called us to care for one another. We confess that we often care mostly for ourselves. We look for ways to score points, to get ahead, to be right, to secure our futures, and so it becomes harder and harder to find common ground.
Forgive us when we idolize generosity but we don't practice it.
Forgive us when we do not live up to our responsibility to care for each other.
Forgive us when we demand vulnerability from some but refuse to be vulnerable ourselves.
Forgive us when we seek recognition and honor and glory instead of the greater good.

Set us back on your path to real relationship, where we can see each other as fellow travelers made in your image and learn to love one another as you have loved us. We ask in the name of the One who embodies your Love, Jesus the Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION

How do I fail to live out the command to love God with all my being and love my neighbor as myself?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rest assured that God loves you.

One way that we know God loves us is that we are offered grace and mercy over and over again.

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

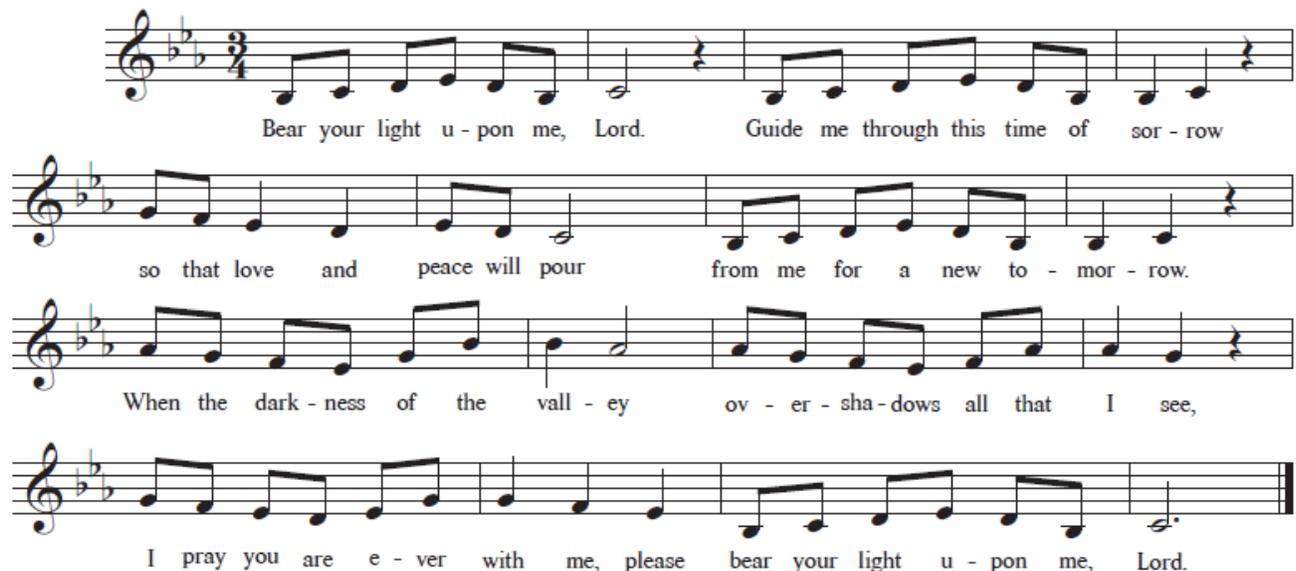
TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rose Koepp

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 – Deuteronomy 6:1-2, 4-6; Leviticus 19:18

ANTHEM

“If Ye Love Me”

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever;
E'en the sp'rit of truth.

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 12:28-34

SERMON

“Love God, Love Neighbor... seems simple!”

Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Lenten Creed by Patmos Abbey – The Order of St. Columba)

***We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God,
who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.
We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God
and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.
We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God
who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.
We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures
and that God loves us through the hard times and the joys.
We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination
and that our path leads to a glory we cannot yet
imagine.
We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims
on the road
and that we are called to love God and one another
as God loves us.
This is our faith, and we are humbled to profess in
Jesus the Christ.***



OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“Like As the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks”

Herbert Howells

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks :
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God :
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night-:
while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

You are the source of every good and perfect gift, O God. Use these tithes and offerings for your glory. May our gifts and our lives demonstrate our love for you, O God, and our love for our neighbors. 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

“We Are One in the Spirit”

300

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

“The Lord Bless You”

Brett Epperson

POSTLUDE

“Toccata in D Major”

Johann Krueger

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

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

Sunday, March 17

8:30am Contemplative Worship in the Chapel

9:15am Sunday School for all ages including

Adult Ed Forum on the History of Israel taught by Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

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

Lenten Sermon Series: "The Call to Serve"

2/18, Mark 10:17-21: The Upside-down Kingdom
 2/25, Mark 10:32-52: Not to be served, but to serve
 3/3, Mark 12:1-12: Jesus as the community cornerstone
 3/10, Mark 12:28-44: The greatest commandment
 3/17, Mark 13: The call to be watchful and hopeful
 3/24, Mark 11: Humble yet Triumphant, Palm Sunday

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Carl Sanderson by his family.

THE FLOWERS are given by First Presbyterian Church.

NURSERY Laura Kate Oliver

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

GREETERS

MARCH	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
10	Katharine Davis, Jean Barber	Melissa Davis
17	Cathy & John Pershing	Mary Fisk
Palm Sunday 24	Laurie & Brian Johnson	Stephanie Bliss
Easter 31	Kathy Utter	Melissa Davis

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



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

Holy Week Schedule

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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



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Radio broadcast KICS 1550 AM and 92.7 FM

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**.



March 16, 2024		
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM

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.



American Red Cross

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.

Ushers and Greeters

We are need of Ushers and
Greeters 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



Please pray for

Brad Davis	Pam Canady
Elaine Schumacher	Ashley Ibach
Dave Schawang	Virginia Davis & family
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	Bill Beck
family of Dave Stewart	Jill Kramer
family of Dean Meyer	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

REPENT & BELIEVE

Daily Lenten Scriptures and Prayers
March 11-16



MONDAY, MARCH 11, MARK 13:1-2

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

PRAYER

The grass withers. The flowers fade. But your word endures forever. Steeples tumble. Doors shudder. But you love abides eternally. Beauty vanishes. Bodies perish. But your grace is unending. Help us, O God, to put our trust and our very selves into the things of eternity. Grant that in this season of lent we may move our minds away from the things that fade and towards your perpetual mercy and calling. Amen.

AT A GLANCE

THEMES

- Impermanence
- God's love
- Calling

SCRIPTURE

- Mark
- Joel
- Isaiah
- Psalms

What's so good about lent?

“Honesty is key to any relationship. Our relationship with God is no different.”
Damen Jensen-Heitmann

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, MARK 13:9-13

“As for yourselves, beware; for they will hand you over to councils; and you will be beaten in synagogues; and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them. And the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations. When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say; but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

PRAYER

Jesus asked his disciples to travel a difficult path, and they faced difficult situations. I offer you my thanks, O God, for all of those who offered testimony to you and your vision even in the midst of animosity and persecution. I thank you for those who spoke of love when the world called out for hatred. I thank you for those who cried out for justice when the world demanded segregation. I thank you for those who called for peace when the world sought vengeance. I thank you for those today who ask for sustainability in an ocean of consumption, mutuality in a field of individualism, and understanding in a world of talking heads. Though it may be challenging, help me to offer testimony to you and your kingdom of love and service. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, JOEL 2:12-14

Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord, your God?

PRAYER

It is a fact that I cannot escape. I have sinned. I do sin. I shall sin. I have ignored your commands. And I can guarantee that at some point I will be uncharitable in my thoughts and deeds. I have not lived up to the standards set by your son. I have not earned your grace, and I will not earn your grace. But still, I will do my best to return to you after every misstep, after every moment when I move away from your heart. Have mercy, O God. Relent and grant your grace once more. Amen.

REPENT & BELIEVE

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, ISAIAH 56:6-9

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

PRAYER

You, O God, have placed a calling upon my heart. You have asked me to be your ambassador. You have asked me to help, as best as I am able, to bring about faith, hope, and love in the world. During this season of lent, help me to find ways to bring about justice, mercy, and kindness. Help me to join in the holy fast that brings redemption to the lives of others. Dust that I am, let me reflect your holiness in the world. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, MARK 13:21-23

And if anyone says to you at that time, 'Look! Here is the Messiah!' or 'Look! There he is!' —do not believe it. False messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, the elect. But be alert; I have already told you everything.

PRAYER

A lot of people and a lot of things pretend to be my savior. But really they just want attention. All they really want is for me to tell them how great they are. They want the crowds. They want the cheers. They want the power. Help me always to remember that your son proclaimed repentance, not prosperity; humility, not pride; and self-sacrifice, not self-aggrandizement. Give me eyes to see and ears to hear those who proclaim and live by such truths. Amen.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

PRAYER

I am parched, O God. Give me living water. I am lonely, dear Lord. Give me your presence. I am lost. Come and find me. I am adrift. Give me direction. I am overwhelmed. Calm the storms. I am afraid. Hold me in your arms. I have fallen. Lift me. I am your child. Grant me love. Amen.

Sunday 3/10	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
		NO Sunday School	
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
Monday 3/11	1-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30pm	Scholarship Committee Meets	Kessler Room
	5:30pm	Global Mission Committee	PEACE NW Classroom
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	6-7:30pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson Room
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 3/12	10:30am	Staff Meeting	Fairgrounds
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Congregational Life Committee	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Trustees Meet	Confirmation Room
	6:45pm	Deacons Meet	Anderson Room
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 3/13	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
		NO WNL	
	6:30PM	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 3/14	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5pm	Personnel Committee	as needed
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 3/15	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Fellowship Hall
Saturday 3/16		United Harvest	
Sunday 3/17	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, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library

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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

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Ministries: Rose Koeppe
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