



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 17, 2024 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE

“Membra Jesu nostril, III Ad manus” *Buxtehude*
Spiro Spero Singers, director Brett Epperson

1 Sonata

2 Concerto (SSATB)

Quid sunt plagae istae
in medio manuum tuarum?
What are those wounds
in the midst of Your hands?

3 Aria (S I)

Salve Jesu, pastor bone,
fatigatus in agone,
qui per lignum es distractus
et ad lignum es compactus
expansis sanctis manibus.
Hail, Jesus, good shepherd,
wearied in agony,
tormented on the cross
nailed to the cross
Your sacred hands stretched out.

4 Aria (S II)

Manus sanctae, vos amplector,
et gemendo condelector,
grates ago plagis tantis,

clavis duris guttis sanctis
dans lacrymas cum osculis.
Holy hands, I embrace you,
and, lamenting, I delight in you,
I give thanks for the terrible wounds,
the hard nails, the holy drops,
shedding tears with kisses.

5 Aria (ATB)

In cuore tuo lotum
me commendo tibi totum,
tuae sanctae manus istae
me defendant, Jesu Christe,
extremis in periculis.
Washed in Your blood
I wholly entrust myself to You;
may these holy hands of Yours
defend me, Jesus Christ,
in the final dangers.

6 Concerto (da capo: Quid sunt plagae istae)

INVOCATION AND INTRODUCTION

Greg Allen-Pickett and Brett Epperson

SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

“To the Hands, I & II”

Caroline Shaw

quid sunt plagae istae quid sunt plagae istae in
medio manuum tuarum in medio quid sunt
plagae istae quid sunt plagae istae in medio
manuum nostrarum

translation: what are those wounds what are
those wounds in the midst of your hands in the
midst what are those wounds what are those
wounds in the midst of our hands

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you tell us that you seek justice for the orphan and widow and that you love the stranger, and we celebrate you. Then you tell us that we also must seek justice for the marginalized and love our neighbors and our strangers, and we start to get uncomfortable. You remind us that we are called to welcome the vulnerable and that by doing so we are showing welcome and hospitality to you. But that is hard work, and we are scared. You challenge us with these words: “Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.” We ask what we will have to give up in order to do that. God, forgive us when we fail to do what you ask of us. Help to calm our fears and inspire us to be your hands and feet in this world.

CONFESSIONAL CONTEMPLATION

“To the Hands, III”

Her beacon-hand beckons:
Give give to me
those yearning to breathe free
tempest-tossed they cannot see
what lies beyond the olive tree
whose branch was lost amid the pleas
for mercy, mercy
give
give to me
your tired fighters fleeing flying

from the, from the
from
let them
i will be your refuge
i will be your refuge
i will be
i will be
we will be
we will

*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



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

Bear Your Light Upon Me, Lord



SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 10:17-20 and Mark 9:33-37

SERMON

“Being God’s hands of justice, love, and welcome”
Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant” (vs. 1-5)
Organist Linda Vollweiler

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OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Fall”

J.S. Bach

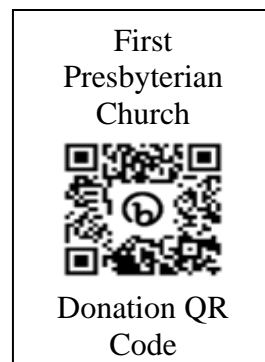
*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We dedicate these gifts to the work of this congregation: weaving a tapestry of compassion and action, faith and fellowship, hope and wholeness. We dedicate these gifts and our lives as we seek to embody the love of Christ with our hands and our hearts. Amen.



SUNG PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

“To the Hands, IV-VI”

Caroline Shaw

ever ever ever
in the window sills or
the beveled edges
of the aging wooden frames that hold
old photographs
hands folded
folded
gently in her lap
ever ever
in the crevices
the never-ending efforts of

the grandmother's tendons tending
to her bread and empty chairs i would hold you
i would hold you
ever ever will i hold you
ever ever will i enfold you
in medio
in medio
in medio
in medio
in medio manuum tuarum

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Allegro Moderator”

Handel

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

Sunday, March 24

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. Palm Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary
with Children's and Youth Choirs and Procession of Palms**

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 Isabelle and Chester Gates by their daughter, Ann, and their son, Jerry.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Mildred and Victor Lutkemeier by family.

NURSERY Raegan Welsch

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

GREETERS

MARCH	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
17	Cathy & John Pershing	Mary Fisk
Palm Sunday 24	Laurie & Brian Johnson	Stephanie Bliss
Easter 31 8:30 a.m.	volunteers needed	volunteers needed
Easter 31 10:30 a.m.	Kathy Utter	Melissa Davis



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

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



hos·pi·tal·i·ty

/ˌhəspəˈtælədē/

noun

1. the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers.

The FPC Worship/Arts/Music Committee extends its appreciation to the following church members and friends for opening their homes to singers, directors, and instrumentalists from the Tabor College Choir during their recent tour and visit to Hastings.

Sarah and Todd Allen
John Bohmfalk
Janet and Gary Brandt
Dan Deffenbaugh
Brett Epperson
Barb Harrington
Susan and Neal Hoff
Deb and Byron Jensen
Pat and Richard Kleiber
Ann and Robin Koozer

Lynette and Paul Krieger
Chelsea LeMar
Jessica Meeske and Todd Pankrantz
Cathy and John Pershing
Joan Shaw
Marnie and Doug Soderquist
Kili and Justin Wenburg
Jim Wenburg
Joy and George White

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
Monday 3/18	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 Choir Room	Choir Room
Tuesday 3/19	10:15am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	7pm-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 3/20	9:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	Parlor
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:15pm	PW Circle 3	Library
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12 th Grade WNL	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 3/21	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5:30pm	Session Meets	Anderson Room
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 3/22	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Fellowship Hall
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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

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REPENT & BELIEVE

Daily Lenten Scriptures and Prayers
March 18-23

MONDAY, MARCH 18, MARK 13:28-31

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

PRAYER

As green shoots emerge from winter slumber, as birds and bugs begin to reappear, let us find signs of your presence with us. May new possibilities remind us of your unfolding grace. May warm smiles and hearty laughs reveal your eternal love. May comforting words embrace us in your welcoming arms. Signs, little glimpses; let us see in them your presence. Amen.



AT A GLANCE

THEMES

- Signs
- Alertness
- Preparation

SCRIPTURE

- Mark
- 1 Thessalonians
- Romans

What's so good about lent?

“Lent is an intentional preparation of our hearts and minds for holy week.”

Greg Allen-Pickett

REPENT & BELIEVE

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, MARK 13:32-37

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

PRAYER

You know, I do love sleep. I get all wrapped up and bundled up, and I drift off to dream world. It just feels so safe, so warm, so insular. And yet if I sleep too much, I know I'll miss it. I'll miss my neighbors when they need a meal. I'll miss a child when they have a question. I'll miss seeing the rainbow after the rain. I'll miss the bulbs as they begin to bloom. I'll miss your love when it arrives. Keep me awake to the beauty of you and of this world. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1 THESS 5:6-11

So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

PRAYER

Help me, O God, be prepared for the day ahead. Grant me that which I will need to be gracious to all I meet and charitable in all my thoughts. Give me courage to face ambiguous situations. Give me resilience to navigate valleys of sorrow. Give me patience as I encounter difficult people and places. Give me the garments of love that I will need on this day. After all, there is no bad weather, only bad gear. Amen.

REPENT & BELIEVE

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1 THES 5:14-18

And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

PRAYER

I watch, O God, as time and time again Jesus offers grace and empathy to those whom he encounters. He stops. He listens. He lifts, feeds, and heals. So often, he gives to those along his way true presence and the sort of things called for here. Help me to live by his example; offering good to those along my way. Help me to live by your will revealed through his example. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, ROMANS 13:11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

PRAYER

Why do I quarrel? Why am I jealous? Because such things often make me feel important and powerful. And because I often forget that you didn't call me to be powerful. You didn't ask me to be influential. You don't need me to be right all the time. You've asked me to love you, to serve others, and be humble. Such works are the things of Christ. Such works are my calling. Amen.

REPENT & BELIEVE

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, MARK 14:1-2

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

PRAYER

The shadows of chaos are always nearby, and they can be revealed at any moment. When Jesus and the disciples entered Jerusalem, it was to shouts of praise and acclamation. But things change. And in the midst of our own triumphs, we know that things can change in a moment. We are fleeting creatures, and so are our joys. We are temporal, and so is our understanding. Chaos is always nearby, and it can be revealed at any moment. Be with us, O God, as we muddle through shifting, quite often, from joy to devastation. In the middle of it all, grant us your peace. Amen.

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

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



**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.

Please pray for

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
Katharine Davis

Pam Canady
Don Canady
Ashley Ibach
Carl Utley
Barry Thomson
Greg Howard
Ken Fisk
Everest Beacon (Zabloudil)
Jim Boeve
Howard Mathews
Paul Nuss
Vicki (Fisk) Nieves
Dana Odom
Bill Beck
Jill Kramer (death of her brother)

In memory of

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