



# 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”

\*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



## 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.

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 Moderato”

*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](http://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

/ˌhɑspəˈtælədē/

*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

<b>Sunday 3/17</b>	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
<b>Monday 3/18</b>	1-3pm	1 <sup>st</sup> 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
<b>Tuesday 3/19</b>	10:15am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	7pm-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
<b>Wednesday 3/20</b>	9:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	Parlor
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a> for link
	1:15pm	PW Circle 3	Library
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade WNL	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
<b>Thursday 3/21</b>	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5:30pm	Session Meets	Anderson Room
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
<b>Friday 3/22</b>	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday 3/24</b>		Palm Sunday	
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***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

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 THES 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 THESS 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.

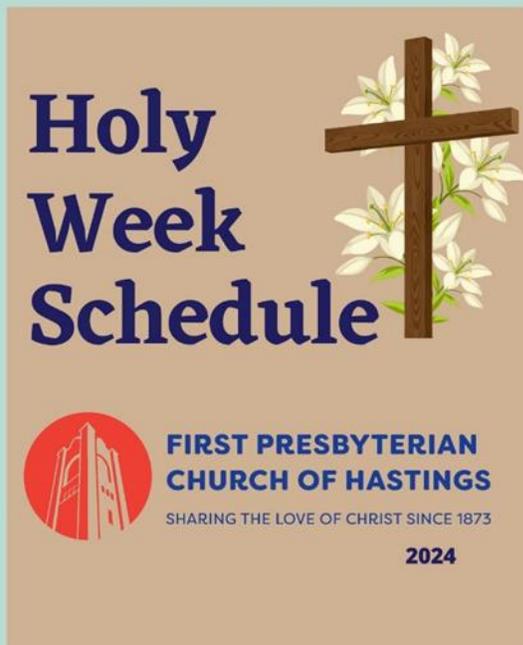
# REPENT & BELIEVE

## 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

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## Maundy Thursday, March 28

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

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## Good Friday, March 29

Worship at 7:00pm  
In person and on Facebook

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## 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](http://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