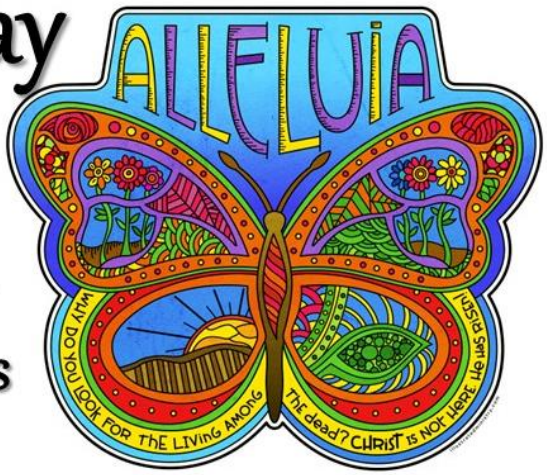
Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024
First Presbyterian Church of Hastings



PRELUDE "The Saints Hallelujah" *arr. Luther Henderson*
Cathedral Brass Quintet

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT "Easter Morning (Peace Be unto You)" *Paul J. Christiansen*
Chancel Choir, director Brett Epperson

Mary came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord.
Then the same day at evening, as they all were assembled, then came Jesus and stood in the midst.
Then said Jesus unto them:
Peace be unto you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Come a new day has dawned,
Today is the first day of a new creation!
Look up and see what God has done:
The stone of the tomb is rolled away, once and for all!
Christ is going ahead of you,
And we must share the good news, full of joy and proclaiming alleluia!
Christ is present, resurrected, and alive in us!
Christ is present, resurrected, and alive in our joyful acts of compassion and love! Come, let us worship our risen Christ!

*HYMN "Thine Is the Glory" 238
Organist Linda Vollweiler

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We wake this day to a new world, O God, for you have changed everything: Christ is alive! We take a deep breath, a pause to take it all in. We hardly know how to be grateful for the impossible thing you have done. Instead of focusing on our grievances and our grudges, help us to cultivate gratitude for the amazing work you have done for us in your resurrection and triumph over death.

Help us to praise you for your power that rolled back the stone and for your grace that invites us all, even when we have failed to live up to your vision. We pray you would give us eager hearts and open eyes to look past our fear of others and of the unknown.
With mourning turning to dancing and joy overcoming despair, we ask for your forgiveness and offer you our praise.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Receive God's gift of love and forgiveness, poured out for all the world in the saving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ!
Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Glory to God" 582

*PEACE OF CHRIST

The congregation is invited to exchange signs of peace with one another using these traditional words that have been spoken by Easter Christians throughout the centuries:

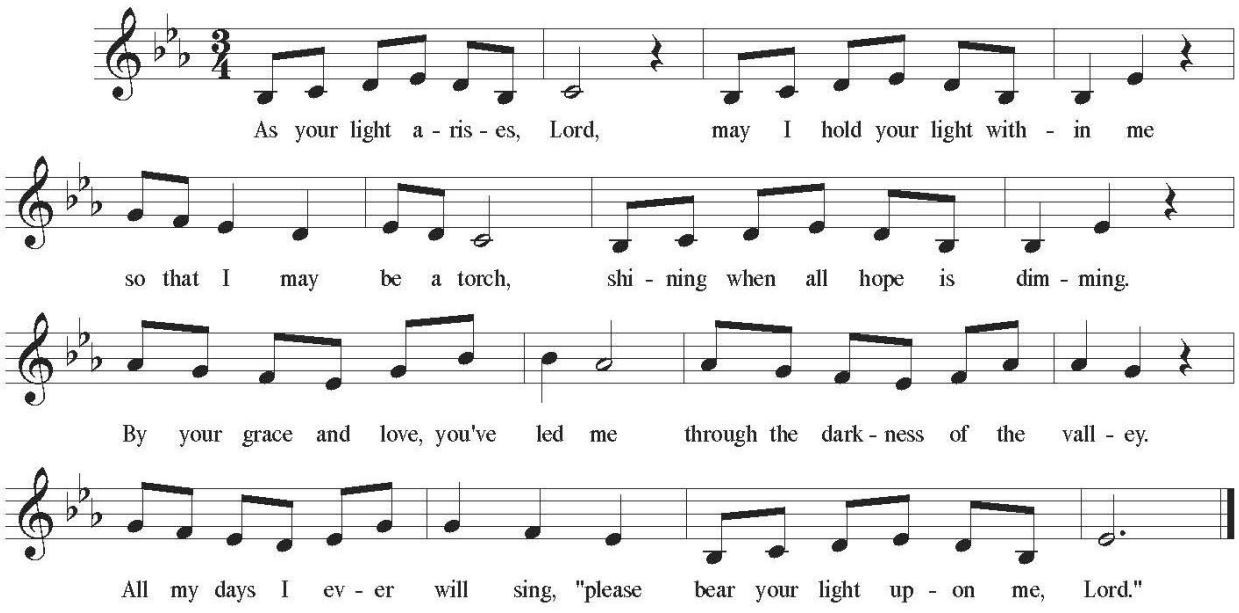
Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!
Alleluia!
Alleluia! Amen!
(Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those around you)

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

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rose Koepp and Greg Allen-Pickett
(While the children are coming down, we will sing "Hymn of Promise" #250 vs. 1 & 3)

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *Hannah Jensen-Heitman*

As Your Light Arises, Lord

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 25:1,6-9

CHORAL ANTHEM "My Good Lord's Done Been Here" *arr. André Thomas*

My Lord, oh my Lord,
my good Lord's been here.

Refrain:
My good Lord's done been here,
bless my soul and gone away,
my good Lord's done been here,
bless my soul and gone.

When I get to Heaven,
and my work is done,
gonna sit down with Sister Mary,
and chatter with the darlin' Son.

Refrain

Goin' down to the river
of Jordan one of these days,
gonna sit at the welcome table:
there, I will see the Savior's face.

Refrain

Hold up the Baptist finger,
Hold up the Baptist hand,
When I get in the Heavens,
Gonna join the Baptist Band.

Refrain

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Mark 16:1-9

MESSAGE "Sharing our Alleluias with the world!"

*HYMN "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" 232
(Congregation will sing verses 1,2, and 4 and the choir will sing verse 3. This arrangement includes a new introduction, and re-harmonization written by Hannah Jensen-Heitmann)

OFFERING *(All loose coins in the offering plate will be donated to the PC(USA) Hunger Fund.)*
(The Special Offering this morning goes to the One Great Hour of Sharing to fund projects in the United States and around the world to support disaster relief and address root causes of hunger and poverty. If you wish to contribute to this, put your offering in the Special Offering envelopes found in the pews.)

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OFFERTORY "Join the Everlasting Song" *Hart Morris*
Chancel Handbell Choir, director Byron Jensen

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" 609

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, you shower us with gifts so abundant that we cannot measure them all. You give us life itself and embrace us with your love. Then you invite us to share your love with others. Bless these gifts that they may be used to show your love to those in need. In your generous name, we pray. Amen.

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 "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" 248

(During this hymn, if you would like to join the choir in singing "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's *Messiah*, you are invited to come forward to the choir loft.)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Hallelujah Chorus" from G.F. Handel's *Messiah*

The Chancel Choir and Members of the Congregation, director Brett Epperson

*POSTLUDE "Toccata from Symphony No. 5" *Charles-Marie Widor*

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

Special thanks to the Cathedral Brass for their worship leadership this morning:
Dr. Louie Eckhardt, trumpet | Erin Beave, trumpet
Andrew Buller, horn | Dan Sodomka, tuba | Nathan LeFeber, trombone

COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK &
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!

8:30am – Contemplative Service in the Chapel with Communion
9:15am – Sunday School for all ages
10:30am – Traditional Worship with Communion and Cathedral Brass

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given by First Presbyterian Church.

THE FLOWERS are given by First Presbyterian Church.

ACOLYTES 8:30 a.m. Peter Ratzlaff, Charlie Ratzlaff
10:30 a.m. Collin Hermes, Meredith Oliver

USHERS 8:30 a.m. Julie Thomsen, Melissa Davis, Duane Huber
10:30 a.m. Captain – Chuck Hastings, Elaine Specht, Kim Creech, Danna Wolford, Steve Wolford

GREETERS 8:30 a.m. Cathy & John Pershing, Melissa Davis
10:30 a.m. Jan Bolliger, Melissa Davis

A note of welcome and an invitation from Pastor Greg and the First Presbyterian Church Family:

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

We are so happy that you are here worshipping with us on Easter! We hope that you are inspired by this worship service and that it equips you to go out and share your alleluias and the love of the risen Christ in your family, your community, and the world!

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings has been sharing the love of Christ from the heart of Hastings since 1873. We are a community that is deeply committed to **living the love of Christ** in our community and beyond, and we do that most effectively by seeking to serve those who are in need, both spiritually and physically.

Our church is actively engaged in **local ministry and mission,** including the United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry, Open Table, and support of many local organizations including Habitat for Humanity, Encourage Advocacy Center, Revive Ministries, Crossroads Rescue Mission, and more. Every summer we offer a Vacation Bible School for the whole community. All of these activities and ministries provide **volunteer opportunities** for you to **live the love of Christ** and see where God is at work in Hastings!

We also participate in **national and global mission** through mission trips every year and connections with mission partners. This summer our high school youth will go to North Carolina and our adults will take a trip to the US-Mexico border in October. These trips and connections provide more opportunities for us to **live the love of Christ** and learn where God is at work around the world!

Our church seeks to engage our **hearts** and our **minds**, so we offer **amazing learning opportunities.** Come to **Sunday School** for all ages at 9:15am to hear engaging speakers and dig into the Bible to learn about what it means to you. During the school year, come to our **"Wednesday Night Live"** programs for preschoolers through high school seniors from 5pm-7:15pm for dinner, bible study, music, and recreation.

Do you like to make **music**? Come join our Chancel Choir, play in the handbell choir, or bring your kids to our children and youth choirs or handbell groups who all practice on Wednesday evenings.

Join us for **Sunday morning worship** at 8:30 for a contemplative worship service with communion every week. Or join us at 10:30 for a traditional worship experience with our glorious choirs, handbells, organ music, and **engaging bible-based preaching**.

At First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, we are a **community of hope** where you will always hear a message of hope proclaimed. Come engage your **hearts, hands, and minds** and help us **live the love of Christ** in Hastings and beyond. Reach out to any of our staff or volunteers to ask about how to get involved, or you can email Pastor Greg at greg@fpchastings.org

In Christ,

Pastor Greg

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings Mission Statement

Welcoming all;
Living the love of God and neighbor;
Seeking to transform ourselves, our community, and our world to be more Christ-like through service, worship, prayer, education, and fellowship.

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
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
Monday 4/1		Church Office Closed-Easter Monday	
	1-3pm	1st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30pm	Global Mission Committee	PEACE NW Classroom
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 4/2	10:15am	Staff Meeting	in person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	6:30-7:15pm	HCMA Community Bells	Bell Room
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 4/3	11-11:45am	PW Coord Team	Parlor
	11:45am	PW Program and Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12th Grade WNL	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 4/4	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5:30pm	Christian Ed Committee	Parlor
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 4/5	10am-12pm	Mahjong	Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm	HCMA Benefit Recital	Sanctuary
Sunday 4/7		Gifts of Women 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

The Church Office will be Closed on Monday, April 1st.

Upcoming Adult Forums

9:15 a.m. in the Lydia Room

April 7- Conversation on Sacred Music with Dr. Stephen Hamilton
April 14- Community Foundations: Learning About Hastings Public School Foundation and Hastings Community Foundation with Chris Schukei and Dan Peters
April 21- Nebraska Presbyterian Foundation with Audrey Richert and Karen Dorr
April 28- Rev. Dr. Robert J. von Trebra: Presented by the Sachtleben/Throckmorton Faith and Science Symposium

2024 Easter Lilies

In Memory Of

John Harrington given by Barbara Harrington and family
Ome & Honor Shoemaker given by the Shoemaker/Friedewald family
Alfred & Dorothy Friedewald given by the Shoemaker/Friedewald family
Stephanie Pershing given by Cathy & John Pershing
Our Grandmas given by the Allen-Pickett family.
Dean Pickett given by the Allen-Pickett family.
Our Parents given by Marnie & Doug Soderquist
Gretchen & Hal Lainson given by the Hermes, Olsen, Bliss, and Overmiller families
Mark Bliss given by Mary, Jorn, Chris, Erica, and Scott
Robert Foote given by the Foote family
Our Parents given by Colleen & George Adam
Phyllis & John Lainson given by Pamela & Peter Lainson
Virginia & Roger Davis given by Pamela & Peter Lainson
Gretchen & Hal Lainson given by Pamela & Peter Lainson
Ralph & Leila Merwin given by Lynden Hall
Don Kramer given by Jill Kramer
Melba Trehern & Lilly Bell Unger given by Lisa Unger
Parents & Grandparents given by Jim & Carol Harrenstein, Kristen & Jesse Manske, and Tracy & Kenny Brooks.
Rita Epperson by the Koozer family
Loved ones given by the Koozer family
Frank Georgiana given by family
Mark Bliss given by Stephanie, Lauren, Matt, Rosie, and Hal
Ken Fike given by the Fike family
The Madrid, Moser, and Petersen families given by Carla Fike
Mark Bliss given by the Hermes families
Brandon Brader given by Daveta & Dick Brader
Loved ones given by Melissa Davis
Ryan Struss given by Kathy & Gayle Struss
Nicole Jensen given by Deb & Byron Jensen
Emma & Emory Halloway, Claudina Jensen, and Bill Jensen given by Deb & Byron Jensen
Bill & Shirley Reed given by Mike, Becky, Lydia and Nina Meyer
John Sheppard and John Sheppard Meyer given by Mike, Becky, Lydia, and Nina Meyer
Dean & Verna Meyer given by Mike, Becky, Lydia, and Nina Meyer
Steve & Don Kleiber given by Dick & Pat Kleiber
Rogene Wenburg given by Justin, Kili, Carter, and Selah Wenburg
David E. Northrop given by the Northrop family
Frank W. Northrop given by the Northrop family
Michele L. Northrop given by the Northrop family

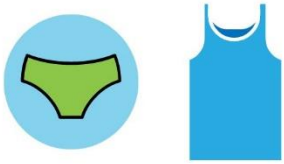
2024 Easter Lilies

In Memory Of

Ted Van Fossen given by his family
Merle & Annabelle Hafer and Boyd & Mary Lou Leymaster given by their children

In Honor Of

FPC staff given by Cathy & John Pershing
Confirmation Sponsors given by the Allen-Pickett family
Members and friends of FPC of Hastings given by the Allen-Pickett family
Our family given by Marie & Don Rasmussen
FPC Pastors and staff given by Rev. Bill and Janey Nottage Tacey.
FPC office volunteers given by Melissa Davis
Scott & April Struss given by Kathy & Gayle Struss
Ross & Melissa Struss given by Kathy & Gayle Struss
Emily, Evan, and Jeremy Struss given by Kathy & Gayle Struss
Neal & Susan Hoff given by your 9 grandchildren
Our children and grandchildren given by Lois and Charles Hafer



Undie Sunday

The PW will be accepting donations of new packages of underwear items (ex. underwear, socks, undershirts etc.) for school-aged children (K-12th grade.) Donations may be placed on the designated table in the Memorial Room on Sunday, April 7.

Please pray for

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

In memory of

Dean Meyer, who passed away on 2/16/24
Don Canady, who passed away on 3/16/24

April Ushers and Greeters

April Ushers (Team #2) Captain – Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Daveta Brader, Lois Hafer, Dick Brader

APRIL GREETERS	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
7	Gifts of Women Sunday	Gifts of Women Sunday
14	Julie Thomsen	Melissa Davis
21	Kay Georgiana, Jan Ham	Cathy & John Pershing
28	Lynne Friedewald & Chuck Shoemaker	Jill Kramer

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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 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