FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

Third Sunday of the Season of Easter
April 14, 2024 – 10:30 a.m. Service

PRELUDE Partita on "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" *arr. John A. Behnke*
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME Damen Jensen-Heitmann

INTROIT "Beautiful Savior" *arr. Susan T. Nelson*
Calvin/Westminster Choir, Director Linda Johnson
Praise/Alleluia Bells, Director Susan Oliver

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
Truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!

*CALL TO WORSHIP Greg Allen-Pickett

Here we come, again, to the house of worship.
We come to receive peace and to share it with others.
We gather to be healed and to tend the wounds of our neighbors.
We hope to encounter God and share that joy with the world,
To know a blessing and to share a blessing.
We gather to do both as children of God.

*OPENING HYMN "Be Still and Know That I Am God" 414
Tyler Koepp, Song Leader

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Help me, O God, to be like Peter and John, pausing to pray in the middle of my day, living out my faith where anyone could see, lifting up others when I get the chance. Let me be like the man on the mat as well, willing to ask for help, accepting grace when it is offered, willing to be changed. This week, O God, help me to join in the redemptive work that you are doing in the world. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION
How can your life mirror the faith of these figures of faith?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God forgives and restores.
God raises to new life those who seek mercy and desire to follow God's ways.
Through Jesus the Christ, we are forgiven.
Alleluia! 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)

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

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rose Koepp
(While the children are coming down, we will sing "This Little Light of Mine.")

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In this reading, let us be found. In this proclamation, let us be moved. In this hour, let us encounter God. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 6:53-56

ANTHEM "In This Very Room" *Ron and Carol Harris*

In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me, and in this very room there's quite enough joy for one like me, and there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom, for Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.

In this very room there's quite enough love for all of us, and in this very room there's quite enough joy for all of us, and there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom, for Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.

In this very room there's quite enough love for all the world, and in this very room there's quite enough joy for all the world, and there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom, for Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Acts 3:1-10

MESSAGE "Repetitious Grace" or "Spring Forward"

*HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" 377

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From "A Brief Statement of Faith" PCUSA)

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

First Presbyterian Church

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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY "Song of Joy" *Kevin McChesney*
Calvin/Westminster Bells
Director Byron Jensen

*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 "The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound" 766

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE

The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
The church is not a resting place, the church is a people.
I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world, yes, we're the church together!

POSTLUDE "Ceremonial Procession" *Raymond H. Haan*

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

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AS WE CONTINUE THE CELEBRATION OF EASTER!
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS

Sunday, April 21, 2024
8:30am Contemplative Worship in the Chapel
9:15am Sunday School for all ages
10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary with Children's Choir

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 in memory of Lois & Lester Beahm by Cindy and Terry Beahm and family.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Henrietta Morhart, Frank Morhart, Doris Kovar Morhart, Dr. Louis J. Kovar.

NURSERY Rachel Guiai

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

GREETERS

April	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
14	Julie Thomsen	Melissa Davis
21	Kay Georgiana, Jan Ham	Cathy & John Pershing
28	Lynne Friedewald & Chuck Shoemaker	Jill Kramer

Sunday 4/14		**Senior Recognition Sunday**	
	8:30am	Contemplative Worship	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 4/15	1-3pm	1st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30pm	Go & Serve	Parlor
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tuesday 4/16	10:15am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	6:30pm	HCMA Community Bells	Bell Room
	7pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 4/17	9:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	Parlor
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:15pm	PW Circle 3	Parlor
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12th Grade WNL	various
	5:30pm	New Members Class	Anderson Room
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 4/18	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 4/19	10am-12pm	Mahjong	Fellowship Hall
Saturday 4/20		United Harvest	
Sunday 4/21	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

FPC
POTLUCK
April 28
following 10:30
worship service
Congregation asked to bring food items based on the first letter of their last name:
A–G Salad or Veggie
H–M Main Dish
N–Z Dessert

New Members Class
Wednesdays 5:30pm-7:00pm
April 10
April 17
May 1
Dinner will be served.
CALL 402-462-5147
FOR DETAILS
AND TO REGISTER FOR THE NEW
MEMBERS CLASS.
ALL ARE WELCOME!
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CHURCH WOMEN UNITED, INC.
CWU Celebrations 2024
May Friendship Day

What Does the Lord Require of CW-You?
Celebrations 2024 Theme Scripture
"... the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8 (NLT)

LOVE MERCY

May Friendship Day 2024

Matthew 5:7

"Love Mercy"
Church Women United invites you to attend
May Friendship Day Salad Luncheon
Friday, May 3, 2024 12pm, Noon Tickets $8
at First United Methodist Church

LONG-SLEEVED SHIRT DRIVE

THE MISSION COMMITTEE IS COLLECTING LONG-SLEEVED WORK SHIRTS FOR OUR MIGRANT WORKERS.

THESE SHIRTS PROTECT THE WORKERS FROM THE SUN AND EXPOSURE TO AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS.

SHIRTS CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE DESIGNATED BIN IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.

THE MISSION COMMITTEE THANKS YOU.

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.

United Harvest

April 20, 2024		
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM

Register for Vacation Bible School on our website:
www.fpchastings.org

Sachtleben-Throckmorton
Faith & Science Symposium

Save the Date for the Inaugural Sachtleben-Throckmorton Faith & Science Symposium!

Come to an adult ed class, hear a sermon, and participate in an exciting lecture about the complementary relationship between faith and science. Our guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Robert von Treba has a PhD in organic chemistry and a number of patents, and he now serves as a pastor in the United Church of Christ. He will share his own journey that led him to careers in both science and the church, and will talk about how God has woven together faith and science in beautiful and creative ways in our lives and the world.

Schedule for Sunday, 4/28:
Adult Ed Forum: 9:15 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Lecture: 3:00 p.m.

2024 First Presbyterian Church High School Graduates

Tethloach Duang

Parents: Nyareak Deng & Peter Duang
High School: Hastings High School
Activities: Basketball, Track, Cross Country
Post Graduation: Study Physical Therapy
Memorable High School Event: Prom
Memorable FPC Event: The lock-in
Favorite Scripture: Philippians 4:13 **Why?** It reminds me that anything is possible through Christ.

Jonah Snell

Parents: Scott and Sarah Snell
High School: Adams Central High School
Activities: National Honor Society, Student Council, Band, Speech
Post Graduation: Attend UNK to major Wildlife Biology
Memorable High School Event: Attending Rotary Youth Leadership Academy
Memorable FPC Event: Growing my faith in Confirmation
Favorite Scripture: Matt 17:20 **Why?** It shows that through Christ all things are possible.

Tristan Blake Propp

Parents: Jon and Wendy Propp
High School: Adams Central High School
Activities: Basketball, Football
Post Graduation: Study Sports Medicine
Memorable High School Event: Going to Alliance for basketball during Junior year
Memorable FPC Event: Getting confirmed during a global pandemic
Favorite Scripture: Deut. 31:6 **Why?** It is a good reminder when life gets uncertain.

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

Upcoming Adult Forums

9:15 a.m. in the Lydia Room

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 Doerr

April 28- Rev. Dr. Robert J. von Trebra: Presented by the Sachtleben/Throckmorton Faith and Science Symposium

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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
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Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey