



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024 - 10:30 a.m. Service

PRELUDE “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” *arr. Diane Bish*
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” *Ken Medema*
Praise and Alleluia Children’s Choir, director Teresa Canady

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord,
send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us
love; send us power; send us grace.

*CALL TO WORSHIP Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Grace to you, and peace in the name of God, our Maker, and Jesus Christ our
resurrected Lord!

***Grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God for our family of
faith!***

Together, we come to learn from the Spirit and each other

***And to pass on what we have heard, so together we may grow to be a
little bit more like Jesus Christ each day.***

We are resurrection people!

***May we embody our faith and share our hope so that all may see and
know God’s love. Come, let us worship God!***

*HYMN “The Day of Resurrection!” 233
Morgan O’Neill, song leader

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Living God, sometimes it’s so hard to live in your kingdom now.
You have shown us what is possible, given us glimpses of your glory,
yet still we are seduced by the rewards of this world.***

We confess that we often give weight to voices that praise us for doing good and so feed our egos instead of focusing on your call. We give up your way when it seems to have few benefits, forgetting that you call us to be a witness and encouragement to others, too. We protect the status quo that is comfortable for us, not wanting anyone to rock the boat, not even you. Forgive us, O God, when we have valued our comfort more than your call to radical love, grace, justice, and hospitality. Forgive us when we have prioritized calm rather than pursuing your peace. Forgive us for choosing the rewards of here and now over the abundant life of your kingdom. Turn us once again to your Way. Set our eyes on those whose example we might follow, that in turn our living faith may be an example to others, and so together we might persevere in love that holds us fast, even through all the challenges of this life. We ask in Jesus' name.

SILENT CONFESSION

How have I prioritized the status quo or comfort over the work of faith and the labor of love?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Know this: we are loved by God;

We are invited to live in Christ's way so that others may know God's love as well.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved!

Let us forgive and love others! Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

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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

Nancy Grams

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of community, we are grateful for the people you have placed in our lives, the people who have taught us your Word and showed us your way, who have lived your good news every day and been an example for us. As we hear your Word read and proclaimed today,



may it enter our hearts and minds and change the way we live our lives so that we can be living examples of your good news and love.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Acts 17:1-9

ANTHEM

“A Canon of Praise”

Natalie Sleeth

Praise Him, O praise him
Come ye people, Praise the Lord forever
Sing praises to His holy name

Our Eternal King

Praise Him, Praise Him,
Praise the Lord forever
Come and praise him
Come and praise the Lord

To the God of Glory
Loudest praise now bring
Source of our Salvation

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

SERMON

“Work of Faith, Labor of Love, Steadfastness of Hope” 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.

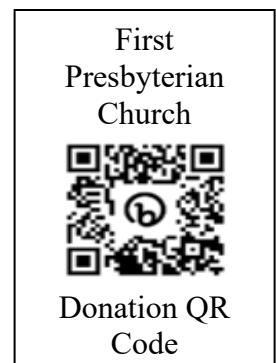
We believe that in the church, we are fellow pilgrims on the road

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

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

arr. Rob Perry

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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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

“Live into Hope”

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*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL 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

“Trumpet Tune”

Robert Lau

*(*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, April 28: Faith and Science Sunday

8:30 a.m. Contemplative Worship in the Chapel

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages including

Adult Ed Forum on Faith and Science with Rev. Dr. von Treba

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

3:00 p.m. Public Community Lecture on Faith and Science 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 92.7 FM

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in honor of the Morhart and Kovar children.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Kevin Charles Heineman, Mary Alice and Joe Heineman by family and friends.

NURSERY Peyton Mitchell

ACOLYTES Charlie Stout

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

GREETERS

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

PW Mother's Day Offering

Every year for Mother's Day, the Presbyterian Women ask for donations for a special group in honor of or in memory of all our mothers. This year we are donating to the Morrison Cancer Center from the Heart Fund. This will be for the Hastings office. It is only used for patients for things like gas, groceries, medication co-pays, utilities, and overnight stays.

We will be at a table in the Memorial Room April 21, April 28, May, 5, and May 12 to take your donations. Or you may send a donation to the church addressed to the Presbyterian Women. Checks should be written to Presbyterian Women.

We thank you in advance for all of your donations.

Upcoming Adult Forums

9:15 a.m. in the Lydia Room

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

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
Monday 4/22	1-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30pm	Foundation Board Meeting	Anderson Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 4/23	10:15am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	11:45am	Habitat for Humanity Board	Parlor
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	6:30pm	HCMA Community Bells	Bell Room
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 4/24	12pm-1pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12 th Grade WNL	Various
	5pm - Dinner 5:30pm- Meeting begins	Session Meeting with Confirmands 5pm – Dinner 5:30pm- Meeting begins	Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Basement
Thursday 4/25	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 4/26	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Fellowship Hall
Sunday 4/28	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	Potluck	Fellowship Hall
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	3pm	Sachtleben-Throckmorton Faith and Science Symposium Lecture	Sanctuary

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
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

Don Canady, who passed
away on 3/16/24



Register for Vacation Bible School on our website:

www.fpchastings.org



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.



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



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.

FOUND- Red and black Revlon brand eyeglass case containing brown eyeglasses. Please see Melissa in the Church Office to claim

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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 Koepf
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