FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

Second Sunday of the Season of Easter
Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday
April 7, 2024 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE "The Duxbury Fanfare" *Lauren Bernofsky*
Cathedral Brass
Louie Eckhardt, trumpet; Erin Beave, trumpet; Amy Schneider, horn;
Nathan LeFeber, trombone; Dan Sodomka, tuba

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT "Woman in the Night" *Alfred Fedak*
Chancel Choir Women, director Sarah Sutton

Woman in the night,
spent from giving birth,
guard our precious light;
peace is on the earth.
Woman in the crowd,
creeping up behind,
touching is allowed:
seek and you will find!

Refrain:
Come and join the song,
women, children, men.
Jesus makes us free to live again!

Women on the hill,
stand when men have fled;
Christ needs loving still,
though your hope is dead.
Women in the dawn,
care and spices bring,
earliest to mourn,
earliest to sing!

Refrain

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Exodus 15) PW Member Joy White

I will sing to the Lord, for the Holy One has triumphed gloriously.
The Lord is my strength and my might. The Holy One has become my salvation.
This is my God, whom I will praise, the God of my mothers and grandmothers and all the forebears of my faith, whom I will exalt.
Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?
Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?
The Lord will reign forever and ever.
Sing to the Lord!
For the Holy One has triumphed gloriously, come,
let us worship God!

*HYMN "Christ is Alive!" 246

CALL TO CONFESSION PW Member Sue Medsker

Since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach our Creator with a true heart in full assurance of faith. Join me in the responsive Prayer of Confession found printed in your bulletins and on the screens.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O mighty God, who created us in your image, we confess to pressuring ourselves to be all things to all people.

Have mercy on us.

O wise God, who created the Sabbath for us, we confess to making ourselves too busy, often confusing activity with meaningful work.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Merciful God, who created guides for us, we confess that we have forced ourselves and others to measure ourselves against impossible standards.

Forgive us, O God.

Restful God, who offers your light yoke, we confess to perpetuating tropes of individual strength and radical self-sufficiency.

In your mercy, O God, forgive us.

As a result, we have neglected our well-being, others, and the actual work you have called us to.

Forgive us, merciful God.

You have modeled rest for us.

Help us to embrace it.

You have shown us truth.

Help us to live it

That we may live in wisdom and purpose.

We ask all of this in the name of Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Rev. Jill Boyd

Jesus tells us:

"My yoke is easy and my burden is light, in me you will find rest for your souls."

Siblings in Christ, receive the good news of the gospel. In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Glory to God" 582

*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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Children's Choir Director Teresa Canady

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word, and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – Proverbs 31:10-31

ANTHEM "For All the Faithful Women"

For all the faithful women
who served in days of old,
to you shall thanks be given;
to all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness
in tasks your wisdom gave
To you their lives bore witness,
proclaimed your power to save.

We praise your name for Miriam,
who sang triumphantly
while Pharaoh's vaunted army
lay drowned beneath the sea;
for Ruth, who left her homeland
and ventured forth in faith, who pledged to
serve and worship Naomi's God till death.

We sing of busy Martha,
who toiled with pot and pan
while Mary sat in silence
to hear the word again.
We praise the other Mary,
who hastened to the tomb
and found her Lord arisen,
dispelling doubt and gloom.

Lord, hear our praise of Dorcas,
who served the sick and poor.
Her hands were cups of kindness,
her heart an open door.
O God, for saints and servants our fervent
prayer we raise, that, faithful in your service,
our lives may sing your praise.

SERMON "Eshet Chayil" Jill Boyd

*HYMN "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!" 839
(Hymn written by Fanny Crosby, Tune written by Phoebe Kanpp)

INVITATION TO OFFERING Melissa Davis

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

OFFERTORY "when the clouds break" *Cait Nishimura*

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

First Presbyterian Church

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, we bring to you today our gifts, returning a portion of what you have given us, praying you will bless it and use it to further your kingdom. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also, with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

LITANY OF GRATITUDE AND CELEBRATION Hastings College Student Molly Kamerer

For the gifts of women throughout the ages,
We give thanks.
For the ways that they have shown up—from Shiphrah and Puah to Miriam and Hagar, from Deborah and Jael to Ruth and Rahab, to Vashti and Esther,
We celebrate you.
For their courage and strength, resistance and rest, wisdom and advocacy,
We celebrate you.
For Mary, the mother of Jesus, and Elizabeth, her cousin, we see your brave faith;
We honor you.
For Mary Magdalene, Martha, Mary, Joanna, Susanna, Rhoda, Dorcas, Tabitha, and the countless unnamed women of the sacred texts,
We seek to hear and share your stories and we honor you.
For mothers, aunts, wives, daughters, sisters, for all the women—in every walk of life, throughout all space and time,
We give thanks. We celebrate you. We honor you. Alleluia! Amen!

*HYMN "Go to the World!" 295

*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 "Canzon I" *Paul Peuerl*

(*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 14, 2024 – Celebrating our High School Seniors
8:30am Contemplative Worship in the Chapel
9:15am Sunday School for all ages
10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary with Youth Choir and Handbells

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 O.J. McDougal by family.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Karen Huber by Duane Huber.

ACOLYTES Esther Allen-Pickett, Peyton Mitchell

NURSERY Cade Jorgensen

USHERS Susie Graham, Lois Hafer, Daveta Brader, Elaine Specht, Susan Oliver, Becky Meyer, Sarah Wolf

GREETERS May Wierenga, Flossie Sanderson, Kathy Reimer, Nan Huey, Teresa Luther

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

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

April Communion Offering

One Great Hour of Sharing

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

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

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
Monday 4/8	1-3pm	1st Pres. Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tuesday 4/9	10:15am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Congregational Life	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Trustees	Confirmation Room
	6:45pm	Deacons	Anderson Room
	7pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 4/10	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12th Grade WNL	Various
	5:30-7pm	New Members Class	Anderson Room
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 4/11	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	6:30pm	Columbarium Meeting	Anderson Room
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 4/12	10am	Mahjong	Fellowship Hall
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

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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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

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

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Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann
Director of Children & Family Ministries: Rose Koepp
Church Office Administrator: Melissa Davis
Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun
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