



# 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”  
Cathedral Brass

*Lauren Bernofsky*

Louie Eckhardt, trumpet; Erin Beave, trumpet; Amy Schneider, horn;  
Nathan LeFeber, trombone; Dan Sodomka, tuba

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT

“Woman in the Night”  
Chancel Choir Women, director Sarah Sutton

*Alfred Fedak*

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!***

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”

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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

### 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.***



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### 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!”

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(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”

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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 Kameron

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!***

\*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](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

**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
<b>14</b>	Julie Thomsen	Melissa Davis
<b>21</b>	Kay Georgiana, Jan Ham	Cathy & John Pershing
<b>28</b>	Lynne Friedewald & Chuck Shoemaker	Jill Kramer



Register for Vacation Bible School on our website:  
[www.fpchastings.org](http://www.fpchastings.org)



**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

# 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

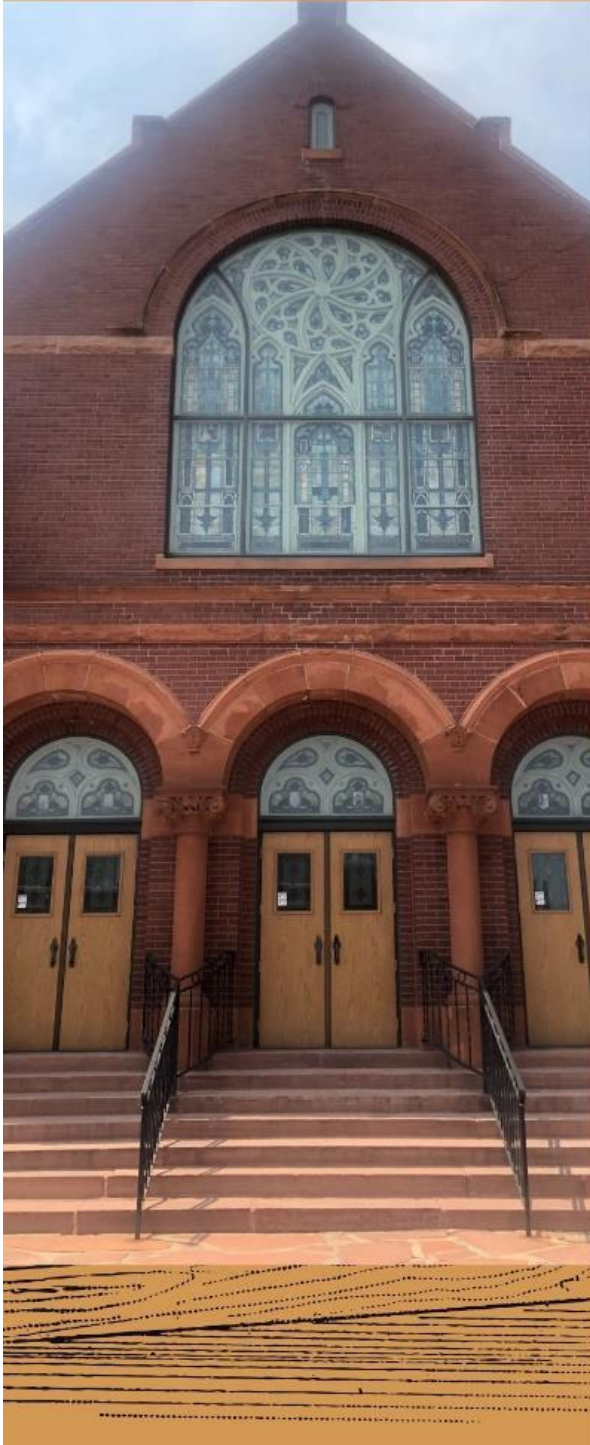
**April 14-** Community Foundations: Learning About Hastings Public School Foundation and Hastings Community Foundation with Chris Schukei and Dan Peters

**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

<b>Sunday 4/7</b>		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
<b>Monday 4/8</b>	1-3pm	1 <sup>st</sup> 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
<b>Tuesday 4/9</b>	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
<b>Wednesday 4/10</b>	12pm	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbrooks52@gmail.com</a> for link
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12 <sup>th</sup> 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
<b>Thursday 4/11</b>	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
<b>Friday 4/12</b>	10am	Mahjong	Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday 4/14</b>		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

**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