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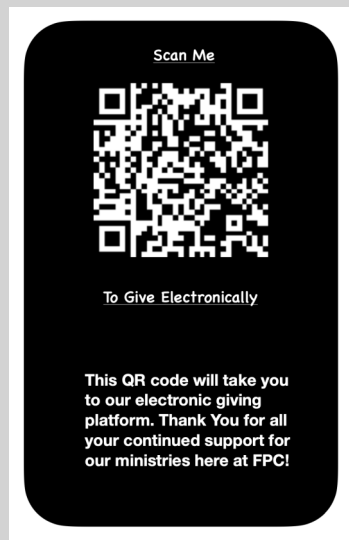
Sunday Worship - 10:00 am
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Preparation for Worship

Please take some time for silent preparation of heart and mind for worship of the Almighty God.



"Why Are You Afraid"



April 6, 2025

5th Sunday of Lent



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WELCOME, AND GATHERING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

God desires steadfast love and not animal sacrifice,

The knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

What is good and what does God require of us?

To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with God.

Fairest Lord Jesus *Hymn #306*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O Christ, Savior, like the seed fallen to the ground, you suffered death.
United to you, our lives will bear much fruit.

We praise you, Lord.

O Christ, you went down to the lowest point of the human condition; you remain close to all who are abandoned.

We praise you, Lord.

In your love you took upon yourself our sins; innocent, you accepted death to free us from death.

We praise you, Lord.

By your love you conquered evil and hatred, and you live forever at the Father's side.

We praise you, Lord.

You listen to us in your goodness, and you visit us in our misfortune; fill our hearts to overflowing by revealing to us the light of your face.

We praise you, Lord. Amen.

CALL OF CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God, we long to know that we are not alone. In times when fear and isolation, frustration and anger are ever-present, we are confronted by feelings of powerlessness. Amidst the chaos and confusion, we lose sight of your presence and give in to despair. We fail in love, neglect justice, and ignore your truth. Lord, save us. Help us to see that you are still here. Help us to see that you are still in control. We believe. Help our unbelief...

SILENT CONFESSION

L: Lord have mercy

P: Christ have mercy

L: Lord have mercy

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**In a world that offers so many lies and false stories,
help us live in this truth.**

We are held by a love that we are not required to deserve.

And nothing can separate us from that love of God. Nothing.

Lord, we believe. Help our unbelief.

**In the midst of so many questions, fears, and failures,
we are bold to find our home in this story:**

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, we are accepted
and everything is made new. Amen.

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee Hymn #310

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Sally Keller

(Children are invited to Children's Church following this time).

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 8:23-27

SERMON: "Why Are You Afraid?"

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go Hymn #384

Responding to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/DOXOLOGY

COMMUNION Organ Meditation: *Day By Day With Each Passing Moment*
arr. Alice Jordan

CHARGE/SENDING

ORGAN POSTLUDE Fanfare on 'Austrian Hymn' arr. Gordon Young



Prayers of the People

Call the office at (269) 945-5463 or email at office@firstchurchhastings.org to submit a prayer request, or praise, for yourself or a loved one. Urgent requests Fri-Sun, send to Pastor Nick (360) 927-3782.

MaryMartha Melendy requests prayers for sister-in-law, Karen (Melendy) Janutolo, who will be having spinal surgery in Muskegon on Monday, April 7. Please pray, A, that weather cooperates so she can travel from northern MI (Brutus) to Muskegon this weekend; B, for peace of mind for her as she faces the procedure, and C, for the surgeons and hospital staff, as well as for a successful procedure and recovery for Karen.

Continued prayers for the Baum family.

Thank You:

Thanks to all that have prayed, brought meals and sent cards. What a blessing to know that so many people have thought of us!

Gods blessings on all of you,

Lori and Mark Lute

The First Presbyterian Church Prayer Chain is an opportunity for all members and regular participants to pray for specific needs requested by anyone **with the permission of the person/s being prayed for.** If you wish to submit a prayer, contact Julia in the office at 269 945-5463 or feel free to fill out a form located at the Connection Point.

THIS WEEK ^{at} GLANCE



Sunday, April 6, 2025

Communion Sunday

Worship- In-Person & Live on Facebook 10:00 AM

Monday, April 7, 2025

Pickleball 3:15 PM

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Private Event-Gym 3:00 PM

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Bulletin Announcements

Trustee's Committee Meeting

Knit Wits 10:30 AM

Sweet Pickles(Gentle Play Pickleball) 1:30 PM

Pickleball 3:15 PM

Lenten Soup Supper 6:00 PM

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM

Artist Club 10:00 AM

Friday, April 11, 2025

Pickleball 9:15 AM

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

Worship- In-Person & Live on Facebook 10:00 AM

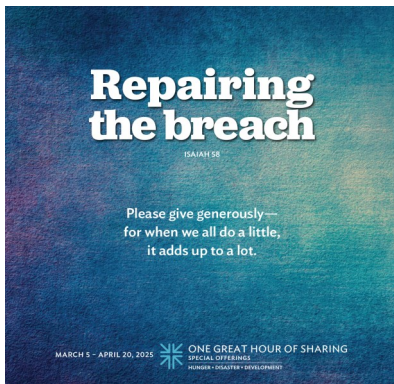
Youth Group 5:00 PM

Announcements

FPC WELCOMES Rev. Kyle Kooyers to the pulpit while Pastor Nick is on vacation.

COMMUNION HELPERS for Sunday: Cindy Preston Sunny Anderson
Deb Carpenter Dan Carpenter

THIS SEASON OF EASTER we again have the opportunity to participate in the Special Deacon Offering, either through regular envelopes, online, or personal checks. Your gifts designated for this will allow the Deacons to partner with the Mission Committee in addressing both congregational and community needs.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING is the annual offering from our church to the PCUSA Special Offerings. These funds help to support three focus areas: Disaster Assistance, Hunger Programs, and Self-Development of People. The insert and envelopes will be available in the upcoming bulletins, and collection will be Easter Sunday! Children also have the chance to give using the fish coin boxes that have been available in Sunday School.

CHOIR REHEARSAL in preparation for Easter Sunday continues. Rehearsal will not meet on April 9th. A final rehearsal will take place on April 16th from 6:30–7:30pm.

BELL CHOIR RESUMES! Anita will hold two bell choir rehearsals prior to a presentation during the service on May 4, 2025. Please email or text Patti to let her know you are able to attend both rehearsals in preparation for the service.

Rehearse: April 24 from 10-11a.m. and advanced players 10-11:30a.m.

Rehearse: May 1 from 10-11:00 a.m. and advanced players from 10:11:30a.m.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL with Pastor Nick will hold the last class on Sunday, April 13th at 8:30am in adult classroom #1.

GREETERS: Jack and Cheryl Hawley

Organ Notes

Because both of my music team colleagues are away this weekend, the music this Sunday will be more in the traditional vein. Our first hymn, *Fairest Lord Jesus*, is also known as the *Crusaders' Hymn*. However, interestingly it has nothing to do with the Crusades. The text for *Jesus the Very Thought of Thee* comes from a 12th century Latin poem that was not set to this hymn tune until 1886. Our final hymn addresses our commitment to God via Love, Light, and Joy and closes with an invocation of testimony to those attributes of the Cross. Let your singing reflect the inspiration I try to impart with varying the tonal accompaniments of each verse. If I'm playing quieter, sing more reflectively. Similarly, if I'm playing more robustly, sing with zeal! The communion organ mediation is a lovely setting of a Swedish hymn tune featuring the softer string stops of our pipe organ. The postlude is the antithesis of the communion organ solo. It is a full organ setting of the *Austrian Hymn* known to us as the familiar hymn, *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*.

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UPCOMING *Events*

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a church for all ages

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS OPEN

APPLY TODAY

Application Deadline – April 30th

Applications available in church office or see Brandon Johnson

WEDNESDAY
SOUP & SPEAKER
LENTEN LUNCH

**Schedule of Locations
and Devotional Speakers**
Wednesday 12:00pm - 1:00pm
April 9 at Grace Lutheran
Pastor Bryce Feighner

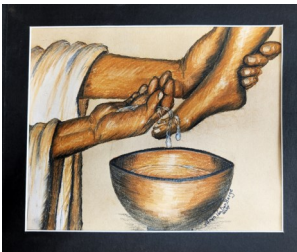
2025 LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS



THE ENNEAGRAM

Wednesdays April 9. 6-7:30 pm in the Narthex.

FPC 4th ANNUAL CALL TO ARTISTS



Artists of all ages, and all creative disciplines are called to use their God given talents to create and participate in the worship and ministry of FPC. All artwork must be submitted and approved for worship before it can be displayed and will be on display in the Sanctuary or Narthex during the Lenten Season, March 5 through Easter Sunday, April 20. Please email Karen Vandenberg for more information, karenv422@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY is accepting candy donations for our upcoming Easter egg hunt. If you would like to donate, please place candy in bin located by the Connection Point. Thank you.

JOIN US FOR THE
2ND ANNUAL
EASTER BRUNCH
Followed by an
Easter Egg Hunt
before service
April 20th, 2025
9am

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STAFF OFFICE HOURS:

Pastor Nick Marlatt Mon, Tues & Thurs. (call for appointment); Wed 1:00pm-3pm

Julia Bachman (Admin Assistant) Mon-Thurs: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Nancy Allarding (Financial Manager) Mon & Tues: 10:00am - 4:00pm

Brandon Johnson (Church Life Director/Youth Leader) Tues & Thurs: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Casey Raffler (Church Administrator) Tues & Thurs: 9am-2pm

Angela Stanton (Noah's Ark Preschool Director) During School Weeks: Mon, Tues, & Thurs: 7:45am-3:15pm Wed: 7:45am-1:15pm.



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