



Easter
SUNDAY
He is Risen

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 20, 2025

"God Moves...Out of the Tomb

April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

That's My King

CHORAL INTROIT: *The Splendor of Easter*, by Ed Kee

SALUTATION

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GATHERING PRAYER

Because He Lives

Holy Forever

CALL TO WORSHIP

Do not be afraid: Jesus is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

This is the good news by which we are saved:

On the third day Jesus rose from the dead.

The crucified one is risen from the dead.

We are witnesses: Christ is risen indeed!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Glory to you, O God: you have won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life. Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life. Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth. Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

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SILENT CONFESSION

L: Lord have mercy

P: Christ have mercy

L: Lord have mercy

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Lisa Brown

CHORAL ANTHEM

Risen As He Said, by John Innes

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:1-12

SERMON: "God Moves...Out of the Tomb"

Jesus Christ is Risen Today Hymn #123

Responding to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/DOXOLOGY

CHARGE/SENDING

SUNG BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE *The Strife Is O'er*, arr. Wilbur Held

Organ Notes

The traditional hymn offering today is, probably, one of the most sung hymns on this glorious day. I fondly remember singing this at a very young age when we went to church on Easter Sunday with my paternal grandmother in this huge Congregational church in Philadelphia. I was hooked on the hymn and the pipe organ ever since! This beloved Easter text began in Latin then German before reaching English by Charles Wesley in 1740. The organ postlude is not for the "faint of heart." It is a harmonically challenging piece to listen to as the arranger initially strives to represent the "strife" and suffering of Christ on the cross through considerable dissonance. The piece is in three sections: an opening fanfare with the melody appearing in double pedals, yes, both feet at the same time, a middle passacaglia with the melody in the reeds, and the final ending with the double pedaling again and full organ. Warning! The powerful dissonances continue until the final triumphant major chord, signifying the glory of Christ's resurrection.



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

Be in prayer for Bev Teegardin who has been hospitalized and hopes to return home soon.

Continued prayers for Don Groendyke, former Hastings resident & long-time friend of the Melendys, now living in AZ. Don has recently been hospitalized with cardiac issues and is waiting for a determination of which procedure can be done. He and his wife, Jane, are grateful to be remembered in your prayers.

Continued prayers for Chuck and Connie Semerad and the entire extended family as they navigate their lives in the unexpected. Pray especially for Chuck and Connie as they live apart, Chuck at home and Connie at Thornapple Manor.

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 20, 2025

Easter

Easter Brunch 9:00 AM

Easter Egg Hunt 9:30 AM

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

Monday, April 21, 2025

Stewardship Meeting 1:30 PM

Pickleball 3:15 PM

Private Event-Gym 7:00 PM

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

Staff Meeting 10:00 AM

Private Event-Gym 3:00 PM

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Bulletin Announcements

Knit Wits 10:30 AM

Sweet Pickles(Gentle Play Pickleball) 1:30 PM

Pickleball 3:15 PM

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Artist Club 10:00 AM

Bells Rehearsal 10:00 AM

Oldies But Goodies Group Care Group 2:30 PM

Thornapple Jazz Orchestra Concert 5:00 PM

Friday, April 25, 2025

Pickleball 9:15 AM

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Private Event-Gym 10:00 AM

Private Event-Gym 4:00 PM

Sunday, April 27, 2025

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

Youth Group 5:00 PM

Announcements

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS can be found at the Connection Point.

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. If you have special gifts, you may use the envelope provided last week, or just mark your payment as "One Great Hour". Children may turn in their coin boxes during Sunday School! If you forgot anything, please get it to the church office this week.

EASTER FLOWERS: For those that ordered a tulip or daffodil through the Deacons and will be taking it home, please do so after the service today. Volunteers will be in the Sanctuary and Narthex with a list of what was ordered if you need to assistance. Remaining flowers will be taken by Deacons to homebound friends.

THANK YOU to all who were able to donate candy for the Easter Egg Hunt.

FPC'S CALL TO ARTIST: Please pick up your artwork after today's service. Thanks to all who participated.

GREETERS: Dave and Tracy Solmes

Upcoming
DEADLINES



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
a church for all ages

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS OPEN

APPLY TODAY

Application Deadline – April 30th

Applications available in church office or see Brandon Johnson

UPCOMING EVENTS



THORNAPPLE JAZZ ORCHESTRA CONCERT

will be held in the sanctuary on April 24 at 7:30PM. Guest Soloist will be Edge Evans-Hyde. Come and enjoy the performance.

BARRY COUNTY CARES

**Shopping Cart will be in the
Narthex for the month of
May.**



ITEMS NEEDED:

- *Laundry Detergent (dollar store size)**
- *Toilet Paper**
- *All Purpose Cleaner/Sanitizer**
- *Paper Towel**
- *Deodorant- Men's**
- *Toothbrushes for Adults**
- *Dish Detergent (small/medium size)**
- *Toothpaste for Adults**
- *Deodorant- Men and Women**
- *Shampoo for adults**
- *Conditioner for adults**

There are reminder cards with this information located at the Connection Point

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STAFF OFFICE HOURS:

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Julia Bachman (Administrative 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: 9:00am -2:00pm

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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