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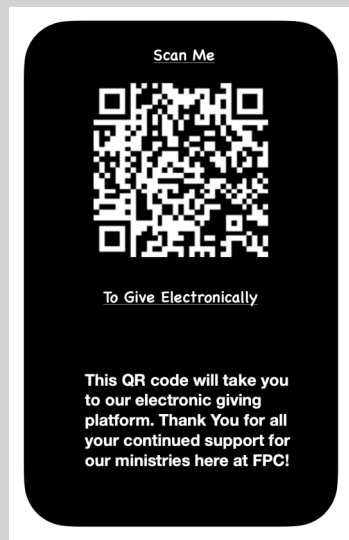
Sunday Worship - 10:00 am  
On Facebook & the Website  
[www.firstchurchhastings.org](http://www.firstchurchhastings.org)

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**Preparation for Worship**

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



**“Forgiveness of Sin”**



*January 28, 2024*

**4rd Sunday after Epiphany**



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*Please take a moment to reflect and pray as we begin to worship our Lord.*

PRELUDE: *Here I Am to Worship*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GATHERING PRAYER:

*Lord I Need You*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Sing to the Lord a new song;

**Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

God does not take delight in animal sacrifice or burnt offerings.

**My sacrifice is a broken spirit and contrite heart.**

Create in me a pure heart, O God,

**and renew a steadfast spirit within us.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION:

**God of majesty and light, you hold the whole world in your hand. So we give you our great praise that in Jesus Christ all people may see your glory. We thank you for revealing Jesus to be your Son and for claiming our lives in baptism to be his glad disciples. By your Spirit, may peace descend upon us, that we may follow him with grateful hearts. Take us and all we have to be useful in your service, God of all nations, in the gracious name of Jesus Christ, your Son, by the power of your Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

*Blessed Assurance*

CALL TO CONFESSION:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**O Lord, your teaching is perfect, reviving the soul—yet we fail to receive the gift of grace you offer. Your testimony is sure, enlightening the mind—yet we fail to bear witness to your way of truth and life. Forgive us, God of grace. Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight; through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.**

SILENT CONFESSION:

L: Lord have mercy

**P: Christ have mercy**

L: Lord have mercy

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Sally Keller

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

**Proclaiming God's Word**

SCRIPTURE: Mark 2:1-12

SERMON: "Forgiveness of Sin"

*Seek Ye First*

**Responding to God's Word**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/DOXOLOGY:

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: The Blessing



### **Prayers of the People**

*Call the office at (269) 945-5463 or email at [office@firstchurchhastings.org](mailto: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*

*Prayers for healing for Joyce Hammond after a fall at home. She is currently at Thornapple Manor for rehab.*

*Continued prayers for Chuck and Connie Semerad in this new year. Chuck's goal is for him and Connie to get stronger so they can try and visit Syracuse.*

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 <sup>at</sup> GLANCE



Sunday, January 28, 2024

<b>Adult Sunday School</b>	8:30 AM
<b>Worship- In-Person &amp; Live on Facebook</b>	10:00 AM
<b>Pancake Breakfast</b>	11:00 AM
<b>Leadership Training</b>	11:30 AM
<b>Youth Group</b>	5:00 PM

Monday, January 29, 2024

<b>Pickleball</b>	3:15 PM
<b>Private Event</b>	7:00 PM

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

<b>Private Event in the Gym</b>	3:00 PM
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Wednesday, January 31, 2024

<b>Bulletin Announcements</b>	
<b>Knit Wits</b>	10:30 AM
<b>Sweet Pickles/Gentle Play</b>	1:30 PM
<b>Bernie, Sue, Rick, Karen Care Group</b>	2:00 PM
<b>Pickleball</b>	3:15 PM
<b>Praise Team Practice</b>	6:30 PM

Thursday, February 1, 2024

<b>Men's Bible Study</b>	9:00 AM
<b>Red Cross Blood Drive</b>	12:00 PM
<b>Women Afternoon Bible Study</b>	1:30 PM
<b>Private Event in the Gym</b>	4:30 PM
<b>Family Dinner Night</b>	6:30 PM

Friday, February 2, 2024

<b>Pickleball</b>	9:15 AM
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Saturday, February 3, 2024

<b>Open Play Pickleball</b>	10:00 AM
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Sunday, February 4, 2024

<b>Communion Sunday</b>	
<b>Adult Sunday School</b>	8:30 AM
<b>Worship- In-Person &amp; Live on Facebook</b>	10:00 AM
<b>Youth Group</b>	5:00 PM

# Announcements

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**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** can be found at the Connection Point.

**FPC'S ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will take place on February 4, 2024 after the morning service. Annual Reports are available and are located at the Connection Point.

**CALLING ALL ARTISTS!** FPC is excited to announce our **3rd Annual CALL TO ARTISTS** event. Artists are invited to create art (painting, drawing, chalking, pottery, glasswork, woodwork, photography, poetry, knitting, textiles, stories, music, etc.) to be displayed during Lent. Lent starts early this year (Ash Wednesday is February 14th) so hoping those creative juices are flowing in this cold weather! Forms can be found in the Office. Also if you would like a copy of Pastor Nick's sermons topics, they can be found there as well. If you have any questions, contact Karen VanDenBerge.

**HAND 2 HAND** is looking for some donations to help fill weekend meal bags for 84 Southeastern students. We are in need of fruit snacks and granola bars. These are staples that we send home almost every week. Donations can be dropped off in the Hand to Hand box in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

**2024-2025 PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION** church Family Registration for the 24-25 school year started on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms and information sheets are in the church office. Please contact Angie Stanton-Noah's Ark Director with any questions @ [noahsark@firstchurchhastings.org](mailto:noahsark@firstchurchhastings.org) or call 269-945-5463 x3008. As always we appreciate prayers for our current students and families as well as prayers that lead new families to our ministry.

**CHURCH COMMUNICATION** Not receiving emails from FPC? We suggest you check your spam folder. Sometimes emails are not recognized and are sent to spam. The emails that are being sent out allow congregation members to keep up to date on the bulletin, newsletters, prayer requests, and other church communications.

## ADULT Sunday School

### THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

An overview of the key places, terms, history and current issues in the on-going Israel-Palestinian Conflict. This class will provide context to inform how we understand the current conflict in the Gaza Strip so we can have informed conversations regarding a difficult and contentious topic.  
Sunday mornings 8:30am.

**TODAY'S GREETERS:** Youth Group

**GAMES AND GAB** is a fun fellowship opportunity - sponsored by the Deacons! The first and third Mondays of the month from 1-3 p.m. The game room will be located in upstairs adult classroom 2 and will be open for a variety of board and card games. We are keeping it simple with coffee, tea, and water available. Please bring your favorite games. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend or someone new to our church to join in the fellowship. Now that the weather is getting colder, come join us for some indoor fun. **We ask that you sign in and out at the office.**

**FPC Walking Club** invites you, your friends, and family to come and walk. Monday through Thursday, 10am-3:30pm on our second floor. **We request that you sign in & out in the church office.**

**COMMUNION HELPERS FOR FEBRUARY 4:** Kim Bosma    Tracy Solmes  
Nancy Allering

**UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORIES** are available at the Connection Point. Please be sure to take the directory that has your families name on the cover.

## Blood Drive

### First Presbyterian Church

Thursday, February 1, 2024

12:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

For an appointment visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code: Hastings Community, or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

**Incentive:** \$20 Amazon.com gift card

**Dates:** 2/1/24-2/29/24

*\*Share your heart! **Come give in Feb. for a \$20 Amazon.com Gift Card by email.***  
See [rcblood.org/heart](https://rcblood.org/heart)



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## **Children's Ministry Leader**

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## **STAFF OFFICE HOURS:**

Pastor Nick Marlatt Mon & Thurs. (call for appointment); Tues & Wed 9:00am-5:00pm

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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