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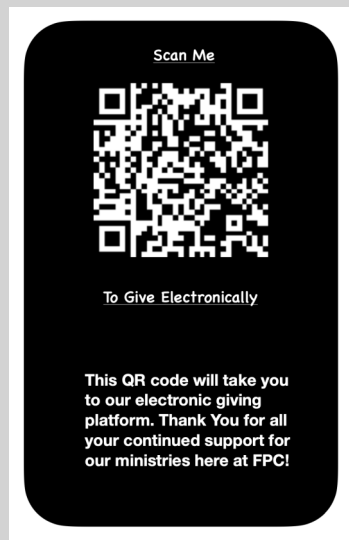
Sunday Worship - 10:00 am  
On Facebook & the Website  
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**Preparation for Worship**

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



**"The Love Teacher"**



*April 28, 2024*

**5th Sunday after Easter**



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

*Build My Life*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GATHERING PRAYER

*Be Still and Know That He is God*

*You are Mine*

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed.**

God will have mercy on us according to His steadfast love and abundant mercy.

**Our transgressions will be blotted out, we will be washed clean.**

God creates clean hearts within us,

**And God renews our spirits within us.**

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.**

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: 1 John 4:1-21

SERMON: "The Love Teacher"

*The Gift of Love*

**Responding to God's Word**

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

OFFERING/DOXOLOGY

*Breathe On Me Breath of God* #316

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE *A Festive Trumpet Tune*, by Gilbert M. Martin

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## **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

*The Hopkins family wish to thank the congregation for the prayers. Their grandson Theodore has come home after 6 months in the NICU. Continued prayers for his condition are appreciated.*

*We lift Bill Potts (the brother of MaryMartha Melendy) before you once again for prayers this week. His recovery journey from surgery last month has been a struggle. He is due for another surgical procedure Wednesday of this week, but was readmitted to the hospital tonight with intestinal issues. We don't know if he's strong enough to endure Wednesday's procedure. Please pray for wisdom for the medical team and strength and recovery for him.*

*Be in prayer for Bert Nelson's wife, Susanne. She recently fell and hurt her back. Pray for pain relief and healing.*

*Continue to pray for the Logan's ask for prayers for their daughter, Jennifer Day. Jennifer recently received a cancer diagnosis. Pray for the family as they navigate through this diagnosis.*

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, April 28, 2024

**Adult Sunday School** 8:30 AM

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

**New Member's Class** 11:30 AM

**Youth Group** 5:00 PM

Monday, April 29, 2024

**Pickleball** 3:15 PM

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

**Staff Meeting** 10:00 AM

**Private Event in the Gym** 3:00 PM

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

**Bulletin Announcements**

**Knit Wits** 10:30 AM

**Sweet Pickles/Gentle Play** 1:30 PM

**Pickleball** 3:15 PM

Thursday, May 2, 2024

**Men's Bible Study** 9:00 AM

**Women's Evening Bible Study** 5:30 PM

**NAP's Science Night** 6:00 PM

Friday, May 3, 2024

**Pickleball** 9:15 AM

Sunday, May 5, 2024

**Communion Sunday**

**Adult Sunday School** 8:30 AM

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

**New Member's Class** 11:30 AM

**Youth Group** 5:00 PM

## *Announcements*

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** can be found at the table closest to the sanctuary.

**NEW MEMBERS CLASSES:** Are you interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church? Are you interested in becoming a member of the congregation? Join us after worship (from 11:30am to 12:30pm) through May 12. Attendance does not mean you are committing to becoming a member of the congregation. Sign up at the Connection Point or contact the office for more information.

**UPCOMING COMMUNION HELPERS:** For Sunday, May 5th are:

Tracy Solmes

Rex Brown

Larry Winkler

Lisa Brown

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Join us at 8:30 am as we discuss the brief statement of beliefs of the congregation. We will learn how the document was created and look at the information included in more depth. Bring your questions and your enthusiasm to learn and grow.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will resume on May 2nd at 9AM.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Beginning May 16th at 1:30 PM you are invited to join Debbie Rang for a book club style Bible study. Debbie will lead you through Savannah Guthrie's "Mostly What God Does: Reflections on Seeking and Finding His Love Everywhere". You can purchase this book as a Kindle book or regular book through Amazon. You'll be exploring six themes in this study: love, presence, praise, grace, hope, and purpose. Please let Debbie know you'll be joining her by signing up at The Connection Point or emailing her at [4bells1@gmail.com](mailto:4bells1@gmail.com).

**COSTA RICA MISSION 2024:** The Mission team has set the dates for our 2024 international mission trip to La Carpio, San Jose, Costa Rica! Travel dates are November 5-13. If you have any questions or are interested, please contact Steve Laubaugh.

**IT IS DONE!** If you haven't heard the warming station behind the church is finished! Jon Kensington from Kensington Concept's designed and built this beautiful structure. Noah's Ark used grant funds for this project. This unique structure will be used as a warming area for our students on cold days, a gathering area at our family events and even a cooking station some days! We welcome ministry groups to use the warming station by filling out a facility request form for an event. Special thanks to the Deacons, Trustees, and Pickle Ball Players for helping with the facility costs of the gas and electrical lines. A HUGE thank you to Dave Allerding for all the hours spent making sure this project came to be! We are so excited for this addition to our program!

**GREETERS:** Don and Sue Granner



# Announcements

## Music Notes

The first two stanzas of the song following today's sermon are in the first-person singular and lead us into a plural prayer for the gift of love. The final verse touches on the yearning for inward love. Our closing hymn tune is by English organist, Robert Jackson, and is a standard in North American hymnals. In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally be translated as "breath" or "wind." I will start this hymn with a very modest registration (the sounds, or pipes I use) and gradually build each verse tonally. The postludes this Sunday and next are both by my second favorite organ composer/arranger, Gilbert M. Martin. They feature our newly rebuilt reed pipes, the 8' and 4' trumpet and oboe ranks, augmented by two digital ranks, the 8' Willis trumpet, and the newest digital addition to the instrument, an 8' Krummhorn. The sounds are powerful and will, hopefully, conclude this morning's service in a tonally majestic manner.

## UPCOMING *Events*



It's scholarship time!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
a church for all ages

Applications available at Church Office  
Due By: May 1st 2024  
Contact: [Branden Johnson bjohnson@firstchurchastings.org](mailto:Branden.Johnson@firstchurchastings.org)



GRADUATION  
*Sunday*  
May 19



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
**VBS 2024**  
**HEROES OF THE BIBLE**  
JUNE 11TH, 12TH, 13TH



We're Going Back!!!! Marquette MI  
**MISSION TRIP**  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
July 28th - August 3rd  
2024

 Marquette County  
Habitat  
for Humanity

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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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