



Rev. Nick Marlatt

Pastor

nmarlatt@firstchurchhastings.org

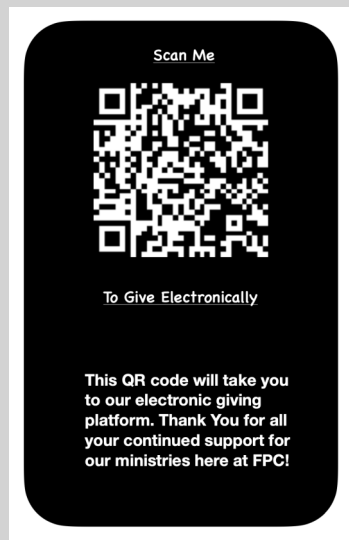
Sunday Worship - 10:00 am
On Facebook & the Website
www.firstchurchhastings.org

**Watch us live via
Facebook or Website!**



Preparation for Worship

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



"Faith or Works"



September 8, 2024
16th Sunday after Pentecost
Rally Sunday



W
E
L
C
O
M
E

"Faith or Works"

September 8, 2024
16th Sunday after Pentecost
Rally Sunday

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE (Psalm 118:24)

This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

GATHERING PRAYER

MORNING PSALM (Psalm 100)

1 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. 2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. 3 Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. 5 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Fairest Lord Jesus (see insert)

What A Friend We Have in Jesus (see insert)

TRANSITION INTO NARTHEX AND THE 1950's

Medley of favorite worship songs from the 1950's (see insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most holy and merciful Father; We acknowledge and confess before Thee; Our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good; And all our shortcomings and offenses. Thou alone knows how often we have sinned; In wandering from Thy ways; In wasting Thy gifts; In forgetting Thy love. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us; Who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased Thee. Teach us to hate our errors; Cleanse us from our secret faults; And forgive our sins; For Thy sake of Thy dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father; Help us, we beseech Thee; To live in Thy light and walk in Thy ways; According to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Shout to the Lord

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Sally Keller
(Children are invited to Children's Church following this time).

TRANSITION INTO THE SANCTUARY AND THE 2020'S

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE: James 2:1-17

SERMON: "Faith or Works"

Great Are You Lord

Responding to God's Word

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/DOXOLOGY

This is Amazing Grace

CHARGE/SENDING

SUNG BENEDICTION *The Church's One Foundation*

[Sung at the 150th anniversary worship service]

ORGAN POSTLUDE *The Church's One Foundation* arr. Husted

Opening Hymn/Organ Notes

The two opening hymns, which will be sung outdoors and historically acapella, were chosen for two reasons: They are both in our hymnal, and their texts were written in 1850 and 1855 respectively. The music for *Fairest Lord, Jesus* was written before the text in 1842, and the music to *What a Friend We Have In Jesus* was written after and for that text in 1868. Our sung benediction is a stalwart in Protestant hymnals. *The Church's One Foundation* was sung as the concluding hymn at FPC's 150th year celebration in 1999 and will be used today as well. All five verses will be sung with our 2023 rebuilt Scott Smith pipe organ leading the singing. The postlude is a setting of the same by renowned American organist and composer, Don Husted.

Hymn Notes -Narthex

The evolution of Contemporary Christian Music becoming chart busters began in 1950 with a decade of famous artists, artists including The Jordanaires, Hank Williams, Marian Anderson, Mahalia Jackson, Elvis Presley, Laurie London, Marty Robbins, and Sister Rosetta Tharpe. We will be singing a few pieces that were popular with the young people during this timeframe.



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

Pray for Earlene Baum as she fell and had to have surgery to mend a fractured hip.

Pray for Marge Roets as she will be having hip surgery on Monday, September 9th.

Continue to pray for Lynn McConnell as he deals with medical issues.

Continued prayers for the Baker-Keller and Vanderplas families for the passing of Sara (Joe) Keller's father, Gerry Vanderplas.

Continued prayers for Gary Kimble as he recovers from surgery.



OUR DAILY BREAD

devotions for September, October and November are located on a round table closest to the sanctuary. We invite you to take a copy home.

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, September 8, 2024	
Rally Sunday	
Worship- In-Person & Live on Facebook	10:00 AM
Youth Group	5:00 PM
Monday, September 9, 2024	
Peace Through Grief	9:00 AM
Pickleball	3:15 PM
Private Event-Sanctuary	4:00 PM
Worship and Music Ministry Meeting - In Person	5:15 PM
Family Ministry Meeting-In Person	6:30 PM
Mission Committee Meeting via email	7:00 PM
Private Event	7:00 PM
Tuesday, September 10, 2024	
Prayer Team	9:30 AM
Staff Meeting	10:00 AM
Deacons Meeting	6:30 PM
Wednesday, September 11, 2024	
Bulletin Announcements	
Knit Wits	10:30 AM
Pickleball	3:15 PM
Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM
Praise Team Rehearsal	6:30 PM
Thursday, September 12, 2024	
Men's Fall Bible Study	9:00 AM
Friday, September 13, 2024	
Pickleball	9:15 AM
Sunday, September 15, 2024	
Adult Bible School	8:30 AM
Worship- In-Person & Live on Facebook	10:00 AM
Youth Group	5:00 PM

Announcements

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

JOIN US after service for lunch and fellowship as we celebrate the start of our fall ministries.

A NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: On September 15 and October 13, Deacons will begin taking pictures for a 2025 directory. There will also be an opportunity to opt into an online directory. More information will be released soon. We are hoping to catch snowbirds before they leave town and welcome both members and friends of FPC to be included in the directory - Thank you!

ARTIST CLUB AT FPC: Do you like to "ART"? Do you love to get messy? Does the smell of paint, glue, chalk, markers or crayons appeal to you? Do you get excited about the possibilities of what you can do with scissors, paper, wood or found objects? Do you ever wish you had a group of friends to do ART and chat with about ART? I would really like to start an Artist Club here at FPC. So I am inviting anyone (of any age) who is interested in getting together to fellowship and do art to be a part of an Artist Club right here at FPC. You don't need to be a Rembrandt or a Picasso. Just be YOU. Bring your current project and supplies with you and work as we chat about art. Or if you need inspiration or want to learn something new, I will have some project ideas and supplies to work with. Please contact Karen

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY- The Mission Committee appreciates your support for the Hand2Hand program and our support for Southeastern Elementary. Here are some follow-up details in regards to programs:

Mentors: If you are interested in becoming a mentor, or want to discuss an idea you might have for enrichment programs - please contact Steve Laubaugh. stevelaubaugh@gmail.com or 269-320-3247

Hand2Hand Sponsorships: Tags are still available on the sponsorship board in the narthex. Please make checks out to FPC with H2H in the memo line. Checks can be returned in future offering plates or to the office.

Hand2Hand Food Donations: If you took a tag to bring food back, you can drop that off at any time to the food collection box area in the narthex. No need to return the tag - these are food items that we just keep stocked for regular packing. Please drop them by September 15.

The bulletin board will stay in place for a couple weeks - so if you missed the service on August 18, you will still have chances to give.

Gratefully,

The Mission Committee

GREETERS: Linda McGuire and Bonnie Schiedel



MEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Thursday Sept. 12 at 9am

The God of His Word....by Kathie Lee Gifford with Rabbi Jason Sobel

In this six week video study, we'll explore some of the names for God used in Scripture and reveal what they say about his nature and character. We will discover that God's love, mercy, and care for his creation never changes. The God of his Word always keeps his word and he promises to always care for you.

Please sign up and pickup your study guide at the Connection Point. The fee for the study guide is \$10.

If you have any questions, please call Dave Storms, 616-558-8611.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

(Sunday 8:30-9:30am)

beginning September 15

Christianity and Politics: a match made in heaven or hell?

Join us this fall as we look at the relationship between our faith and politics. Should our faith impact our politics? If, so, how? This is not a class to tell you how to vote or who to vote for, but a look at what the Bible teaches about how to live our faith in the communities we live in. Please join us for this timely and courteous discussion.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Do you know what the Bible tells us about the Holy Spirit? Join the Women's Bible Study led by Debbie Rang, "What's in the Bible About the Holy Spirit". This is a 5 week study, starting Thursday September 19, 1:30 p.m. and ending Thursday October 17. Sign up at the Connection Point and take a workbook home.

First Presbyterian Church - Contact List

269-945-5463

Pastor

Rev. Nick Marlatt x3003 nmarlatt@firstchurchhastings.org

Administrative Assistant

Julia Bachman x3001 office@firstchurchhastings.org

Financial Manager

Nancy Allarding x3004 nallerding@firstchurchhastings.org

Kitchen Manager

Liz Allarding x3012 slallerding@gmail.com

Noah's Ark Preschool Director

Angie Stanton x3008 noahsark@firstchurchhastings.org

Church Life Director/Youth Leader

Brandon Johnson Cell: (269) 808-0102 x3005 bjohnson@firstchurchhastings.org

Facility Manager

Jim Daniels x3024 custodian@firstchurchhastings.org

Church Administrator

Casey Raffler x3010 craffler@firstchurchhastings.org

Worship/Music Leaders

x3006 worshipleader@firstchurchhastings.org

Patti LaJoye

Bob Oster

Brandon Johnson

Children's Ministry Leader

Zoey Ziny zoeyziny@gmail.com

STAFF OFFICE HOURS:

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

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: 9:00am -2:00pm

Angela Stanton (Noah's Ark Preschool Director) Summer Hours -Tues 9am-2:30pm or email at noahsarkpreschool@firstchurchhastings.org



405 N. M-37 Highway | Hastings, MI 49058

www.firstchurchhastings.org

www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchHastingsMi