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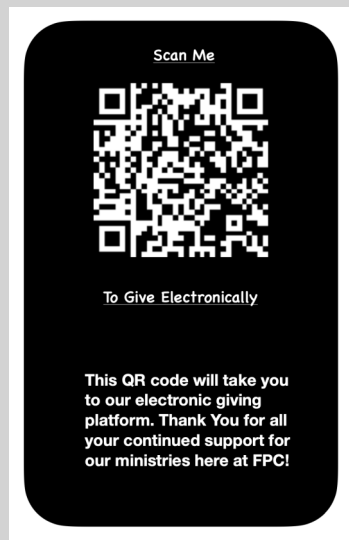
Sunday Worship - 10:00 am  
On Facebook & the Website  
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**Preparation for Worship**

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



**"Lepers Cleansed"**



February 4, 2024  
**5th Sunday after Epiphany**



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

PRE SERVICE TEACHING: *Healer* (Chorus)

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GATHERING PRAYER:

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*  
*Seek Ye First (Sovereign Grace)*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Sing to the Lord a new song;

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

To Jesus we cry: Cleanse us, O Lord!

**By the mercy of Christ we are made clean.**

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.**

*He Leadeth Me*

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: Pastor Nick

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

**Proclaiming God's Word**

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 8:1-4

SERMON: "Lepers Cleansed"

*Healer*

**Responding to God's Word**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/DOXOLOGY:

COMMUNION:

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE:



### ***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*

*Jim Bruce has been released from the hospital. Continue to pray for him as he recovers from pneumonia.*

*Be in prayer for the Bruce family in the death of Sandy's brother in law, Ron Szirovecz. Pray for his wife, Sharon as she and her family grieve the loss.*

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

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, February 4, 2024

**Communion Sunday**

**Adult Sunday School** 8:30 AM

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

**Youth Group** 5:00 PM

Monday, February 5, 2024

**Pickleball** 3:15 PM

**Mission Committee Meeting** 7:00 PM

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

**Hand2Hand Volunteering** 10:00 AM

**Hand2Hand Coffee** 10:45 AM

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

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

**Bulletin Announcements**

**Knit Wits** 10:30 AM

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

**Pickleball** 3:15 PM

**NAP's 3's & Young 4's Valentine Program** 6:00 PM

Thursday, February 8, 2024

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

**Women Afternoon Bible Study** 1:30 PM

**Private Event in the Gym** 4:30 PM

**NAP's 4's and Young 5's Valentine Program** 6:00 PM

Friday, February 9, 2024

**Pickleball** 9:15 AM

Saturday, February 10, 2024

**Gym Rental** 10:00 AM

Sunday, February 11, 2024

**Adult Sunday School** 8:30 AM

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

**Youth Group** 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 today after Sunday service. Annual Reports are available and are located at the Connection Point.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS** for February 7th-15th will be Monday-Thursday from 10am-2pm. Our own Wendy Kimble will be filling in while Julia is on vacation. Also note that the office will be closed on Monday, February 19th, but will open at 9am on February 20th.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS** are available at the connection Point.

**THE DEACONS** will once again be taking orders for Easter flowers to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday and to also take to our homebound friends. You will have the option to order daffodils or tulips. Orders and payment will be due by Monday, March 4th. Flowers will be \$11 each this year. Order form will be included in next Sunday's bulletin or at the Connection Point. Orders and money may be turned into the office or the Connection Point. Please contact Kristen Laubaugh with questions ([kristenlaubaugh@gmail.com](mailto:kristenlaubaugh@gmail.com) or (269-320-3248).

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** Many hands make light work and, the Faith Security team could use more hands! If you have interest or questions regarding joining the security team, please contact Dave Allerding.

**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!

**TODAY'S GREETERS:** Tracy Solmes and Jan Reynolds

# Announcements

**COMMUNION HELPERS :** Kim Bosma Tracy Solmes Nancy Allerding

**PER CAPITA:** If you would like to partner with the church and help pay your individual PER CAPITA amount for 2024, the amount per member is \$40.05.

PER CAPITA, is an amount each PCUSA church is assessed per member that enables Presbyterians mutually and equitably to share the ecclesiastical and administrative costs of sustaining our witness to Christ - as a sign of the covenant that binds us together.

Please mark in the memo line of your check, Per Capita, and thank you!

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.

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY FOR LENT

Have you resisted, defied, or tried to bargain your way out of what you thought God wanted? You aren't alone. Scripture documents similar stories.

In this Easter Study Andy Stanley looks at some of the people whose lives intersected with Jesus in the weeks leading to his crucifixion. Each of them had an agenda that put them at odds with God and Jesus. As you'll see, there's a little bit of them in all of us. Why Easter Matters will be a four week long study beginning on February 22. We will meet in the adult meeting room from 9 am - 10:15 am. Study guides will be available at the Connection Point beginning in early February for \$10. Anyone interested in participating should sign up at the connection Point.

For more information, please call Dave Storms, 616-558-8611. Hope to see you all there.

**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.**

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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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