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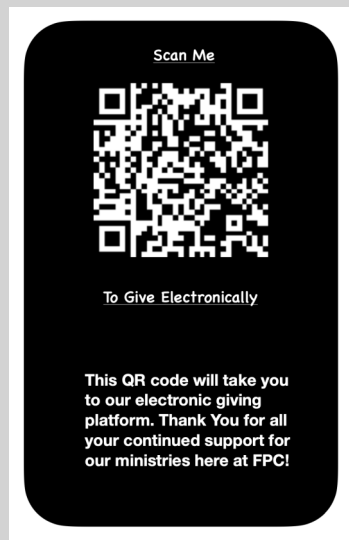
Sunday Worship - 10:00 am
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Preparation for Worship

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



"God Moves... Into the Desert"



March 9, 2025

1st Sunday of Lent



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

That's My King

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GATHERING PRAYER

*King of Kings and
Great are You Lord*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Matt. 4:10; Gen. 9:12; Rom. 10:8,13)

Tested by the devil in the wilderness, Jesus said:

You shall worship the Lord your God alone.

God's promise is for all generations;

God's covenant is with every living thing.

The word of God is near to us.

Call on the Lord and you will be saved.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O Christ, Savior, like the seed fallen to the ground, you suffered death.

United to you, our lives will bear much fruit.

We praise you, Lord.

O Christ, you went down to the lowest point of the human condition; you remain close to all who are abandoned.

We praise you, Lord.

In your love you took upon yourself our sins; innocent, you accepted death to free us from death.

We praise you, Lord.

By your love you conquered evil and hatred, and you live forever at the Father's side.

We praise you, Lord.

You listen to us in your goodness, and you visit us in our misfortune; fill our hearts to overflowing by revealing to us the light of your face.

We praise you, Lord. Amen.



CALL OF CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

SILENT CONFESSION

L: Lord have mercy

P: Christ have mercy

L: Lord have mercy

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above Hymn #483

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Nick

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

God with Us

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE: Luke 4:1-13

SERMON: "God Moves... Into the Desert"

Spirit of God, Descend, Upon My Heart Hymn #326

Responding to God's Word

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

MOMENT FOR MISSION-Noah's Ark Preschool

OFFERING/DOXOLOGY

BENEDICTION

CHARGE/SENDING

ORGAN POSTLUDE *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*, arr. Gilbert M. Martin



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.

Prayers for Don Granner. Don has been having some heart arrhythmias and after being on a monitor for a couple weeks, he saw see a cardiologist who specializes in arrhythmias on Wednesday. Pray for answers and that the medical staff can treat his symptoms.

Patti LaJoye asks for continued prayers for God's healing presence for Maddie, granddaughter of a friend of Patti's, who is out of her 2.5 week coma. Praising God! There is a mountain to climb before she can be home but she is moving to rehab. The family appreciates all the prayers.

Continued prayers for Chuck and Connie Semerad as they continue to navigate the challenges of living apart.

Thank You

FPC Friends,

As I sit reviewing all the beautiful, thoughtful cards that I have received, I appreciate our church family all over again! Thank you all for remembering me as I recover from knee replacement surgery. It will take time and therapy to get back on my feet, but with the Lord's help, healing will come. God Bless you all!

Sincerely, Joanne Rutzen

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, March 9, 2025

Adult Bible School	8:30 AM
Worship- In-Person & Live on Facebook	10:00 AM
Youth Group	5:00 PM

Monday, March 10, 2025

Peace Through Grief	9:00 AM
Pickleball	3:15 PM

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Staff Meeting	10:00 AM
Private Event-Gym	3:00 PM
NAP's Ministry Meeting	3:30 PM
Mission Committee Meeting	7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Bulletin Announcements	
Trustee's Committee Meeting	
Knit Wits	10:30 AM
Sweet Pickles(Gentle Play Pickleball)	1:30 PM
Pickleball	3:15 PM
Lenten Soup Supper	6:00 PM

Thursday, March 13, 2025

Men's Bible Study	9:00 AM
Artist Club	10:00 AM
Family Ministries Meeting via Zoom	6:30 PM

Friday, March 14, 2025

CPR Training for Noah's Ark Staff	8:00 AM
Pickleball	9:15 AM

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Adult Bible School	8:30 AM
Praise Team Rehearsal	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 Connection Point.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS are available at the connection Point.

EASTER FLOWERS: the Deacons are 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. The cost is \$11 per plant. Order forms are in today's bulletin or at the Connection Point. Place completed order forms in container at Connection Point or in the church office.

DO YOU WANT TO SPONSOR A YOUNG ARTIST? Do you want to foster creativity & exploration? Noah's Ark Preschool is looking for congregation members to sponsor art supplies for each of our students for the 2025-2026 school year. With a \$25 donation you can provide enough materials for 1 student for the whole school year! For details on how to be an art sponsor visit the display in the Narthex near the windows.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS for March 10th-20th will be Monday-Thursday from 10am-2pm. Our own Wendy Kimble will be filling in while Julia is on vacation.

ARE YOU NEW TO FPC? Stop by the Connection Point and fill out a Welcome Card. Let us know if you would like to receive the bulletin and/or newsletter via email. We are glad that you are here.

GREETER: Sunny Andersen

Organ Notes

The first hymn today will be a sharp contrast to the opening praise songs. The German hymn tune is one of exuberance and is an excellent pairing with the powerful text. The tune is from a Bohemian songbook from the early 16th century; the composer, however, is unknown. Our second hymn, in contrast, is more prayerful. In it, we ask God to move within us so that we may live a life of whole-hearted devotion to Him, aware of his presence and motivated by His love. The postlude is a "war-horse," and I vacillated on whether to play it my first Sunday back after being off for two months. But, common sense did not prevail, and I'm "jumping back in with both feet." (Hopefully, they will coordinate with what my fingers are playing!) The hymn tune, *Wareham*, which appears in three different hymns in our hymnal is, most likely, not familiar. The piece opens with a fanfare, followed by the hymn tune as a solo line with a single line accompaniment. The fanfare theme then reappears, ending with full organ. You'll hear the low 32' pedal reed on the last note....yes, that's what makes the rumble!

UPCOMING Events



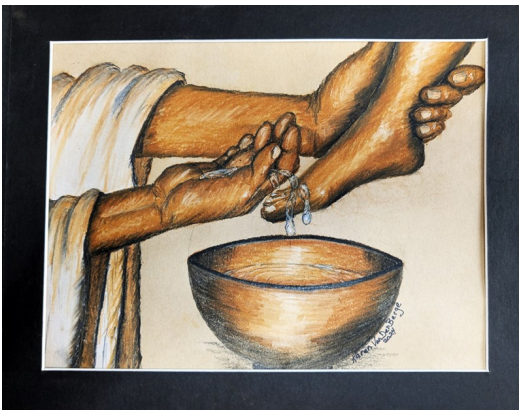
2025 LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

THE ENNEAGRAM

Sometimes life is like living in eternal quicksand, we respond to life's ups and downs with unhealthy strategies and fall into the same patterns that feel impossible to escape. The truth is, we can't overcome anything on our own. But by God's grace and mercy, He pulls us out of the pits we fall into, restores us, and gives us hope and clarity.

While the Gospel alone brings healing, the Enneagram is an amazing resource and tool to illuminate a person's heart to see if it is aligned with the gospel, misaligned to some degree, or out of alignment entirely. It will help you see where you are misunderstanding others and then use that to transform your relationships. This can prove to be a significant turning point in your personal and spiritual life when you approach others with more empathy, compassion, and grace.

Wednesday, March 12 through Wednesday, April 9. 6-7:30 pm in the Narthex.



FPC 4th annual **CALL TO ARTISTS**

Artists of all ages, and all creative disciplines are called to use their God given talents to create and participate in the worship and ministry of FPC. All artwork must be submitted and approved for worship before it can be displayed and will be on display in the Sanctuary or Narthex during the Lenten Season, March 5 through Easter Sunday, April 20. Please email Karen Vandenberg for more information, karenv422@gmail.com



Schedule of Locations and Devotional Speakers

Wednesdays 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

March 12 at Green Street Church; Pastor Ken Scheck
March 19 at First Presbyterian; Fr. Jeff Hanley
March 26 at St. Rose; Pastor Danny Quanstrom
April 2 at Hastings Nazarene; Pastor Nick Marlatt
April 9 at Grace Lutheran; Pastor Bryce Feighner



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STAFF OFFICE HOURS:

Pastor Nick Marlatt Mon, Tues & Thurs. (call for appointment); Wed 1:00pm-3pm

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: 9am-2pm

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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