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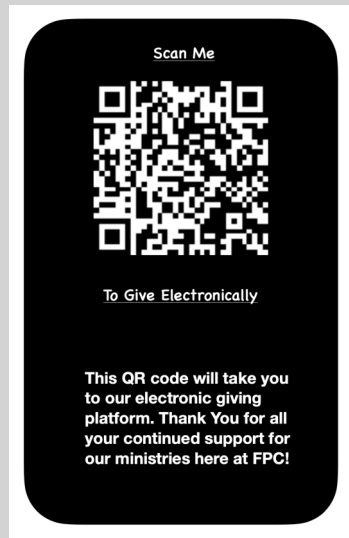
Sunday Worship - 10:00 am
On Facebook & the Website
www.firstchurchhastings.org

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Preparation for Worship

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



"You are my Beloved Child"



January 12, 2025

Baptism of the Lord



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

Jesus Friend of Sinners

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GATHERING PRAYER

Jesus Messiah

Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord a new song;

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

The heavens opened, the Spirit descended,

And a voice sounded: This is my Beloved Son.

Do not fear, for the Lord has spoken:

I have called you by name; you are mine.

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.

CALL OF CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

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 OF ILLUMINATION

Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 43:1-7; Luke 3:15-22

SERMON: "You are my Beloved Child"

Forever Reign

Responding to God's Word

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/DOXOLOGY

BENEDICTION

CHARGE/SENDING

POSTLUDE *Goodness of God*



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 Rose Hahn. Pray for a quick and full recovery after a recent fall.

Please pray for Donna Brown and family in the passing of Jim Brown. Donna and Jim are former members of FPC. Pray for the family as they mourn the loss of the family patriarch.

Candy Holsted asks for prayer for the Schultz family in the loss of their 6 month old daughter.

Continued prayers for Candy Holsted's friend and neighbor Sue. Sue's mother passed. Prayers for the family in this sudden loss. The family also asks for prayer for all those who don't know the comfort in walking with the Lord.

Continued prayers for Jenna Grassmid.

Thank You:

Barb and Doug Hunt would like to thank our church family for all of your prayers and cards after the passing of Doug's mom, Phyllis Hunt. We appreciate your love and support.

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, January 12, 2025	
Worship- In-Person & Live on Facebook	10:00 AM
Youth Group	5:00 PM
Monday, January 13, 2025	
Peace Through Grief	9:00 AM
Pickleball	3:15 PM
Family Ministry Meeting-In Person	6:30 PM
Private Event-Gym	7:00 PM
Tuesday, January 14, 2025	
Mission Committee Meeting via email	
Prayer Team	9:30 AM
Deacons Meeting	6:30 PM
Wednesday, January 15, 2025	
Bulletin Announcements	
Ministry Minutes Due	
Newsletter Deadline	
Knit Wits	10:30 AM
Sweet Pickles(Gentle Play Pickleball)	1:30 PM
Pickleball	3:15 PM
Trustee's Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
Thursday, January 16, 2025	
Men's Bible Study	9:00 AM
Artist Club	10:00 AM
Ark After Dark	6:00 PM
Friday, January 17, 2025	
Pickleball	9:15 AM
Private Event-Gym	12:00 PM
Saturday, January 18, 2025	
Private Event-Gym	10:00 AM

Announcements

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

ARTIST CLUB will start up again on **Thursday, January 16 at 10:00AM**. We will meet in the library upstairs. Please note the change in the time, day and location. Interested in joining us in our creativity journey, contact Karen Vandenberg.

FPC'S UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY is almost done. Please stop by the Connection Point before or after service to verify that your information is correct. Please make corrections if there are inaccuracies. If all information is correct please initial next to your name. Thank you for your help.

FRUIT SNACKS NEEDED: The Hand2Hand program is running critically low on fruit snack pouches for packing! Please bring any donations to the box in the narthex. We typically pack these for every week - so we need almost 2,000 for the 2nd semester!

2025 ENVELOPES ARE READY! Please pick up your 2025 offering envelopes which are located this year on the table under the "All Are Welcome" wall decal in the Narthex. If you received envelopes and no longer need them or if you didn't receive envelopes and would like some, please contact Nancy Allerdine or Julia Bachman, in the church office.

GREETERS Jim and Sandy Bruce

BARRY COUNTY CARES

**Shopping Cart will be in the
Narthex for the month of
January.**



ITEMS NEEDED:

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| *Laundry Detergent (32-40 oz) | *Dish Detergent (small size) |
| *Kleenex | *Toilet Paper |
| *All Purpose Cleaner/Sanitizer | *Deodorant- Women's |
| *Paper Towel | *Shampoo for adults |
| *Deodorant- Men's | *Conditioner for adults |

UPCOMING *Events*



FPC is excited to announce the 4th annual **CALL TO ARTISTS**

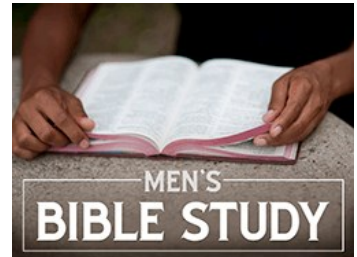
Artists of all ages, and all creative disciplines are called to use their God given talents to create and participate in the worship and ministry of FPC. All artwork must be submitted and approved for worship before it can be displayed and will be on display in the Sanctuary or Narthex during the Lenten Season, March 5 thru Easter Sunday, April 30. Please email Karen Vandenberg for more information, karenv422@gmail.com

MEN'S UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY

Go Fish.....

Fishing Stories. We've all heard them. People love to tell stories about their fishing adventures. When it comes to faith, however, most people clam up. Why is it we can't talk about what God has done in our lives as naturally as we can spin fishing tales.

Start Date: Thursday, January 16 **Time:** 9 - 10:30 am



To register sign up at the Connection Point. The cost is \$10 for the study guide.

WOMEN'S UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY



The Bible Study will be "A Case For Easter" by Lee Strobel. It will be a 4 week study starting January 23rd, 1:00 pm.

Books and sign up sheet are at the Connection Point. The cost is \$8 for the book. Money can be given to Debbie Rang on first day of the Bible Study.

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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: 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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