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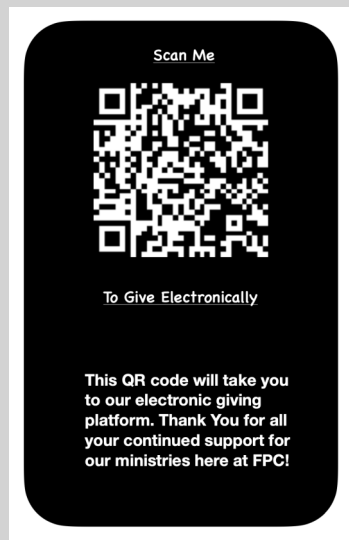
Sunday Worship - 10:00 am  
On Facebook & the Website  
[www.firstchurchhastings.org](http://www.firstchurchhastings.org)

**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.



**"God Moves... Down the Road"**



*March 30, 2025*

**4th Sunday of Lent**



# "God Moves... Down the Road"

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WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GATHERING PRAYER

SONG OF GRATITUDE *Gratitude*

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Left Side: We come here today in gratitude.**

**Right Side: We come here today in hopefulness.**

Pastor: Lord, hear our prayer.

**L: Lord, we bring you our praise.**

**R: Lord, we bring you glory and honor.**

P: Lord hear our prayer.

**L: Today and every day we worship you.**

**R: Today and every day we look forward to the return of your Son.**

P: Lord, hear our prayer.

SONG OF HOPE *Great are You Lord*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:11-16

SONG OF CONFESSION *Lord I Need You*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:17-20a

VIDEO REFLECTIONS

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:20b-24

PARTICIPATORY RESPONSE

ART PROJECT

SONG *Weary Traveler*

BENEDICTION

SONG OF BLESSING *Ode to Joy*



## **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.

*Prayers for the Baum family.*

*The Lute's ask for prayers as Lori recuperates from emergency surgery.*

*Continued prayers for healing and answers to heart issues for Robin Bott.*

*Continued prayers for Karla Dennis (daughter of Janet Glasgow) who is hospitalized with stomach issues.*

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, March 30, 2025

<b>Adult Bible School</b>	8:30 AM
<b>Worship- In-Person &amp; Live on Facebook</b>	10:00 AM
<b>Youth Group</b>	5:00 PM

Monday, March 31, 2025

<b>Pickleball</b>	3:15 PM
<b>Private Event-Gym</b>	7:00 PM

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

<b>Hand2Hand</b>	10:00 AM
<b>Staff Meeting</b>	10:00 AM
<b>Hand2Hand Coffee Time</b>	10:30 AM
<b>Private Event-Gym</b>	3:00 PM

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

<b>Bulletin Announcements</b>	
<b>Knit Wits</b>	10:30 AM
<b>Sweet Pickles(Gentle Play Pickleball)</b>	1:30 PM
<b>Pickleball</b>	3:15 PM
<b>Lenten Soup Supper</b>	6:00 PM
<b>Praise Team Rehearsal</b>	6:30 PM
<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	7:00 PM

Thursday, April 3, 2025

<b>Men's Bible Study</b>	9:00 AM
<b>Artist Club</b>	10:00 AM

Friday, April 4, 2025

<b>Pickleball</b>	9:15 AM
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Saturday, April 5, 2025

<b>Open Play Pickleball</b>	10:00 AM
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Sunday, April 6, 2025

<b>Communion Sunday</b>	
<b>Worship- In-Person &amp; Live on Facebook</b>	10:00 AM

## Announcements



**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** is the annual offering from our church to the PCUSA Special Offerings. These funds help to support three focus areas: Disaster Assistance, Hunger Programs, and Self-Development of People. The insert and envelopes will be available in the upcoming bulletins, and collection will be Easter Sunday! Children also have the chance to give using the fish coin boxes that have been available in Children's Church.

**JOIN US** after this morning service as we celebrate the class of 2024 Elders and Deacons: Dave Allerding, Scott Allerding, Sally Keller, Deb Carpenter, Kristen Laubaugh and Susan Pachulski

**EASTER FLOWERS:** Final Orders are due today! You will have the option to order daffodils or tulips. The cost is \$11 per plant. Place completed order forms and payment in container at Connection Point or in the church office.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL** in preparation for Easter Sunday continues. Rehearsals will be from 7:00 -8:00 p.m. on April 2 and from 6:30-7:30 on April 16.

**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! All donations are due by Sunday, April 6th.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS** are available on table by the front door. Please take one!

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS OPEN

**APPLY TODAY**

Application Deadline - April 30<sup>th</sup>

Applications available in church office or see Brandon Johnson

**WEDNESDAY**  
SOUP & SPEAKER  
LENTEN LUNCH

**Schedule of Locations  
and Devotional Speakers**

**Wednesdays 12:00pm to 1:00pm**

**April 2 at Hastings Nazarene  
Pastor Nick Marlatt**

**April 9 at Grace Lutheran  
Pastor Bryce Feighner**

**GREETERS:** Jim and Sandy Bruce

## UPCOMING *Events*

### 2025 LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS



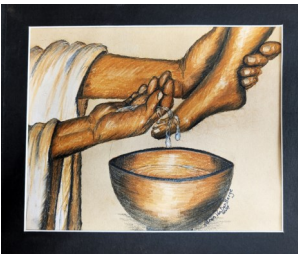
#### THE ENNEAGRAM

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.

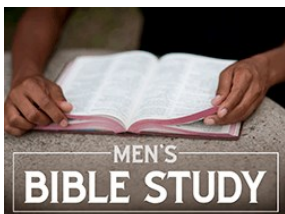
While the Gospel alone brings healing, the Enneagram is an amazing resource and tool to illuminate a person's heart to see if it is aligned with the gospel, misaligned to some degree, or out of alignment entirely. It will help you see where you are misunderstanding others and then use that to transform 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.

Wednesdays through 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](mailto:karenv422@gmail.com)



Thursday @ 9AM

Classes run for six weeks beginning March 27 (no meeting on May 1). Study guides can be purchased on the first day of class for \$10. For more information, please call Dave Storms, 616-558-8611.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY** is accepting candy donations for our upcoming Easter egg hunt. If you would like to donate, please place candy in bin located by the Connection Point. Thank you.



JOIN US FOR THE  
2ND ANNUAL

# EASTER BRUNCH

Followed by an  
Easter Egg Hunt  
before service

April 20th, 2025  
9am



# First Presbyterian Church - Contact List

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Brandon Johnson

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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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