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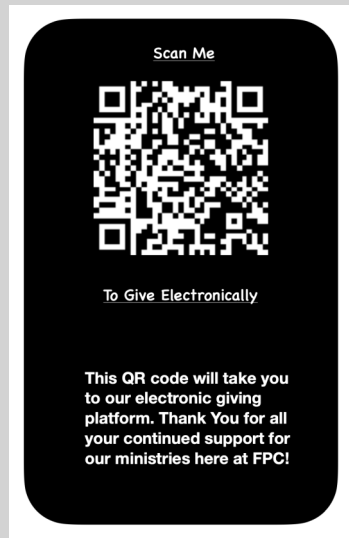
Sunday Worship - 10:00 am  
On Facebook & the Website  
[www.firstchurchhastings.org](http://www.firstchurchhastings.org)

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**Preparation for Worship**

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



**"Laugh Again"**



*February 16, 2025*

**6th Sunday after Epiphany**



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## **"Laugh Again"**

*February 16, 2025*

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

*Because He Lives*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GATHERING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked

**Or stand in the way that sinners take**

Or sit in the company of mockers,

**But whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his Law day and night.**

That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season

**And whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

**Ever present God, we thank you for calling us to meet with you today. We praise you for coming to us long before we first came to you, for knowing who would be here today, and for knowing even our motives for coming. By your Spirit lead and guide us during this service, to help us hear you when you speak and to guide our responses with hearts and voices that rejoice in your presence. Amen.**

*Great Are You Lord*

*Goodness of God*

CALL OF CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

SILENT CONFESSION

L: Lord have mercy

**P: Christ have mercy**

L: Lord have mercy

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lisa Brown

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**Proclaiming God's Word**

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 4:6-9

SERMON: "Laugh Again"

*Help Us Accept Each Other #358*

**Responding to God's Word**

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/DOXOLOGY

BENEDICTION

CHARGE/SENDING

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.

*Patti LaJoye asks for prayers for Maddie, a three year old, who had a stroke after surgery to remove a fast growing tumor. Her family welcomes all prayers for God's healing Hand.*

*Continued prayers for Alyce Bosma, Mike Bosma's mother, after a recent fall.*

*Continued prayers for Connie Semerad.*

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 16, 2025

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

**Youth Group** 5:00 PM

Monday, February 17, 2025

**Pickleball** 3:15 PM

**Private Event-Gym** 7:00 PM

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

**Hand2Hand** 10:00 AM

**Hand2Hand Coffee Time** 10:30 AM

**Trustee's Committee Meeting** 6:30 PM

Wednesday, February 19, 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

**NAP's Valentine Program-Clark** 6:00 PM

**Praise Team Rehearsal** 6:30 PM

Thursday, February 20, 2025

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

**Artist Club** 10:00 AM

**Women's Afternoon Bible Study** 1:00 PM

**NAP's Valentine Program-Pena and Lumbert** 6:00 PM

Friday, February 21, 2025

**Pickleball** 9:15 AM

Saturday, February 22, 2025

**Open Play Pickleball** 10:00 AM

Sunday, February 23, 2025

**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 Connection Point.



**OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONAL** for March, April, and May are located at the Connection Point.

**FLOWERS:** 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. Order forms will be available in the next couple of weeks.

**VBS** will be here before you know it. Volunteer meetings are scheduled for March 30th, May 18th, and June 1, all take place from 12p-1pm. Make sure to add these dates to your calendar.

**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.

**LAST CALL FOR NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES** after today reach out to the office if you would like a directory. Remember that these directories are an inhouse document and should never be shared with individuals who do not attend FPC.

**GREETER** Sunny Andersen

**UPCOMING**  
*Events*



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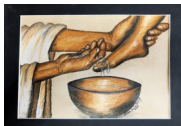
**Date:** March 1<sup>st</sup> 2025

**Where:** FPC Gym/Narthex

**Time:** 4pm-6pm

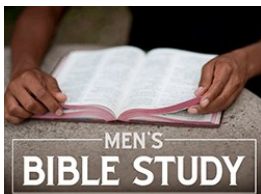
**Categories:** Spiciest, Most Original, Best Overall

Mark your calendars for an exciting event on March 1st from 4pm to 6pm! We are thrilled to invite you to our Chili Cook-Off and Bingo Night, a delightful evening filled with delicious food and engaging games.



## 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 through Easter Sunday, April 20. Please email Karen Vandenberg for more information, [karenv422@gmail.com](mailto:karenv422@gmail.com)



Thursday @ 9AM



Sunday @ 8:30am



Thursday @ 1PM

Can You Help?

**YOUTH GROUP**

# DINNER SIGN UP

Path Youth Ministry is looking for some help in feeding the Youth @ PATH on Sunday nights. Dinner is at 6:30pm and we usually have about 25-30 kids/adults!!! If you are interested in helping please use our sign-up. Scan the QR code below or visit us on Facebook for a quick link

For More Information: Brandon Johnson: 269-808-0102



**SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP!**

**PATH Youth Ministry**



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Bob Oster

Brandon Johnson

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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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