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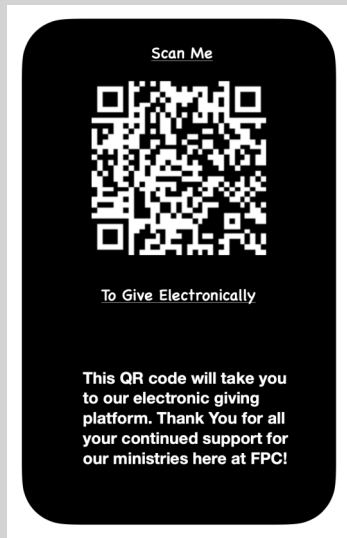
Sunday Worship - 10:00 am
On Facebook & the Website
www.firstchurchhastings.org

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Preparation for Worship

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



"Follow Me"



January 14, 2024

2nd Sunday after Epiphany



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

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GATHERING PRAYER:

*Come Now is the Time to Worship
Lord We Lift Your Name on High*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Look, here is the Lamb of God!

Jesus calls us: Come and see.

For the Lord is about to do a new thing.

Speak, O God, for your servants are listening.

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.

Goodness of God

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: John 1:43-51

SERMON: "Follow Me"

How Great is Our God

Responding to God's Word

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/DOXOLOGY:

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: *How Great is Our 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

Please pray for Mike Reynolds. He was checked out by medical staff and was able to go home. Thank you for all the help and concern that was shown last Sunday during the service.

Please lift up the Kalkman family, Jonathan, Amy, Sophia, and Megan in your prayers following the unexpected death of Jonathan's mother. Amy was the youth director at FPC for many years and is the daughter of Bonnie Schiedel.

Continued prayers for MaryMartha Melendy's great-niece, Sydney as she recovers from pneumonia and congestive heart failure.

Continued prayers for Ginger Hopkins who is home from the hospital. She is still in need of prayers as she recovers at home and as we discover more about how her conditions are progressing.

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 14, 2024

Worship- In-Person & Live on Facebook	10:00 AM
Pancake Breakfast	11:00 AM
Youth Group	5:00 PM

Monday, January 15, 2024

Pickleball	3:15 PM
Stewardship Meeting	5:30 PM
Private Event	7:00 PM

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Private Event in the Gym	3:00 PM
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Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Bulletin Announcements	
Ministry Minutes Due	
Newsletter Deadline	
Knit Wits	10:30 AM
Sweet Pickles/Gentle Play	1:30 PM
Pickleball	3:15 PM
Praise Team Practice	6:30 PM

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Men's Bible Study	9:00 AM
Women Afternoon Bible Study	1:30 PM
Private Event in the Gym	4:30 PM
Family Dinner Night	6:30 PM

Friday, January 19, 2024

Pickleball	9:15 AM
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Saturday, January 20, 2024

Open Play Pickleball	10:00 AM
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Sunday, January 21, 2024

Adult Sunday 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.

UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORIES are available at the Connection Point. Please be sure to take the directory that has your families name on the cover.

NOW THAT THE WEATHER IS COLD and the holiday busy-ness is over, it's time for some fellowship fun and games. The Deacons invite you to gather your friends and cards or board games and use the upstairs game room (otherwise known as adult ed room) as a gathering spot on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month from 1-3 p.m. The Keurig is ready and feel free to bring snacks. Please sign in in the church office and have fun!

CHURCH COMMUNICATION is being updated. You may see something come across your email that says you have been subscribed to MailChimp. This will allow congregation members who have email to receive the bulletin, newsletter, prayer requests, and other important congregational information. Please do not unsubscribe unless you do not want to receive this information. Contact Julia in office at (269) 945-5463 if you have any questions.

2024-2025 PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION We are having a great year at Noah's Ark and are already preparing for the next school year. Church Family Registration for the 24-25 school year starts on Wednesday, January 17th. Registration forms and information sheets are in the church office. Please contact Angie Stanton-Noah's Ark Director with any questions @ noahsark@firstchurchhastings.org or call 269-945-5463 x3008. As always we appreciate prayers for our current students and families as well as prayers that lead new families to our ministry.

GIVING OPPORTUNITY - Second Sunday Sweep is January 14, 2024

Barry County Cares continues to request the following items:

Personal/household items = toilet paper, paper towel, laundry pods/detergent, dish soap, shampoo, conditioner, baby wipes, deodorant, hand lotion.

Barry County Food Pantry = Variety of foods continue to be appreciated. The Pantry has sources for food items at wholesale prices. If you would like to provide a cash donation in support of this program, please mail checks to: *Green Street United Methodist Church/209 W. Green St./Hastings 49058.*

Place items in the grocery carts by front entrance door. Thank you all for your continued support.

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. 7 weeks beginning January 21

FPC Walking Club invites you, your friends, and family to come and walk. Monday through Thursday, 10am-3:30pm on our second floor. **We request that you sign in & out in the church office.**

FACILITY USE FORM: Please take time to fill out this form before an event/meeting takes place in the building. There are paper copies in the office or feel free to fill out a digital form that can be found on the church website. If you have any questions, please call the office at 269 945-5463. This action will help us avoid overbooking locations.

NOTES

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STAFF OFFICE HOURS:

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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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