



Rev. Nick Marlatt

Pastor

nmarlatt@firstchurchhastings.org

Sunday Worship - 10:00 am

On Facebook & the Website

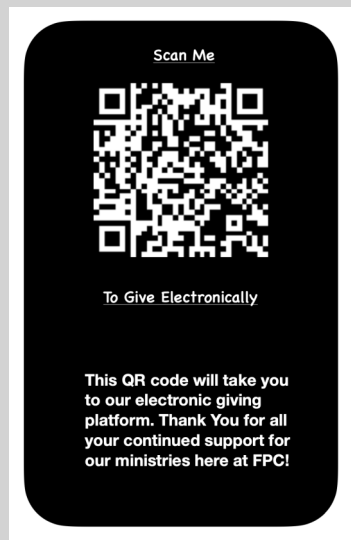
www.firstchurchhastings.org

**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.



"The Glorious Return of the King"



November 26, 2023

Christ the King Sunday



"The Glorious Return of the King"

November 26, 2023

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

PRELUDE:

"Come Ye Thankful People Come"

Gathering for Worship

SALUTATION:

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us all rejoice and be glad in it.

WELCOME AND PRAYER:

OPENING SONGS:

"No Longer Slaves"

"This is Amazing Grace"

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Based Psalm 46:1-3, 6-11)

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Come and see what the LORD has done; He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Eternal God, you set Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and made us servants in your kingdom. By your Spirit empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need. Then at the last bring us to your eternal realm where we may worship and adore you and be welcomed into your everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ

SILENT CONFESSION:

L: Lord have mercy

P: Christ have mercy

L: Lord have mercy

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Sally Keller

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE: Revelation 21:1-8

SERMON: "The Glorious Return of the King"

HYMN OF RESPONSE: "Rejoice the Lord Is King" #155

Responding to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

OFFERING:

DOXOLOGY:

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE

"Recessional on 'Darwell's 148th,'"
arr. Laura Page



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 needed for the family and friends of Kayla Watson who passed away in a car accident. Zoey Zinny and Brooklynne Shy were close friends with her.

Continued prayers for Rev. Michael Anton (Retired) as he recently had surgery to remove a cancerous brain tumor. Pray for the family as they journey through the next steps.

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, November 26, 2023	
Bible Study-Through the Bible in Two Years	8:30 AM
Worship- In-Person & Live on Facebook	10:00 AM
Monday, November 27, 2023	
Peace Through Grief	9:00 AM
Pickleball	3:15 PM
Private Event	7:00 PM
Session Meeting- In Person	7:00 PM
Tuesday, November 28, 2023	
Staff Meeting	10:00 AM
Private Event in the Gym	3:00 PM
Wednesday, November 29, 2023	
Bulletin Announcements	
Knit Wits	10:30 AM
Sweet Pickles/Gentle Play	1:30 PM
Pickleball	3:15 PM
Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM
Praise Team Practice	6:30 PM
Thursday, November 30, 2023	
Men's Bible Study-AM	9:00 AM
Women Afternoon Bible Study	1:30 PM
Women's Evening Bible Study	5:30 PM
Family Dinner Night	6:30 PM
Friday, December 1, 2023	
Pickleball	9:15 AM
Private Event in the Gym	1:00 PM
Saturday, December 2, 2023	
Basketball	9:00 AM
Sunday, December 3, 2023	
Communion Sunday	
Bible Study-Through the Bible in Two Years	8:30 AM
Worship- In-Person & Live on Facebook	10:00 AM
Carols n' Jazz Concert	3:00 PM
Youth Group	5:00 PM

Announcements

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS can be found at the Connection Point.

CAROLS N' JAZZ AT FPC! The Thornapple Jazz Orchestra under the direction of Joe LaJoye and FPC's organist, Bob Oster, will present a joint concert in our sanctuary on **Sunday, December 3, at 3:00 p.m.** You will be treated to a variety of seasonal jazz selections by TJO as well as a carol sing-along accompanied by our newly rebuilt Scott Smith pipe organ.

LAKEWOOD AREA CHORAL SOCIETY-Presents *The Music of Christmas* at FPC! The 80-voice choir, now in its 38th season under the direction of founding artistic director and conductor, Robert C. Oster, will present its annual Christmas concert in our sanctuary on **Sunday, December 17, at 3:30 p.m.** There is no charge; however, a freewill offering will be taken. Doors will open at 3:00 p.m.

IT IS TIME FOR OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY ANNUAL UPDATE. The deacons are requesting that all who are members or regularly participating friends of FPC check and edit your directory information and submit changes to Julia in the office (office@firstchurchhastings.org). If you are not yet in the directory, please provide your names, address, phone numbers, email addresses, and children's names if applicable. You may also submit a family photo. For your convenience, you may check, edit, and add information at the Connection Point to be submitted to the office. This year you will receive an update page to add to your current directory. Thanks for helping us all stay connected!

THIS SEASON OF THANKSGIVING we again have the opportunity to participate in the Special Deacon Offering, either through regular envelopes, online, or personal checks. Your gifts designated for this will allow the Deacons to partner with the Mission Committee in addressing both congregational and community needs. Thank you!

THE LOVE TREE IS UP! We have the opportunity again this year to bring a little Christmas cheer to some families in our community! Please take a tag (or 2), sign your name for the tag(s) you take. After you shop, please return your wrapped gift with the tag attached to church by noon on December 17. If you don't feel like you can shop, but want to help, a gift to the Deacons Fund is always appreciated! Thank you for your support of this mission!

COMMUNION HELPERS FOR DECEMBER 3: Rex Brown Dave Allerding
Lisa Brown Gary Kimble

TODAY'S GREETERS:

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY beginning Thursday, November 30th at 1:30 on Beth Moore’s “John, the Beloved Disciple” will be led by Lori Lute. Please sign up at the Connection Point.

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.

Organ Notes

The hymn tune for this morning's Hymn of Response and the postlude is Darwall's 148th. The text was written by Charles Wesley in 1746, and the tune, by composer John Darwall, was first published as a setting for Psalm 148 in Aaron William's *New Universal Psalmist* (1770) with only soprano and bass parts. The harmonization, however, dates from the 19th century. This jubilant tune wonderfully captures the mood of the text. The postlude is in three sections. It opens with the principal and mixture stops. The middle section is in another key and features our recently rebuilt and reinstalled 8' trumpet and 8' oboe reed pipes, yes, all 128 of them! The final section reverts to the original key and combines the registrations (stops used) from the first two sections.

NOTES

First Presbyterian Church - Contact List

269-945-5463

Pastor

Rev. Nick Marlatt x3003 nmarlatt@firstchurchhastings.org

Administrative Assistant

Julia Bachman x3001 office@firstchurchhastings.org

Financial Manager

Nancy Allarding x3004 nallerding@firstchurchhastings.org

Kitchen Manager

Liz Allarding x3012 slallerding@gmail.com

Noah's Ark Preschool Director

Angie Stanton x3008 noahsark@firstchurchhastings.org

Church Life Director/Youth Leader

Brandon Johnson Cell: (269) 808-0102 x3005 bjohnson@firstchurchhastings.org

Lead Custodian

Jim Daniels x3024 custodian@firstchurchhastings.org

Church Administrator

Casey Raffler x3010 craffler@firstchurchhastings.org

Worship/Music Leaders

x3006 worshipleader@firstchurchhastings.org

Patti LaJoye

Bob Oster

Brandon Johnson

Children's Ministry Leader

Zoey Ziny bjohnson@firstchurchhastings.org

STAFF OFFICE HOURS:

Pastor Nick Marlatt Mon & Thurs. (call for appointment); Tues & Wed 9:00am-5:00pm

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



405 N. M-37 Highway | Hastings, MI 49058

www.firstchurchhastings.org

www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchHastingsMi