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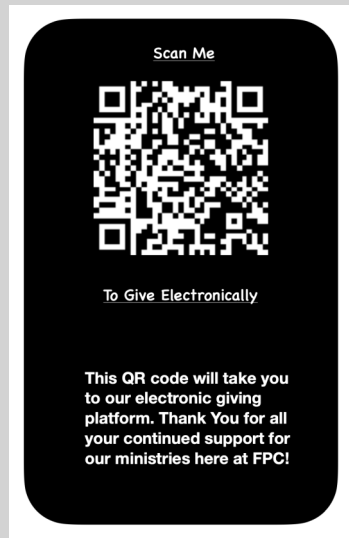
Sunday Worship - 10:00 am
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Preparation for Worship

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



"Healing From Shame"



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2nd Sunday of Easter



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

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GATHERING PRAYER

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty #138

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed.

How very good and pleasant it is

When God's people live together in unity.

For there the LORD bestows his blessing

Even life forevermore.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Glory to you, O God: you have won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life. Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life. Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth. Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go #384

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

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).

ORGAN SOLO *Introduction and Chorale on ‘O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go,’*

arr. Alice Jordan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Proclaiming God’s Word

SCRIPTURE: 1 John 1:4-2:3

SERMON: “Healing From Shame”

My Faith Looks Up to Thee #383

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Responding to God’s Word

OFFERING/DOXOLOGY

O Jesus I Have Promised #388

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Recessional on ‘Love Divine,’* arr. Gordon Young

NOTES



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

Jane Arnold asks for prayers for healing and for a successful recovery after a recent surgery.

Prayers for the family of David Krebbs, who passed away March 29th, father of Kayla, wife of the Logan's grandson Andrew Boyd.

Prayers for Jeanne Pugh as she recovers from a recent illness. She is currently staying at a rehab facility in Wyoming, MI.

Continued prayers for Corey Grassmid as he recovers from shoulder surgery.

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, April 7, 2024	
Worship- In-Person & Live on Facebook	10:00 AM
Monday, April 8, 2024	
Peace Through Grief	9:00 AM
Pickleball	3:15 PM
Worship and Music Ministry Meeting - In Person	5:15 PM
Family Ministry Meeting-In Person	6:30 PM
Private Event in the Gym	7:00 PM
Tuesday, April 9, 2024	
Prayer Team	9:30 AM
Hand2Hand Volunteering	10:00 AM
staff Meeting	10:00 AM
Hand2Hand Coffee	10:45 AM
Private Event in the Gym	3:00 PM
Mission Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
Wednesday, April 10, 2024	
Bulletin Announcements	
Knit Wits	10:30 AM
Sweet Pickles/Gentle Play	1:30 PM
Pickleball	3:15 PM
Thursday, April 11, 2024	
Men's Bible Study	9:00 AM
Women's Evening Bible Study	5:30 PM
Friday, April 12, 2024	
Pickleball	9:15 AM
Sunday, April 14, 2024	
Communion Sunday	
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.

WE WELCOME Rev. Dale Billingsley to the pulpit for this morning's service.

REMINDER that Hand to Hand will be packing this week, on Tuesday, April 9th, at 10:00. Hope to see you there!

COSTA RICA MISSION 2024: The Mission team has set the dates for our 2024 international mission trip to La Carpio, San Jose, Costa Rica! Travel dates are November 5-13. If you have any questions or are interested, please contact Steve Laubaugh.

THANK YOU to all who gave to the One Great Hour of Sharing mission. Fish banks totaled **\$185.06** of coins! Other donations through envelopes have totaled **\$611, for a total of \$796.06**. Any final contributions can be sent to the office in the next 2 weeks. Thank you!

GIVING OPPORTUNITY - Second Sunday Sweep is April 14, 2024

Barry County Cares continues to request the following items:

Personal/household items: toilet paper, paper toweling, 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.

COMMUNION HELPERS: For Sunday, April 14th are: Sandy Billingsley Sally Keller
Kim Bosma Mike Bosma

NEW MEMBERS CLASSES: Are you interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church? Are you interested in becoming a member of the congregation? Join us after worship (from 11:30am to 12:30pm) beginning Sunday, April 21. The class will meet each Sunday until Sunday, May 12. Attendance does not mean you are committing to becoming a member of the congregation. Contact the office if you have questions or want to sign up.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Beginning Sunday April 14, join us as we discuss the brief statement of beliefs of the congregation. We will learn how the document was created and look at the information included in it more in-depth. Bring your questions and your enthusiasm to learn and grow.

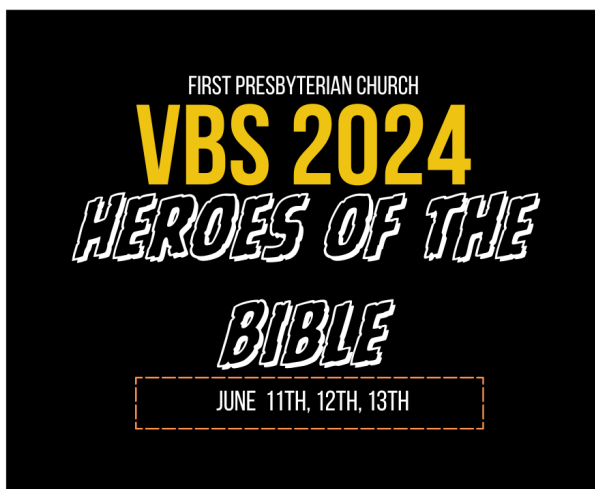
GREETERS: Kevin and Amy Beck

Announcements

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Beginning Thursday, April 11, from 9 -10:15 am, all men, whether they have attended Bible study before or have not, are invited to attend this study. The workbook for the session will be available on Sunday, April 7 at the Connection Point or at the first day of class.

Remembering the Forgotten God -Lead by Francis Chan

Today's church *admires* the gift of the Holy Spirit, but have we neglected to open it? Francis Chan is a senior pastor of Cornerstone Church in Simi Valley California. Chan tears away the wrapping paper and ribbons to uncover the source of the believing community's true power for witness and service. This 7-session DVD will prompt discussion and encourage application.



Music Notes

As the sole music staff member today, the music will trend toward the more "traditional." Our opening hymn has been a stalwart in this church for decades, but I can't remember the last time we sang it! So.... Our second hymn exemplifies an intense commitment to God, addressed as Love, Light, and Joy. It concludes with an invocation to those attributes through the Cross of Christ, which we will be revisiting during the sermon. The organ solo following the children's message is a setting of that same hymn by my favorite arranger, Alice Jordan. It starts introspectively and gradually builds to full organ incorporating Ms. Jordan's musical interpretation of the powerful text. Our final two hymns should also be well-known to this congregation, but ones we haven't regularly sung. As a suggestion, for further insight and clarity, you might read the texts ahead of time located in your chair hymnals. The texts parallel Pastor Billingsley's message to us this morning. The postlude is a joyous setting of the text *Love Divine All Loves Excelling*. However, the hymn tune used is not the same tune used in our hymnal for the hymn of the same title. The postlude tune which is used (Beecher) is set to hymn #343, *Called As Partners in Christ's Service*. This is yet another example of how poets and composers occasionally "fed off of one another."

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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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