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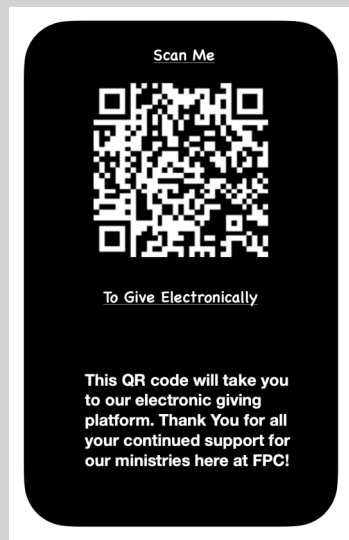
Sunday Worship - 10:00 am
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Preparation for Worship

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



"Love is a Verb"



April 21, 2024

4th Sunday of Easter



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"Love is a Verb"
April 22, 2024
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Please take a moment to reflect and pray as we begin to worship our Lord.

Come Now is the Time to Worship

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GATHERING PRAYER

Lord I Need You
Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

We will worship the Lord with gladness. We will come into God's Presence with singing!

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.

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: Lisa Brown

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE: 1 John 3:16-24

SERMON: "Love is a Verb"

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee #464

Responding to God's Word

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

OFFERING/DOXOLOGY

In Christ There Is No East or West #439

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE *Fanfare Postlude*, by Gilbert M. Martin

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

Dave and Joann Logan ask for prayers for their daughter, Jennifer Day. Jennifer recently received a cancer diagnosis. Pray for the family as they navigate through this diagnosis.

Continue to pray for Jim Bruce as he recovers from a recent procedure.

Continued Prayers for Connie Semerad

Continued prayers for a member of FPC who is dealing with an eye issue.

Praises:

The Arnold's express their gratitude for all the prayers and acts of kindness as Jane continues her cancer journey. Blessings on this church family.

The Logan and Day families wish to thank the congregation for the prayers given to Jennifer Day's mother in law. She is home after having triple bypass surgery and is doing well.

What a blessing our Presbyterian church family is!

Thank you all so much for the prayers, cards, calls and visits following my foot surgery and recovery. Thanks to the Browns and the Wilkinson family for meals and helping with coffee hour! We have also appreciated the opportunity to worship online with our church family. Thank you to all who make worship online happen!!!

-Bernie and Sue Oom

THIS WEEK ^{at} GLANCE



Sunday, April 21, 2024	
Adult Sunday School	8:30 AM
<u>Worship- In-Person & Live on Facebook</u>	10:00 AM
New Member's Class	11:30 AM
Youth Group	5:00 PM
Monday, April 22, 2024	
Peace Through Grief	9:00 AM
Pickleball	3:15 PM
Private Event	7:00 PM
Private Event in the Gym	7:00 PM
Session Meeting- In Person	7:00 PM
Tuesday, April 23, 2024	
staff Meeting	10:00 AM
Private Event in the Gym	3:00 PM
Wednesday, April 24, 2024	
Bulletin Announcements	
Knit Wits	10:30 AM
Sweet Pickles/Gentle Play	1:30 PM
Bernie, Sue, Rick, Karen Care Group	2:00 PM
Pickleball	3:15 PM
Thursday, April 25, 2024	
Men's Bible Study	9:00 AM
Women's Evening Bible Study	5:30 PM
Friday, April 26, 2024	
Pickleball	9:15 AM
Saturday, April 27, 2024	
Leadership Retreat	9:00 AM
Open Play Pickleball	10:00 AM
Sunday, April 28, 2024	
Adult Sunday School	8:30 AM
<u>Worship- In-Person & Live on Facebook</u>	10:00 AM
New Member's Class	11:30 AM
Youth Group	5:00 PM

Announcements

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS can be found at the Connection Point.

HAND 2 HAND UPDATE: Because of the "Pop up Pack" that took place last Sunday, there will be **no Hand to Hand Packing** this coming Tuesday (4/23). The next packing will be held on Tuesday, May 7th. Thanks for your continued support of this mission!

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 this Sunday through May 12. Attendance does not mean you are committing to becoming a member of the congregation. Sign up at the Connection Point or contact the office for more information.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Join us at 8:30 am 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 more depth. Bring your questions and your enthusiasm to learn and grow.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Beginning May 16th at 1:30 PM you are invited to join Deb Rang for a book club style Bible study. Debbie will lead you through Savannah Guthrie's "Mostly What God Does: Reflections on Seeking and Finding His Love Everywhere". You can purchase this book as a Kindle book or regular book through Amazon. You'll be exploring six themes in this study: love, presence, praise, grace, hope, and purpose. Please let Debbie know you'll be joining her by signing up at The Connection Point or emailing her at 4bells1@gmail.com.

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.

THORNAPPLE JAZZ ORCHESTRA CONCERT will be held in the sanctuary on April 25 at 7:30 PM. Come and enjoy the performance.

IT IS DONE! If you haven't heard the warming station behind the church is finished! Jon Kensington from Kensington Concept's designed and built this beautiful structure. Noah's Ark used grant funds for this project. This unique structure will be used as a warming area for our students on cold days, a gathering area at our family events and even a cooking station some days! We welcome ministry groups to use the warming station by filling out a facility request form for an event. Special thanks to the Deacons, Trustees, and Pickle Ball Players for helping with the facility costs of the gas and electrical lines. A HUGE thank you to Dave Allerding for all the hours spent making sure this project came to be! We are so excited for this addition to our program!

Announcements

GREETERS: Dan and Deb Carpenter

Music Notes

Our final two hymns today are standards in Presbyterian hymnology. The text of *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* was penned by Henry VanDyke, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author at the turn of the 20th century. The tune is best known as the main theme of the last movement of Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony*. The text to our closing hymn was set to a simple 19th century tune, and closely parallels the scripture this morning. The postlude has no liturgical purpose other than to joyously conclude this morning's service. It calls for the full tonal resources of our newly rebuilt Scott Smith pipe organ. If you're interested, I wrote an article for the next newsletter detailing the work which was officially completed on April 5.

UPCOMING Events



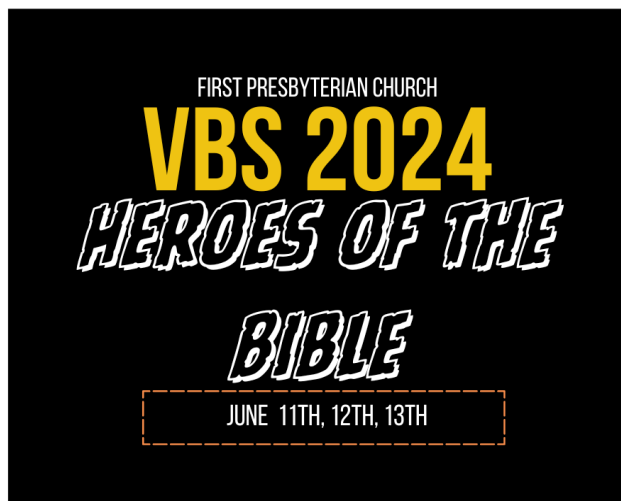
It's scholarship time!

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a church for all ages

Applications available at Church Office
Due By: May 1st 2024
Contact: [Branden Johnson bjohnson@firstchurchastings.org](mailto:Branden.Johnson@firstchurchastings.org)



GRADUATION
Sunday
May 19



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
VBS 2024
HEROES OF THE BIBLE
JUNE 11TH, 12TH, 13TH



We're Going Back!!!!
Marquette MI
MISSION TRIP
SAVE THE DATE
July 28th - August 3rd
2024

 Marquette County
Habitat
for Humanity

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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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