

**First Presbyterian Church
Hastings, Nebraska**

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ

Ministers: Members of the Church

Pastor: Greg Allen-Pickett

Liturgist and Scripture Reader: Jan Ham

Organist: Linda Vollweiler

June 25, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

**Indicates those who are able, please stand.*

PRELUDE “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Martin Luther/arr. Bish

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

God is in the midst of our community; it shall not be moved.

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the LORD;

Come, let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” 275

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, our lives are full of movement. Oftentimes we are so busy, we fail to see you or recognize your presence in our lives. Our lives are full of people that demand our attention. Oftentimes we forget to give you the attention you deserve. Our days are full of obligations that demand our allegiance. Oftentimes we forget about our call to serve others and serve you. Help us to be still and remember that you are God. Help us open ourselves to you, your presence in our lives, and the call you place on our lives. Remind us that you are with us, that you are our refuge and strength, and that you love us, even when we feel unlovable. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Even though we sometimes doubt God's faithfulness to us, and we sometimes waver in our faithfulness to God,

God is steadfast in God's love for each one of us.

Receive that love in your hearts this day.

Let us be still and know that we are healed and forgiven in God's sight.

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Glory to God" (We will sing 2 times through) 583

*PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Greet others around you this morning by exchanging the Peace of Christ.)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Brittany Rees, SASA
Community Outreach Advocate

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ATTENDANCE

(Please pass the "Friendship Folders" found in the pews and sign in to let us know of your presence here. If you are new here, please share your phone number or email so we can reach out to you.)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

"My God is So Big"

Stephanie Brader

*My God is so big, so strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do
He made the trees
He made the seas
He made the elephants too
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do.*

ANTHEM

Campbell Schukei

Through the generous legacy of the Langenberg family, our church provides scholarships for music classes to children of members. Each Sunday this summer, we will hear a song offered from a recipient of the Langenberg Scholarship Funds.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

May the Word we hear today take root in our hearts, that we may be fruitful bearers of God's wisdom. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE READING – *Colossians 1:11-20*

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – *Psalms 46*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Summer Sermon Song Series:

“Let it Be’ by the Beatles - Be still and know that I am God”

*HYMN

“My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep from Singing)”

821

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from the Westminster Shorter Catechism)

What is the chief end of humankind?

Humankind's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy God forever.

What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy God?

The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy God.

What do the Scriptures principally teach?

The Scriptures principally teach what humankind is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of humankind.

What is the sum of what God requires of humankind?

The sum of what God requires of humankind is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and love our neighbor as ourselves.

What is God?

God is a spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth.

What is faith in Jesus Christ?

Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

OFFERING

(All loose coins in the offering plate will go to PC(USA) Hunger Fund.)

OFFERTORY

Improvisations on "Let it Be"

Byron Jensen

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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*CHARGE and BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

“Toccata in D Major”

Johann Krieger

**Come worship with us next week!
Sunday, July 2, 10:00 a.m.
Pastor David Johnson, Guest Preaching**

This summer, Pastor Greg is preaching a **Summer Sermon Song Series** on songs from popular culture. Below is the tentative schedule. If you have a family member, friend or neighbor who likes any of these groups, songs, or music, invite them to church this summer!

6/25/17: Sermon on Beatles song “Let it Be” and Psalm 46

7/2/17: David Johnson, Guest Preaching

7/9/17: Sermon on musical Man of La Mancha song “The Impossible Dream” and Revelation 21:1-6

7/16/17: Sermon on Lynyrd Skynyrd song “Simple Man” and Matt. 22:35-40, 2 Corinth. 1:12-14

7/23/17: Sermon on Barry Manilow song “One Voice” and Romans 15:1-13

7/30/17: Go and Serve Sunday. “Seasons of Love” from Rent, 1 John 3:1-3, 16-22

8/6/17: Sermon on J. Paul Williams “Creation Shall Be at Peace” and Isaiah 11:1-10

8/13/17: David Johnson, Guest Preaching

8/20/17: Sermon on The Byrds “Turn, Turn, Turn” and Ecclesiastes 3

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Announcements

The radio broadcast airs during the service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in loving memory of Frank Northrop on his birthday by the Northrop family.

Today's service will be broadcast on Channel 181 Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

For those living at Good Samaritan Village - today's service will be broadcast on Channel 3 on Sunday at 12:00 noon and on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

Need a ride to church on Sundays? Request a ride by calling Deacon Moderator Jeanne Hastings at 402-462-8460 or the church office at 402-462-5147.

Flowers are given in loving memory of John Sheppard by Becky and Mike Meyer.

Greeters: Anne Bohlke, Mary Fisk, Stephanie & Justin Brader

Ushers: Susie Graham, George Howard – Captain, Dixie McDonald, Gale McDonald, Dan Zabloudil, Vera Zabloudil

Prayers for Judy Brown, Celia Ganow, Zelma Fobben and families.

Go & Serve News

You should have received our stock sales letter in your mail by now. IF you have not, please contact the Church Office. Your contributions to this are greatly appreciated. We are going to Charlotte, NC and the kids will conduct the Sunday service on July 30th. There will be a lunch of appreciation after that service for those who contribute to the stock sales. You will also receive a post card during our trip thanking you and telling you about our time spent in Charlotte. The trip dates are July 8th through July 15th. Donations will be accepted up to the time of the trip. Whether you can contribute or not, we ask that you pray for us on our journey. Thank you and God Bless, - *The Go & Serve Mission Team*



**American
Red Cross**

Our next **American Red Cross blood drive is Monday, July 3rd**, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. If you would like to donate or volunteer, contact Erica Brooks at 402-469-9285 or ericalynn128@gmail.com. You can also make an appointment to donate at redcrossblood.org. PLUS it is our summer drive, which means all donors get pie, ice cream 🍰🍦 and free backpacks 🎒! Thank you for taking time to donate!

A copy of any Sunday service is available on DVD disc upon request at no charge. Contact Tarci at 402-462-5147 or tarci@fpchastings.org.

Would you like to **give your one-time or recurring donation(s) using a debit or credit card**? FPC Hastings now offers a quick and secure way to do so! Go online to www.fpchastings.org and click the link or icon located at the bottom of the front page. Funds post to your FPC account within 3 business day. Please contact Tarci in the office with any questions.

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This Week --- June 26 – July 1, 2017

Mon, June 26	7:00p	Boy Scouts Troop 200 in Basement Scout Room
Tue, June 27	10:00a 1:00p	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office Quilters in the Annex
Wed, June 28	12:00p 6:30p	Summer Book Club in Parlor Wood Carvers in Basement
Thu, June 29	6:30p-8:00p	Spanish Class in the NW Classroom, Annex
Fri, June 30	10:00a	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room

Open Table's Sack Lunch Program

One sack lunch, per person, per day, no questions asked.

Join our congregation in celebrating fourteen years of support for the Open Table Sack Lunch Program. Beginning Sunday, July 9th, we will be assembling 1200 lunches on each of the next four Sundays in Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service. This tradition in our church has been a blessing for the people receiving the lunches, and the people preparing them.

Volunteer opportunities include:

Sundays

Setting up before Sunday morning services at 9:00 am.

Assembling lunches in Fellowship Hall following services.

Transporting lunches to Catholic Social Services on Sunday following assembly.

Mondays

Assist in loading sacks from Church onto CSS truck, and helping unload at CSS.

Tuesdays

Transporting bananas from Russ's IGA to Catholic Social Services

Wednesdays

Organizing a hot lunch or special meal.

Joining cooks in our church kitchen to prepare a chef salad or hot lunch to serve on the next day.

Thursdays

Assist in serving special lunch at Catholic Social Services.

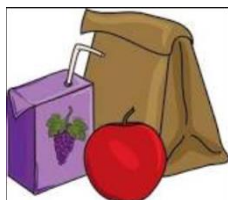
Fridays or Saturdays

Transporting bread, meat or other foods. (Larger vehicle helpful)

Donations of cash or food are always welcome and needed.

Prayers!!!!

Thanks for your generous and enthusiastic support of this ongoing mission.



SUMMER OF SERVICE

First Presbyterian July Challenge A Month of Community Service!

**Some churches slow down during the summer. Not First Presbyterian Church of Hastings!
Join us as we double down for the month of July and commit to serving our community!**

*Romans 12:9-13 (NLT) Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them.... Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically...
When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.*

We are challenging ourselves to volunteer 1,000 hours for the month of July! Are you in?

**There are multiple opportunities to serve in July. Sign up for at least 2 opportunities
and help us achieve our church-wide goal of 1,000 volunteer hours!**

United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry

Saturday, July 15
Two shifts available:
9:30am-12:00pm
11:45am-2:15pm

Help unpack and distribute food in the "mobile food pantry" that we set up in the Annex Gym. Or help a recipient fill their food cart and help them load up the food in their car.

Coordinator:
Kili Wenburg: 402-462-5147 – kili@fpchastings.org

Go and Serve Mission Team

Saturday, July 8 – Saturday July 15
Our Go and Serve mission team of 22 people will be traveling to Charlotte, North Carolina to work with a Presbyterian ministry called "Cross Missions" that works to address urban poverty and food insecurity.

FPC Hastings has sent a short term mission team every year since 1969! The team is already set this year, but you can:

- Pray for them
- Donate toward the cost of the trip to support this vital work

Community Service Coupon for FPC Hastings Summer of Service

(Tear off this coupon and turn it into the church office, be entered into a drawing for a dozen cupcakes)

Name: _____ Number of Hours Served: _____

Names of ministries where service took place: _____

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Sundays - July 9, July 16, July 23, July 30:

9am-10am: Set up to help pack lunches after worship service

11am-12pm: Help pack more than 1,200 lunches each week

12pm-1pm: Transport lunches to Catholic Social Services on Sunday following assembly

Tuesdays - July 11, July 18, July 25, August 1:

Transport bananas from Russ's IGA to Catholic Social Services (Check with Jeni or Meg for details, 1 hour)

Wednesdays - July 12, July 19, July 26, August 2:

Cook in church kitchen to prepare a hot lunch to serve on the next day (Check with Jeni or Meg for details, 1-4 hours)

Thursdays - July 13, July 20, July 27, August 3:

Serve lunch at Catholic Social Services (Check with Jeni or Meg for details, 1-4 hours)

Other opportunities throughout the month include:

- Transporting bread (requires larger vehicle) or other food items.
- Donations of cash or food are always welcome and needed.
- Please offer your prayers!

Coordinators:

Jeni Howard: 402-469-1500 – jhoward37@charter.net

Meg Stewart-Magee: 402-902-9330 –

mstewart@hshn.org

Project Homeless Connect

June 17, 24, and July 1 - Donation/collection drives:

Volunteer 1-4 hours between 10am-4pm outside of Walmart (June 17, July 1) or Russ's (June 24) to collect donations for the PHC event

July 27: 225 volunteers needed!

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Set-up day before event/clean-up after event
- Navigator
- Runners/Greeters
- Food Service
- Registration table
- Translators, including Spanish, Sudanese, Vietnamese

For more information or to sign up to volunteer, visit this website: www.phchastings.org

Donation of needed items: Towels/wash cloths; these can be gently used as long as they appear like new. Monetary donations also welcomed.

Stuffed animal donations: Stuffed animal adoption activity during PHC. This activity helps occupy children while their parents are receiving services.

Coordinators:

Tina Winchell: 402-469-7915 - phchastings@gmail.com

Rashell Hillis: 402-984-9438 - hillisrashell@gmail.com

Other Service Opportunities

Our church members are engaged in ministry and service all the time! Please record the hours you spend volunteering during the month of July to be included in our total. This could include:

- Deacons visits
- Community service through civic organizations like Rotary Club, Kiwanis, Lions, Masons, etc.
- Volunteering with Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts
- Volunteering at a summer camp

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