

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ
Ministers: Members of the Church
Senior Pastor: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett
Guest Preacher: Bryce Wiebe
Liturgist and Scripture Reader: Lanae Hall
Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer
Organist: Linda Vollweiler

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

Patient God, we are so easily distracted from what you would have us be and what you would have us do. What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Forgive us when we so easily turn away from gratitude, generosity and abundance and toward ignorance and greed as ways of living in the world. Heal our wounded souls. Challenge us to be your people — not owned by false promises of materialism and status — but strengthened and empowered to be those who bring hope through our gratitude, generosity, words and actions. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In our words, smiles, compassionate living, gratitude, and generosity, we bear the image of our God.

In our willingness to give of ourselves and serve the voiceless and alienated, the lost and alone, God's presence abides with us.

Rejoice! You are called "Beloved of God!" In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and loved!

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" 582

*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.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ATTENDANCE

(Please pass the "Friendship Folders" in the pews and register your attendance with us today.)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Stephanie Brader

(As the children are coming forward, the congregation will sing "This Little Light of Mine.")

ANTHEM

"Hallelujah! (From Mount of Olives)" Ludwig van Beethoven

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy One, true and living God, through the message of the gospel and the power of your Spirit make us imitators of the Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE READING – 2 Corinthians 9:6-9 (NIV)

REFLECTION ON SCRIPTURE – Lanae Hall

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 22:15-22 (Interpretive Reading)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Three-Part Sermon Series: "Living a Life of Gratitude"

Part 3: "Moving from Greed to Gratitude"

Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett and Bryce Wiebe

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church)

We are a community of God's people at this particular time and in this particular place, a faithful manifestation of the Body of Christ. In humble recognition of our shortcomings and God's forgiveness, we believe God has blessed us with a strong faith, a rich history, and hope for fulfillment of God's promises in the future.

Even now, we believe God has blessed us with wise leaders, loyal members, dedicated staff, and generous friends, all of whom trust in God's Word and Spirit.

Therefore, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, by the confidence of our faith in God, and in obedience to Jesus Christ, we declare our commitment:

- to educate ourselves and others in the knowledge of Scripture as a pattern for our lives,***
- to enhance our worship of God in word, sacrament, and music,***
- to share God's love through Christ with all people,***
- to join with Christians and others in worship, study, fellowship and mission,***
- to give an abundant share of our time, talent and money, in proclamation of the gospel, in the struggle for justice, in the exercise of compassion, in the stewardship of the earth, and in the work for peace at home, in the community, and throughout the world.***

To the Glory of God: This is our witness. This is our faith. This is our call. Amen

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

Following the offering plates will be baskets with Pledge Cards. Please take one per family. Take the Pledge Card home and spend some time in prayer as a family. We will invite you to return the Pledge Cards to church on or before Sunday, November 5.

OFFERTORY “I Sing the Almighty Power of God” Traditional/arr. Silkes

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God, thank you for the abundant blessings you have given us. In your Holy Word you remind us to give to God what is God's. All that we have and all that we are belongs to God. May these gifts, our hearts, and our whole lives be used to serve you. Amen.

***THE 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**

"Give Thanks, O Christian People"

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***CHARGE and BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION** **"They'll Know We are Christians by our Love"**
Congregational and Choir Response

***All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

(While the congregation and choir sing the benediction, the congregation is invited to come together and hold hands with the person next to them or touch the shoulder of the person standing in front of them as a sign of blessing and recognition that we are sisters and brothers in Christ.)

***POSTLUDE**

"Song of Joy"

Christopher Boodle

Sunday, October 29 we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation!!!

8:30am: Chancel Choir and Chancel Bells

9:15am: Sunday School for all ages, Adult Forum on the Protestant Reformation

**10:30am: Traditional Worship Service with Chancel Choir and Chancel Bells,
German accordion music, Scripture in the languages of the Reformation
(French and German)**

Rev. Damen Heitmann preaching both services

11:30am: German-Themed Feast and Potluck!

**Church will provide main dishes (free will offering will be taken),
Congregation is invited to bring a side or dessert to share.**

Announcements

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given by JoAnn and Les Seiler.

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.

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.

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 memory of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Clarke.

Greeters: Steve & Lesa Cropley

Ushers (Team #1): Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Brian Johnson, Laurie Johnson, Al Meyer— Captain, Clyde Sachtleben

Youth Usher: Caroline Ourada

Acolytes: Claire Schwarz, Madalynn Redline

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Erika Nielsen

October Offerings are for **Peace and Global Witness** with 25% donated to **Hearts and Hands Against Hunger of Hastings** (formerly 'Kids Against Hunger'.)

Prayers for: Judy Brown, Celia (& Wayne) Ganow, Jan Ham, Irmise (& Elmer) Heeren, Thomas Johnson (Richard Johnson's brother), Nancy Langford, Mary (& Jim) Lewis, John & Mary Northrop, Audrey Watson and families.

"Intro to Yoga" Series continues this week. All are welcome at the Annex on Wednesday at 5:05 p.m. for a free, 45-minute class. This week's installment is "Slow Flow for Strength" taught by Stephanie Ourada of Avani.

"Defying Gravity: Break Free from the Culture of More" is the title of the current study in the Heirs Apparent class. Join anytime! *Anderson Conference Room, Sundays, 9:15 a.m.*

Guys Night Out will be on Thursday, November 9. Men of all ages are invited to get together for food at 6 p.m. and then watch the HC men's basketball team take on Kansas Wesleyan at 7 p.m.

Legacy Room (the room that overlooks the gym), Lynn Farrell Arena, Hastings College

Habla Espanol? If you're interested in learning Spanish, don't miss out on our free Thursday evening classes, held weekly in the Annex, 6:30-7:30 p.m. All ages, all skill levels welcome!

Presbyterian Women (PW) will continue to accept new or gently used bras thru October for "**Free the Girls**" mission. They may be dropped in the church's common office area.

Presbyterian Women (PW) are now collecting plastic bags to make **sleeping mats for the homeless**. Plastic bags may be dropped off in the church's common office area or kitchen.

HONEY SUNDAY

October 22

Honey bears are \$5 each and may be purchased before and after worship service in the Memorial Room this Sunday, and 8:30am-4:30pm in the church's common office thru October. Proceeds go to assist the Adams-Clay county chapter of ARC, which provides programs and support for families and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Every purchase is appreciated!



The

Arc

of Adams-Clay



Mission Statement

The Arc promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.

Supports and Services offered by Arc Chapters include:

- Information and referral services
- Individual advocacy to address education, employment, health care and other concerns.
- Self-advocacy initiatives
- Residential support
- Family support
- Employment programs
- Leisure and recreational programs

For more information contact:

Sig Eigenberg 402-463-5816

www.thearc.org

Social Events hosted by the Arc of Adams-Clay for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Social events are funded by membership fees paid to the Arc of Adams-Clay. *Honey*
Sundays,
Taco Tuesday
Knight's of
Columbus

- **Halloween Party**
games, crafts, food, dancing
- **Valentine Party**
Bingo, catered dinner
- **Spring Fling**
pizza, pop, lots of dancing
- **Summer Recreation**
rootbeer float party
miniature golf
bowling
movie
swimming
fishing and s'mores
pot luck picnic

This Week --- Oct. 23 – Oct. 28, 2017

Mon, Oct. 23	5:30p-6:30p	Foundation Board Meets in Kessler Room
	7:00p-9:00p	Boy Scouts Meet in Basement Scout Room
Tue, Oct. 24	10:00a	Worship Meeting with Damen in Pastor's Office
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in Parlor
	1:00p	Quilters Meet in Annex
Wed, Oct. 25	7:00a-8:00a	Bible@Breakfast in Parlor
	4:00p-6:00p	WNL Activities (Pre-K thru 5 th Grades)
	5:05p-5:50p	Yoga in the Annex Gym
	6:00p-6:45p	WNL Family Time Meal (All Ages Welcome!)
	6:00p-6:45p	Chancel Bells Practice
	6:30p	Wood Carvers in Basement
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir Practice
	6:45p-7:30p	Cal/West Choir Practice (6 th thru 12 th Grades)
	7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study/Fellowship (6 th thru 8 th Grades)
	7:30p-8:30p	Sones de Mexico Forum in Memorial Room
	6:30p-7:30p	Spanish Class in NW Classroom, Annex
Thu, Oct. 26		
Fri, Oct. 27	10:00a	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
	10:00a	Church Women United Practice in Sanctuary

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FPC welcomes two-time Grammy-nominated ensemble Sones de Mexico for a

**mini-concert and
"talk back" with the musicians**

Wednesday, October 25
7:30 p.m., Memorial Room



FPC CELEBRATES THE
PROTESTANT REFORMATION'S

500th *Anniversary*

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Forum, 9:15 a.m., Chapel

Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Wittenberg church on October 31, 1517, setting off a chain of events that led to the diversification of Western Christianity. This class will recall the history of that era and consider how the Reformation trajectory continues to impact the church today.

Dr. Robert Babcock, Hastings College
Professor of History

Worship, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

- German-style accordion music
- Scriptures read in French and German, the languages of the Reformation
- Lederhosen optional!

German Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Catered portion (covered by free will donation) includes:

Roast Leg of Ox
Potato Pancakes
Spaetzel

Pot luck portion rounds out the meal!
Please bring your favorite German dish!

Examples include:
Sausage, Sauerkraut
Strudel, Pretzels