

# First Presbyterian Church Hastings



**Holy Trinity Sunday  
May 27, 2018**

PRELUDE

“Holy, Holy, Holy”  
Organist Linda Vollweiler

arr. David Lowe

WELCOME

Rev. Damen Heitmann

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*We gather together with questions aplenty.*

***We gather in confusion and in doubt. We gather even while we are unsure of where we are headed and how we can get there.***

*We gather amid our struggle. We gather amid our pain.*

***We gather perplexed by life and the mystery of faith.***

*We bring our questions with us and we ask God to speak to them.*

***To give us understanding. To help us find meaning and purpose.***

*We gather to find ourselves in the presence of God.*

***We gather to be loved and known.***

\*HYMN

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***We confess, O God, that we have our suspicions about transformation.***

***We aren't sure that change really is possible. We don't know if the world really can be put right. We don't know if we can be born again.***

***We've been formed so fully in our habits of ego, of hubris, and of judging others that we struggle to imagine another way of being. We have dug so deeply into the ruts of our lives that we cannot even observe other paths. Free us, O God, from such failures of imagination. Forgive us and let your spirit rouse us into becoming creatures of evermore humility, evermore compassion, and evermore love.***

## QUESTION AND SILENT CONFESSION

*Toward what new way of being is God calling you?*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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\*PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**

(Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those around you.)

## SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please pass the Friendship Pads and sign in to let us know you were here this morning.)

HYMN

“Spirit of the Living God”

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A MOMENT FROM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Stephanie Brader

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***As your word is read and proclaimed let us perceive it beyond hearing, understand it beyond knowing, and cherish it beyond loving. Amen.***

1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Romans 8:12-17

2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – John 3:1-17

## MESSAGE

\*HYMN

“To God Be the Glory”

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from Statement of Faith, UCC)

***God calls the worlds into being, creates humankind in the divine image, and sets before us the ways of life and death. God seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, God has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the whole creation to its Creator. God bestows upon us the Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto God. Amen.***

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

OFFERTORY "Spirit of God" arr. Lani Smith

\*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***Accept these gifts, O God. We offer them in thanksgiving for the gift of grace you have given us. May they bring hope to the suffering, peace to the lost, and joy to all. May they be used to further your work in the world. 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 "Baptized in Water" 482

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE "Trumpet Rondo" Fenton Groden

**COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK AND INVITE YOUR  
NEIGHBORS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS!**

**10:30AM – TRADITIONAL SERVICE**

***First Presbyterian Church of Hastings  
Sharing the love of Christ in the heart of Hastings since 1873***

**Head of Church:** Jesus Christ  
**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett  
**Director of Children & Family**  
**Ministries:** Stephanie Brader  
**Chancel Choir Director:** Dr. Robin Koozer  
**Calvin/Westminster Choir Director:** Linda Johnson  
**Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors:** Tim and Teresa Canady  
**Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director:** Dr. Susan Oliver  
**Accompanists:** Mary Plock and Alice Throckmorton  
**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

**Ministers:** Members of the Church  
**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Damen Heitmann  
**Director of Adult Education &  
Spiritual Formation:** Kili Wenburg  
**Organist:** Linda Vollweiler  
**Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster  
Bells Director:** Dr. Byron Jensen  
**Music Coordinator:** Tim Canady  
**Administrative Specialist:** Tarci Matthews  
**Facilities Manager:** Tony Calhoun

## Announcements

May 27, 2018

**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 live** on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](http://www.facebook.com/fpchastings) and on Channel 181 Tuesday at 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](mailto:tarci@fpchastings.org).

**Need a ride to church on Sundays?** Request a ride by calling Deacon Moderator Dawna Whitcomb at 402-469-4805 or the church office at 402-462-5147.

**Flowers** are given in loving memory of Florence and George Root; Jane Kuehn McCollum.

### May 27, 2018:

**Ushers (Team #3):** Andrew Barrows, Dave Fisher – Captain, Ed Lockwood, Phil Odom, Rich Portwood, Doug Soderquist

**Greeters:** Justin & Stephanie Brader, Dick & Daveta Brader

**Acolytes:** Campbell Schukei, Olivia Canady

**Nursery:** Kim Bogan

### June Servers:

**Ushers (Team #4):** Susie Graham, George Howard – Captain, Dixie & Gale McDonald, Dan & Vera Zabloudil

**Greeters:** June 3 - Jeff & Vicki Howard, Marilyn Nielsen  
June 10 - Carol Wheeler, Margaret Koontz, Margaret Hermes  
June 17 – Jim & Carol Harrenstein, Pamela Lay  
June 24 – Melissa & Michael Karloff, Julie Thomsen

**Prayers for:** Lynn Barrows, Henry Black, Judy Brown, Sharon Chapel, Fiona Eckhardt, Stacy Eddleman, Zelma Fobben, Celia & Wayne Ganow, Bonnie Grams, Irmise (& Elmer) Heeren, Michael & Marcia Hogan, Kathy (& Steve) Illingworth, Shirley Johnston, Lois Katt (Barbara Sunderman's mom), Arlene Kort, Mary Kay LaMaster, Richard & Wanda Langer, Teresa Luther, Carol Medsker, Larry & Carolyn Nowka, Ramona Shetler, Erv & Betty Lou Siemoneit (Shirley Maul & Sandy Siemoneit's parents), Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in-law), Beth (Peggy Thomson's sister), Audrey Watson and families.

**\*WARNING\***

**Heart pacemaker is not compatible with magnetic name tags.  
Please use lanyard to hold a tag instead!**

### **Summer Bible Study Schedule**

FPC offers two regular weekday Bible studies: Tuesdays at noon and Wednesdays at 7 a.m. During the summer, the Tuesday noon group will continue to meet as they have throughout the year. The Wednesday morning group will continue with their regular schedule *through May*. Beginning June 6, the Wednesday morning Bible study group will change time and focus: instead of meeting at 7 a.m., they will meet at noon; instead of studying the upcoming Sunday's scriptures, they will study a book (for details on the book, see article elsewhere in this newsletter about "Summer Book Club").

## Coming Soon: FPC Summer Book Club

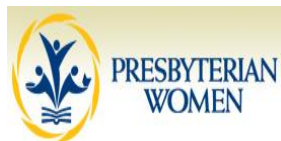
Do you know anyone in the so-called “Church Alumni Association,” that growing organization filled with former church members who are no longer motivated and inspired by traditional explanations of spiritual truth?

Or do you sometimes yourself feel like a “believer in exile,” a spiritual seeker struggling to straddle two worlds, one with modern concepts, symbols, and science, and another with confusing creeds, unmoving liturgies, and archaic language?

If these questions, both framed by phrases coined by Episcopalian Bishop John Shelby Spong, trigger either a positive response or serious curiosity, consider participating in FPC’s Summer Book Club as it discusses Spong’s new book *Unbelievable: Why Neither Ancient Creeds Nor the Reformation Can Produce a Living Faith Today*.

With the boldness of a modern day Martin Luther, Bishop Spong calls for a new reformation within the church, posting twelve challenging theses ranging from the need to reimagine the nature of God, to why original sin is an inadequate way to understand human behavior, to how resurrection has more to do with spiritual wholeness than unthinkable biology.

Facilitated by John Harrington, this discussion group will meet each Wednesday noon, June 6 - July 18 in the Parlor. Feel free to bring a sack lunch. Participants should obtain a copy of the book through their preferred book outlet.



In honor and in memory of our fathers on **Father’s Day** this year, the Presbyterian Women will be collecting donations for Living Waters for the World (L.W.W.), a global ministry that provides sustainable clean water and fosters long-term, mutually beneficial relationships between volunteers and communities in need.

L.W.W. is a program of the Synod of Living Waters, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A). Participation of churches of all denominations and civic organizations in this life-changing work is encouraged. L.W.W. trains volunteers to establish and lead water mission teams that partner with international communities to implement water purification systems and health education. International Networks support partners throughout every phase of a water project and support sustainable water systems that produce clean water for a generation.

Please submit your donation of any denomination by June 14<sup>th</sup> and include the name(s) of who you’d like to honor or memorialize. Checks payable to “Presbyterian Women” may be given to your circle leader, dropped off in PW’s mailbox in the common office area, or mailed to FPC. Contact Mary Fisk with questions: 402-460-7880 or [maryjanefisk@gmail.com](mailto:maryjanefisk@gmail.com).

Synod School 2018



“People having so much fun while examining issues related to faith.”

“Wonderful, thoughtful, energetic, fun-loving teachers, staff and leaders.”

“A place where the needs of the entire family are considered.”

“Gives me the incentive to try new things in my church.”

“The ‘connectedness’ and warmth of Christian community.”



July 22–27, 2018

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**Dance Joyfully  
Where'er You May Be**



## **American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Adams County Friday, June 1, 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM Hastings High School Track**

Relay for Life is the nationwide, signature event of the American Cancer Society. It is a community event in the fight against cancer, and as part of the ceremonies, volunteers and survivors line the track with luminaria (lighted candles in weighted, white bags) inscribed with an individual's name. At sunset, everyone is invited to participate in the incredibly moving Luminaria Ceremony and observe a heartfelt moment of silence as the candles are lit. Each luminaria is lit in honor of someone who has survived cancer or in memory of someone who has lost his or her battle to cancer. Donations for luminaria are \$10 each. All money goes to the American Cancer Society mission to help others Stay Well, Get Well, Finding Cures and Fight Back. First Presbyterian Church Team again will be participating this year. Luminaries are available each Sunday in May at a table in the Memorial Room or in the church office during the week until May 31. Donations can also be made via the website: [www.RelayForLife.org](http://www.RelayForLife.org) or phone Susie Graham at 402-469-2638.

### **Work Shirts Needed for Proteus**

According to Jody Stutsman, program coordinator for Proteus, there is a great need for long sleeve work shirts for migrant workers this summer. These shirts protect the workers from the sun and exposure to agricultural chemicals. While you are doing your spring cleaning, if you find long sleeve shirts you are no longer using, please bring them and place them in the specially marked tub outside the Hands Around the World Store. If you would like to participate in the distribution of the shirts to the workers in early July, please email Denny Storer ([cdstorer@inebraska.com](mailto:cdstorer@inebraska.com)) for details. Then feel free to browse the fine selection of fair trade coffee, chocolate, textiles and jewelry in Hands Around the World Store (open 10am-noon on Sundays thru summer.)

## **Have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend!**

### **This Week --- May 28 – June 3, 2018**

<b>Mon, May 28</b>	<b>Office Closed - Memorial Day Observed</b>	
<b>Tue, May 29</b>	<b>11:00a-12:00p</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b> in Pastor's Office
	<b>12:00p-1:00p</b>	<b>Bible Study</b> in Anderson Conference Room
	<b>1:00p</b>	<b>Quilters Meet</b> in Annex
	<b>7:00p-8:00p</b>	<b>CCC Dog Obedience Class</b> in NE Classroom, Annex
<b>Wed, May 30</b>	<b>6:30p-8:00p</b>	<b>Wood Carvers Meet</b> in Basement
<b>Thu, May 31</b>	<b>6:00p-7:00p</b>	<b>Spanish Class</b> in NW Classroom, Annex
<b>Fri, Jun 1</b>	<b>10:00a-12:00p</b>	<b>Mahjong Ladies</b> in Youth Activity Room
	<b>11:00a-12:00p</b>	<b>Church Women United</b> in Parlor
	<b>12:00p-7:00p</b>	<b>Go &amp; Serve Annual Garage Sale in Annex</b>
<b>Sat, Jun 2</b>	<b>8:00a-2:00p</b>	<b>Go &amp; Serve Annual Garage Sale in Annex</b>
<b>Sun, Jun 3</b>	<b>10:30a-11:30a</b>	<b>Traditional Worship Service</b>