

First Presbyterian Church Hastings



**Third Sunday After Pentecost
June 10, 2018**

PRELUDE

“Toccatà”
Organist Linda Vollweiler

Theodore Dubois

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 130)

Out of the depths we cry to you, O LORD.

Lord, hear our voices! Let your ears be attentive to us!

We wait for the LORD,

And in God’s word we hope;

O people, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with God is great power to redeem. Come let us worship our loving and redeeming God!

*HYMN

“When Morning Guilds the Skies”

667

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Psalm 81, Hebrews 13, Luke 14)

Merciful God, we find ourselves seeking those things that our society so admires and serves— power, wealth, and access, and we forget the call you place on us to love you and love others.

We fail to see our allegiance to these dangerous gods, the way we make these things our idols — we rush for places of honor, scorning the humble and lowly, supporting systems and structures that harm others, resisting change that would improve the lives of all of your children.

Forgive us when we are fearful that there is not enough.

Remind us that you are enough. Teach us your generosity.

Teach us your world-changing humility. Teach us your expansive love.

Transform us and heal our lives. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear God's words of blessing: "Listen to me! Walk in my ways!"

We hear your voice, and will follow.

Hear God's words of blessing: "I will never leave or forsake you!"

God is our helper. We will not be afraid.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved!

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Glory To God"

582

*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.)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Nancy Grams

(While the children come down, the congregation will sing, "This Little Light of Mine")

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

You are the God who brought your people out of Egypt and showed us what true freedom is. You are the God who summons us. You are the God who loves us and gives us your Holy Word. Summon us again. Open our ears and our hearts to what you have to say to us today. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Lamentations 3:17-25

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Hebrews 13:1-3 & 5-8

SERMON

A Change is Gonna Come!

Guest Preacher Eric Dozier and Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

HYMN

"Lord, I want to be a Christian"

729

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Written by Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett)

We believe in God who created all people, and who loves and delights in all people. We stand in awe before God, knowing that the spark of life within each person on earth is the spark of God's divine life. Differences among cultures and races are multicolored manifestations of God's Light. We believe in Jesus Christ, who taught us to open our hearts and minds to celebrate similarities and differences among our sisters and brothers.

Jesus spoke with the Samaritan woman at the well, teaching his followers to not let barriers of race or gender or sin get in the way of building relationships. Jesus was crucified and resurrected to forgive all of our sins and draw us together with each other and God into a relationship built on grace, forgiveness and sacrificial love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, God's steadfast presence with us. The spirit binds us together as the church, the body of Christ. It reminds us that our path, both collectively as the church and individually, is to seek justice, to practice compassion, and to walk humbly with God. The Spirit empowers us to live our lives as an ongoing witness of God's love for the world. Amen.

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

OFFERTORY

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, may these gifts be used to bring about change in the world, change that makes the world look more and more like your kingdom each day. 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 "The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound" 766

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE "Finale from Concerto No. 5" G.F. Handel

***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



Summer Sermon Song Series

Join us for worship this summer at First Presbyterian Church of Hastings as we reflect on biblical, theological and sacred themes in popular music

June 3: "Sounds of Silence"

– Simon and Garfunkel

June 10: "A Change is Gonna Come"

– Sam Cooke

June 17: "Put on Your Sunday Clothes"

– Hello Dolly

June 24: "One Pair of Hands"

– Carroll Roberson

July 1: "Let's Just Have Supper"

– Nora Jane Struthers & Korby Lenker

July 8: "American Tune" – Paul Simon

July 15: "Awake my Soul" – Mumford & Sons

July 22: "Bishop and Jean Valjean Soliloquy"

– Les Miserables

July 29: "Viva la Vida" – Coldplay

August 12: "Teach Your Children Well"

– Crosby Stills and Nash

August 19: "If we are the body"

– Casting Crowns

August 26: "Blowin' in the Wind"

– Bob Dylan

September 2: "Show me the way" – Styx

This Week --- June 11 – June 17, 2018

Mon, June 11	5:00p-6:00p	HSO Meeting in Anderson Conference Room
	6:30p-8:00p	Boy Scouts Troop 200 Endurance in Annex Gym
	7:30p-9:30p	Chorus of the Plains Practice in Choir Room
Tue, June 12	All Day	Mary Lanning Speaker Event
	10:30a-11:30p	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in Anderson Conference Room
	1:00p	Quilters Meet in Annex
	5:30p-6:30p	Cong. Life Committee Meets in Parlor
	5:30p-6:30p	Trustees Meet in Anderson Conference Room
Wed, June 13	All Day	Mary Lanning Speaker Event
	12:00p-1:00p	Summer Book Club in Parlor
	6:30p-8:00p	Wood Carvers Meet in Basement
Thu, June 14	4:00p-5:00p	Open House for Tarci in Fellowship Hall
	4:15p-5:15p	Mission Committee Meets in Anderson Conference
	5:00p-6:00p	Personnel Committee Meets in Kessler
	6:00p-7:30p	Session Meets in Anderson Conference
	6:00p-7:00p	Spanish Class in NW Classroom, Annex
Fri, June 15	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
Sat, June 16	United Harvest in the Annex	
	Volunteers needed 9:30-12noon; 11:30a-2:00p	
Sun, Jun 17	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Worship Service

IS GOD IN COMIC BOOKS AND FILMS?

This summer, join pastors from area churches including First Congregational United Church of Christ, Gospel Community Church and First Presbyterian Church of Hastings to engage this perspective while we watch some of the most popular movies from the last few years.

EVERY WEDNESDAY JUNE 13 - AUGUST 1, 2018

8pm Discussion | Movie @ Sunset

*Except for July 4 and Fair Week

MOVIE SCHEDULE:

June 13th: Avengers: Age of Ultron

June 20th: Thor

June 27th: Captain America

July 11th: Iron Man

July 25th: Black Panther

August: 1st The Hulk

ON THE FCUCC LAWN, 2810 W. 7TH ST. ALONG MARIAN RD.

Bring your blanket or lawn chair! • If raining, alternate location is at 1814 W B St.

Join us! Call 402-462-4136 or email pastor@fcucchastings.org with questions.

Announcements

June 10, 2018

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Frank W. Northrop by the Northrop family.

Today's service will be broadcast live on Facebook at 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.

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 Rev. and Mrs. Christian Walter and Louise C. Walter.

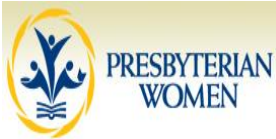
June 10, 2018:

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

Greeters: Carol Wheeler, Margaret Koontz, Margaret Hermes

Acolytes: Abigail Kerr, Nathan Kerr

Prayers for: Lynn Barrows, Henry Black, Judy Brown, Fiona Eckhardt, Zelma Fobben, Celia & Wayne Ganow, Irmise (& Elmer) Heeren, Kathy (& Steve) Illingworth, Shirley Johnston, Lois Katt (Barbara Sunderman's mom), Arlene Kort, Mary Kay LaMaster, Richard & Wanda Langer, Carol Medsker, Larry & Carolyn Nowka, Ramona Shetler, Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in-law), Beth (Peggy Thomson's sister), Audrey Watson, and families.



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 14th 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.

Deacon's delivered 5 bags with 30 items to Hastings Food Pantry on June 7th.

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“Sharon (Brooks) & (Global Mission) Committee: **Thank you so much** for the opportunity to share Teen Reach Adventure Camp with your congregation on Sunday! It’s always important to share opportunities for teens whether it be to get them to camp, share the gospel, or simply show them hope! Camp and staff volunteer 100% of their time. We have no paid administrators – we give out of a love and dedication to the kids. Thanks again for the opportunity! There are many great activities going on because of your work! May God richly bless your lives!” -- *Joni*

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Relay For Life.....Many cancer affected friends and family members names were on our luminaries at the RELAY FOR LIFE celebration on Friday, June 1. First Presbyterian Church’s team collected many donations from our congregation, all going to cancer research. Our loved ones are our focus as we prayerfully continue the fight against cancer.

We can still receive donations to this year’s Relay for Life event. Checks should be made to the American Cancer Society and may be left in the church office. The total donations, so far this year, is \$890. Thank you from the team members for your supporting prayers and donations to the American Cancer Society in this fight against cancer.

The canine congregation will meet at the Hastings dog park, south of GSV, from 9:30 to (about) 10:30 am each Saturday this summer. This is a time for fellowship among dogs of FPC and their human stewards. There is no cost and no need to make reservations. However, participants must adhere to park regulations dictated by the city of Hastings. See photo here: <https://www.amazon.com/photos/share/QNpWiozzXNXs9WR7cmNB1wSl7ZgqukoOJoobZpHisoN> Questions may be directed to Linda Cooke.

United Harvest: Offering Food and Raising Awareness - Saturday, June 16

The United Harvest mobile food pantry is a local ministry to help supply food to individuals and families in need.

It is jointly coordinated by First Presbyterian Church and the First United Methodist Church. On one Saturday each month, a truck full of food delivers to the Annex, is unloaded and organized by volunteers from the churches, and then the food is distributed to community members with no questions asked.

It is usual to serve more than 1,000 recipients each distribution, including more than 300 families, many with children and/or elderly in the home.

Contributions of time and funds will be needed to continue to meet the needs of the hungry in Hastings.

As we prepare for Saturday’s United Harvest distribution, please remember three things:

1. Food is available, no questions asked, to anyone in need. Bring boxes or bags to receive.
2. Volunteers are needed! Most during the primary shift (9:30a-12:00p), but also for the clean-up shift (11:30a-2:00p)
3. Your help is appreciated!!

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Red Cross Blood Drive will be Monday, July 2, from 12 noon – 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to donate or volunteer your time, please call Erica Brooks at 402-469-9285 or sign up at www.redcrossblood.org.

Project Homeless Connect-Hastings will be 10-4pm, Thursday, June 28 at First St Paul's Lutheran. Last year we served 428 guests, including 287 children. This year we anticipate serving over 450.

Volunteers are the foundation of our event! Last year we had 200+ volunteers; we anticipate needing 225 for this year. Please visit phchastings.org for more information about volunteer opportunities, to sign up, or to learn more about the event. Volunteer forms can be completed online, printed out and returned by mail to PHC, 835 S Burlington, Ste 106, Hastings, NE 68901. As well, volunteer forms will be available soon in the church office.

Volunteers

Volunteers give for today for a better tomorrow.

Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can!



Volunteering for Project Homeless Connect is a unique opportunity to help significantly reduce the effects of homelessness in our communities. Volunteers have a variety of opportunities to choose from. We do try to accommodate disabilities

June 27th: set up for the event - various activities

June 28th: the event - navigators (Bilingual is helpful), runners, kitchen/dining room helpers, station helpers, registration assistants

June 29th: tear down - various activities

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