

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost July 22, 2018

PRELUDE

Fugue in C Major J. S. Bach

Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 23)

God, is our shepherd! We don't need a thing.

True to God's word, God sends us in the right direction.

Even when we encounter darkness in our lives,

We are not afraid when God walks at by our side.

God's beauty and love chase after us every day of our lives

We are always at home in the house of God. Come let us worship God who cares for us like a shepherd!

*HYMN

"O Christ, the Great Foundation"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You, O Lord, are the Good Shepherd, always seeking us out and taking good care of us. Yet sometimes we drift like sheep without a shepherd. We wonder if we are worthy of your love. We question whether we are deserving of your grace and mercy. We live our lives ignoring your direction. Deliver us from our aimless wanderings, O Lord, and lead us into paths of righteousness for your sake and ours. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's love awaits us.

It has been lavished upon us as a gentle summer rain, refreshing our souls, opening our hearts, healing our wounds.

Rest in God's eternal love. You are worthy, forgiven, and loved.

Alleluia! Amen!

*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.)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Grace Brader

(The Langenberg Legacy Funds provide scholarships for children of church members to take music lessons. During the summer, those children and youth provide special music during the service as a way of giving thanks to God)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Stephanie Brader

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

May your holy word remind us that we are God's beloved people: worthy, restored, forgiven and healed. May your word enter our minds and our hearts when we hear it. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

 2^{ND} SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 15:1-10

SERMON

Worthiness and Redemption

*HYMN

"I Will Come to You"

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes)

We believe in God, maker of all things, provider of all things, who loves all people. We follow Jesus, in whom salvation has come to us: he sees us for who we are, heals the wounds of our hearts, and makes us new.

In his death and resurrection we see the deepest truth of life. We live by the power of the Holy Spirit, which empowers us for self-giving love. We give thanks for the Church, the Body of Christ, and for the gift of forgiveness, the power of resurrection and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.

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

OFFERTORY

Fantasia in C *J. S. Bach*

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We dedicate these gifts to the work of this congregation; weaving a tapestry of compassion and action, faith and fellowship, hope and wholeness. Amen.

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 "Blest Are They" 172

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Fanfare
Mouret/ arr. Wolff

(*Indicates the congregation shall stand as they are able.)

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

10:30 AM – 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

Organist and Music Coordinator: Linda Vollweiler 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 Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster

Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen

Administrative Specialist: Jean Matheny 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 Soliloguy"

– 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

In Loving Memory of

- * **Peace "Penny" Lungren** passed away June 28, 2018 in Lawrence, KS. (Penny authored the red booklet "Twenty-Five Years Past the Century Mark of First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, NE".)
 - * Shirley Johnston passed away July 2, 2018 in Beatrice, NE.
 - * **Donald Whitcomb** passed away July 13, 2018. Services were held at First Presbyterian Church Wednesday, July 18.
- * Irmise Heeren passed away July 12, 2018. Services will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Tuesday July 24 at 11:00 with luncheon to follow.

Prayers for:

Fiona Eckhardt Elmer Heeren
Judy Brown Lois Katt (Barbara Sunderman's Mom)

Celia & Wayne Ganow Richard & Wanda Langer

Mary Kay LaMaster Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in law)
Ramona Shetler Rogene Wenburg & families

Audery Watson Georgette Smidt (Ted Schroeder's sister)

Zelma Fobben

Kathy (& Steve) Illingworth

Arlene Kort

Larry & Carolyn Nowka

Sue Horton Gayle Frandry

Announcements July 22, 2018

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Charlie Fruehling by Christian, Sarah and Arich Fruehling.

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 Jean Matheny in the office at 402-462-5147 or jean@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 by JoAnn and Les Seiler

July Communion Offering goes toward Open Table

July 22, 2018:

Ushers (Team #5): Ken Stein – Captain, Dale Behrens, Travis Feezell,

Matt Fong, Julie Thomsen

Greeters: Connie & LaVerne Franzen and Alice Throckmorton

Acolytes: Addyson Hermes and Keira Erickson

Update - Long Sleeve Work Shirt Project for Proteus

Thank you everyone who donated. The mission committee delivered 120 shirts on July 15th. (See the church Facebook page for a photo). Please save your shirts for the next collection drive in April, 2018.

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.



Calling all dancers, young, old, male, female. No matter what your skill level, if you want to make some new friends, get some exercise, and perform for various community groups **join our Mexican Dance troupe**! Taught by Tita Ruvalcaba, from the FPC Spanish class, the troupe will practice at the church Annex NW Classroom, Wednesday evenings at 7:00 starting on Wednesday, July 11.

This Week --- July 23 - July 29, 2018

Mon, July 23	7:30p-9:30p	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal in Choir Room	
	5:30p-6:30p	Foundation Board Meeting in the Anderson Room	
Tues, July 24	11:00	Funeral Service for Irmise Heeren With luncheon to follow	
	CANCELLED This week only	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office	
	CANCELLED This week only	Bible Study in Anderson Conference Room	
	1:00p	Quilters meet in Annex	
	3:00p-5:00	Open Table Lunch Assembly in Kitchen	
Wed, July 25	6:00p-9:00p	-9:00p Mexican Dance Troup Practice in Annex NW Classroom	
	6:30p-8:00p	Wood Carvers meet in Church Basement	
	6:00p-7:00p	Spanish Class in NW Classroom, Annex	
Fri, Jul6 27	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room	
Sun, July 29	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Worship Service	

Open Table Sack Lunch Assembly is July 1st-July 22nd, following Church.

Needed for July:

- 1. Early birds to arrive at 9:30 Sunday mornings to help set up the assembly.
- 2. People with trucks or large vehicles to help transport the sacks to Catholic Social Services following the assembly and possibly help with other food transportation through the month.
- 3. A few good cooks (or people who can follow directions) to assist in creating special meals on a Tuesday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 beginning July 10th.
- 4. Volunteers to help serve the special meals on Wednesday morning or afternoon at the Catholic Social Service Office. This requires a background check and a brief online information course that Meg or Jeni can lead you through.
- 5. Last, but definitely not least, prayers and financial support.

If you have questions, you may call or text: Jeni @ 402-469-1500 Meg @ 402-902-9330 With our Appreciation and Thanks, Jeni, Meg, and Lily

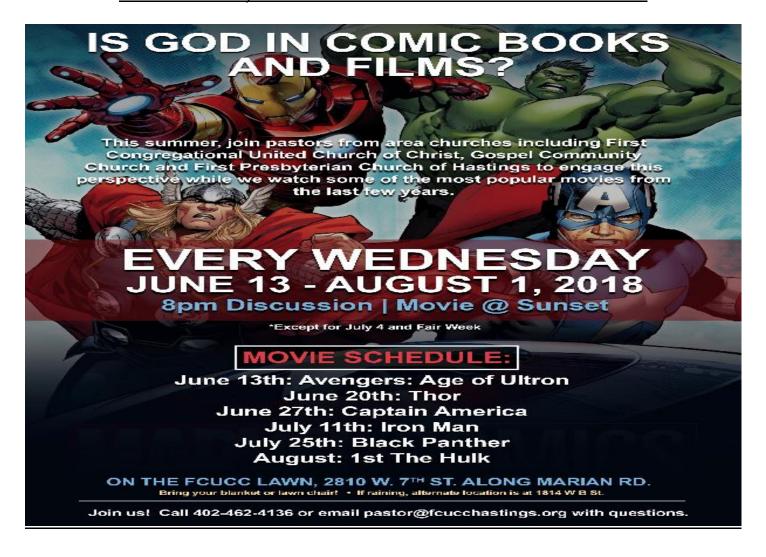
The 2018 Go & Serve Mission Trip (July 14-21) is here! Our intrepid group of faithful youth and sponsors are once again returning to Camp Courageous in Monticello, Iowa. The camp is a year-round respite care / recreational facility for individuals of all ages with disabilities.

During the week our youth will serve as partners to both campers and staff. We'll help with activities, form bonds with campers, and just generally love and serve anyone we come across. The heart of the gospel is to love our neighbors as ourselves. We're excited to meet some new neighbors and share in a week of their lives.

Please pray for us as we travel and during our week's sojourn in Iowa.

Youth		Sponsors
Allie Bauer	Lily Black	Amy Black
Avery Essink	Maggie Nielsen	Becky Meyer
Carter Wenburg	Meredith Brandt	Damen Heitmann
Chase Johnson	Nina Meyer	Nancy Grams
Erikka Rhodes	Nyanhial Duang	Tammie Nowka
Grace Canady	Nyaguor Duang	Teresa Canady
Grace Redinger	Sarah Spilinek	
Lauren Canady		

New Time: 7:00 New Location: Inside the Church





FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NIGHT AT THE SODBUSTERS GAME WE HAVE A BLOCK OF 45 TICKETS! DATE: AUGUST 5 TAILGATE SUPPER: 4:30 GAME TIME: 5:35PM LOCATION: DUNCAN FIELD COST: \$10

THE COST OF THE TICKET INCLUDES PRE-GAME TAILGATE MEAL.

STOP BY THE CHURCH OFFICE TO BUY YOUR TICKET, OR BUY THEM IN THE MEMORIAL ROOM

COME OUT AND HAVE FUN WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY, AND WATCH THE SODBUSTERS BEAT THE HORSEHEADS!

OUR VERY OWN CHURCH CHOIR WILL BE SINGING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

AUGUST 51" IS ALSO A FAN APPRECIATION NIGHT AS WELLI

