

First Presbyterian Church Hastings



August 19, 2018

PRELUDE

If We are the Body
Casting Crowns/Mark Hall

Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 111)

Praise the LORD!

We will give thanks to the LORD with our whole hearts!

Great are the works of the LORD, sought out by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is God's work, and God's righteousness endures forever.

God has gained renown by God's wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

The works of God's hands are faithful and just. Come let us worship God!

*HYMN

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you call your church the "Body of Christ." And you remind us that we are your hands and feet. But if we are the body, why aren't our arms reaching out to those who are suffering? Why aren't our hands bringing healing to those who are hurting? Why aren't we teaching others about your love, grace and mercy through how we live our lives? God, forgive us when we don't live up to our call to be your hands and feet. Forgive your church when it does not live up to being the Body of Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Even though we can turn our backs on God and on our call to be the Body of Christ, God is ready to forgive and heal our spirits.

God's love never fails, and we rejoice in the power of that eternal love.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are 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

Keira Erickson

(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.)

COMMISSIONING OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS

(While the children and volunteers are coming down, we will sing “This Little Light of Mine”.)

At the celebration of baptism, we pledge to nurture one another in the faith. You, as teachers, carry a particular joy and responsibility. Do you accept your call by this church and by Christ to this teaching ministry?

Teachers: We do

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to give yourselves to this calling with energy, intelligence, imagination and love, and to be guided by the Spirit and the Word of God?

Teachers: We do

Children, do you promise to support your teachers by coming to Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live regularly, by listening to them, and by being helpers?

Children: We do

Parents, do you promise to support these teachers by encouraging your children to come to Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live and bringing them, by trusting the teachers, and by strengthening what they learn here when you are at home by praying and reading scripture with your children?

Parents: We do

Friends, let us acknowledge the gifts and calling of your sisters and brothers.

Congregation: We receive you as a servants of Christ; we pledge to support you in your service. We will encourage you with our words and our prayers. We will consider ourselves coworkers with you in the service of Christ.

Servants of Christ, accept the service with which you have been entrusted. Do not neglect the gifts that are in you. Present yourselves to God as approved workers, ever faithful to the Spirit of God. Remember always that Jesus called you as friends as well as servants. Attend to prayer, for without God you can do nothing.

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER

O God, giver of all good gifts, we commend ourselves and our brothers and sisters to your constant love and guidance. Bless them with faith, and the ability to share that faith. Bless them with love, a calling to be compassionate in heart to all those who they teach. Bless them with truth, the commitment to justice grown from truth and the courage to respond to an ever-changing world. Bless them with peace, to witness the unfolding souls of their students as they accompany them along their way. AMEN!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

As we hear the word of God today, may it be a taste of the bread from heaven. May God's word enliven our lives and help us to grow in our faith so that we may strive to be the Body of Christ.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Romans 12:1-18 (NIV)

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

SERMON

If we are the body...

*HYMN

"Somos el cuerpo de Cristo"

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"We Are the Body of Christ"

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

We believe in God, who is love, whose love is manifest in all Creation, in our lives, and in all people.

We follow Christ, who embodied God's love. In his life and ministry, his death and resurrection, and his granting to us of his Spirit, he filled us with that love as well.

We live by the Spirit, the presence of God's love in us. In that love we participate in the Church, Body of Christ, in loving God by loving our neighbors through our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service.

Love is our faith, and it is a gift from God. We thank God, and ask God's blessings, that we may love in the name of Christ and the power of the Spirit, to God's glory. Amen.

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

OFFERTORY

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Arr. Mark Hayes

*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

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

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*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Recessional in C
Douglas Wagner

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

9:15 – Sunday School for all ages
10:30 – Worship with a sermon on “Blowin’ in the Wind” by Bob Dylan

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

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
Church Office Administrator: Jean Matheny
Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun

2018/2019 Christian Education Volunteers

Sunday School Teachers

PreK/Kindergarten: Nancy Grams, Kris Horton, Lois Hafer, Alissa Kidd
1st/2nd Grade: Irina Belikova-Erickson, Abigail Shetler, Justin Brader
3rd/4th Grade: Jill Kramer & Ben Welsch
5th Grade: Traci Boeve, Chanda Essink, Susan Meeske-Rhodes
6th/7th Grade: Steph Brader
8th Grade Confirmation: Dave Cooke & Neil Riley
Sr. High: Kraig Lofquist, Laurie Lofquist, Damen Heitmann

WNL Bible Study & Youth Group Teachers

PreK/Kindergarten: Jane Marsh, Susie Graham, Cheryl Schukei, Abigail Shetler
1st/2nd Grade: Leah Ratzlaff & Kathy Reimer
3rd/4th Grade: Jessica Allen-Pickett & Laurie Lofquist
5th Grade: Ann Koozer & Mary Fisk
6th/7th/8th Graders: Steph Brader

Sr. High: Damen Heitmann

Other Sunday Volunteers

Children's Moment Leaders: Nancy Grams, Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett
Nursery: Leah Ratzlaff, Abigail Shetler

Other WNL Volunteers

Greeters: Jane Foote, Georgie Evans, Elaine Specht
Recreation: Brady Rhodes & Eric Brader
Laundry Coordinator: Lois Hahne
Dinner Dean: Chris Schukei
Table Parents: Abigail Shetler, Richard Brader, Sharon Brooks,
Damen Heitmann, Neal Hoff, Don Canady, Pam Canady,
Lois Hafer, Kraig Lofquist
Sunday School & WNL Attendance Recorder: Lynne Friedewald

Forum Class Goes on the Road!

Next Sunday, August 26, the Forum class will meet off-site. We will gather at the **Hastings Middle School garden at 9:30** (this will allow time to drop off any family members at the church at 9:15 who have regular Sunday School on-site). Hastings Public Schools Teacher of the Year of 2015, Jayson Stoddard, will give us a tour of the extraordinary plot, creatively arranged in the shape of the state of Nebraska. He will also share the inspiring story of the Middle School garden and how he is using it not only to expand students' learning but also to help feed the community. *Class will conclude in time for participants to return to the church for 10:30 worship.*

New Member Classes Coming in September

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, or if you're simply curious about what membership might mean, you are warmly invited to attend our three-session New Member course, which will cover Presbyterian history and theology as well as local structures and involvement opportunities. The classes will take place from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on three Wednesday afternoons: Sep. 12, 19, and 26. Each session includes complimentary meal and childcare.

Please contact the church office to RSVP (402-462-5147).

Wednesday Morning Bible @ Breakfast

This fall, the Wednesday morning Bible@Breakfast group will be studying the book *Days of Awe and Wonder: How to Be a Christian in the Twenty-first Century*, a collection of speeches by Marcus Borg. Weekly 7 a.m. gatherings (including breakfast!) will begin on *September 5*. All are welcome to join in the discussions that promise to be lively and challenging! Please order your copy of the book from your favorite book seller. The late Marcus Borg was "*acclaimed for his ability to speak about Christianity in the context of contemporary society. He offered profound wisdom and inspiration--a new way of seeing and living the Christian life--for believers, students, and lay readers. Ultimately, he taught us that by developing a deeper understanding of Jesus and the New Testament, we can discover a more authentic way of life.*"



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 at FPC --- August 20 – August 26, 2018

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Hal Lainson by the Lainson 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 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 In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. H. A Lainson and Hal Lainson by the family.

August Communion Offering goes toward RiteCare Speech and Language Clinic. RiteCare Clinics at the Masonic Center in Hastings provides speech therapy for children who exhibit communication delays. Services are provided at no cost to families.

August 19, 2018:

Ushers (Team #6): Jim Harrenstein – Captain, Chanda Essink, Lynne Friedewald, Paul Nuss, and Chuck Shoemaker

Greeters: Dwight & Jane Marsh, and Curtis & Kathy Reimer

Acolytes: McKain Ratztaff, Norah Snell

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Leah Ratzlaff

FPC Prayers for:

Judy Brown	Elmer Heeren	Zelma Fobben
Celia & Wayne Ganow	Lois Katt (Barbara Sunderman's Mom)	Kathy (& Steve) Illingworth
Mary Kay LaMaster	Richard & Wanda Langer	Arlene Kort
Ramona Shetler	Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in law)	Carolyn Nowka & families
Audery Watson	Jim Wenburg & families	Sue Horton
	Georgette Smidt (Ted Schroeder's sister)	Gayle Fandry

*Former church member **Nancy Langford** is experiencing several serious health challenges. Since she now lives in North Carolina near family, what we can do for her is limited, but she does appreciate greeting cards. Please send cards (handcrafted, mass-produced, funny, serious, inspirational, beautiful, whatever) to: Nancy Langford. 605 Tuttle Rd., Durham, NC 27703.*

In Memory of

- ❖ **Lois Mae Payne Myers, Miriam Walstad, and Rev. Joseph Walstad** Graveside services will be held at 10:00 on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at Sunset Memorial Gardens with luncheon to follow at First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, NE.

This Week --- August 20 – August 26, 2018

Mon, Aug 20	7:30p-9:30p	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal in Choir Room
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe Rehearsal in the FPC Annex Gym
Tues, Aug 21	CANCELLED <i>(This week only)</i>	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in Anderson Conference Room
	1:00p	Quilters meet in Annex
	6:45p-7:45p	Deacons in Anderson Conference Room
Wed, Aug 22	4:00p-8:15p	WNL
	6:30p-8:00p	Wood Carvers meet in Church Basement
Thurs, Aug 23	6:00p-7:00p	Spanish Class in NW Classroom, Annex
Fri, Aug 24	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
Sun, Aug 26	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School meet in classrooms
	9:30a-10:15a	The Forum Class meet at Hastings Middle School garden
	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Worship Service

LANGENBERG LESSON PROGRAM

You are invited to participate in a very exciting program offered by the First Presbyterian Church, Hastings. Several years ago, through the generosity of the late Luella Langenberg, a program was established to encourage the youth of our church in their musical pursuits.

Parents of students in grades 1-12 may apply for up to \$250 per semester to offset the cost of private music instruction. Applicable areas of study include: piano, voice, guitar, or any band/orchestral instrument. Grants are limited to one per child. Parents must be members of First Presbyterian Church and students must be active participants in the church choir/music program.

Application forms will be available in the church office starting September 1, 2018. **DEADLINE FOR THE FALL 2018 GRANT PROGRAM IS OCTOBER 1, 2018. ALTHOUGH GRANTS ARE RENEWABLE, PARENTS MUST RE-APPLY EACH SEMESTER.**

If you have any questions regarding this program, please call the church office, 402-462-5147. We hope you will consider taking advantage of this wonderful program!