

First Presbyterian Church Hastings



August 26, 2018

PRELUDE

Spirit of the Living God
Mark Hayes

Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 103)

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits!

God crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

God satisfies you with good as long as you live!

The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Come let us worship our loving, merciful and gracious God!

*HYMN

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient Lord, we are a culture that wants the quick and easy answers to all of life's problems. It is sometimes difficult for us to deal with the knowledge that discipleship requires patience and perseverance. The words of Jesus take time for us to comprehend. Forgive us, Lord, when we are so impatient; help us to understand the commitment we make in discipleship, through the rocky times and the smooth seas alike. Push us in our ministry of help and compassion to do more than we ever thought we could do in helping others. Give to us that extra measure of faith and commitment that we may truly serve you by serving others. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Even though we doubt and question,

God's love is poured out to us, and through us to others.

Rest assured in God's presence and love,

He will never fail or abandon us.

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

Alleluia! AMEN!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory To God”

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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.)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Esther Allen-Pickett

(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.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, may the power of the Holy Spirit blow through this place and open our hearts and minds so that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. AMEN.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Ecclesiastes 1:1-6, 12-14 (NRSV)

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Acts 2:1-4, 42-44 (NIV)

SERMON

The answer my friends, is blowin’ in the רוּחַ (ruwach)...

*HYMN

“Blowin’ in the Wind”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(From *Song of Faith*, a statement of faith of the United Church in Canada)

We sing of God the Spirit, who from the beginning has swept over the face of creation, animating all energy and matter and moving in the human heart. We sing of God the Spirit, faithful and untamable, who is creatively and redemptively active in the world. The Spirit challenges us to celebrate the holy not only in what is familiar, but also in that which seems foreign. We sing of the Spirit, who speaks our prayers of deepest longing and enfolds our concerns and confessions, transforming us and the world. The church has not always lived up to its vision. It requires the Spirit to reorient it, helping it to live an emerging faith while honouring tradition, challenging it to live by grace rather than entitlement, for we are called to be a blessing to the earth. AMEN.

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

OFFERTORY

Largo
Vivaldi/arr. Bish

*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 "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

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*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Voluntary
David N. Johnson

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

No Sunday School September 2nd due to Labor Day
10:30 – Worship with a sermon on "Show me the Way" by Styx

*(*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

ACOLYTE TRAINING



When: Sunday, September 9

Time: 9:15am-10:15am

Who: 4th through 8th Graders and **Parents**

Where: FPC Sanctuary

Would you like to live "unafraid"?

We know Jesus tells us, "Do not be afraid," but with everything going on in the world, how is it possible not to be anxious? In this five-week study based on the book *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times* by Adam Hamilton, participants will learn to identify fears and discover practical steps for overcoming them in the light of Scripture and faith. All adults are welcome to join the **Heirs Apparent class** for this timely study, Sunday mornings in the Anderson Conference Room, 9:15-10:15 a.m., beginning September 9.

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, theology, local structures, and involvement opportunities. 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 for believers, students, and lay readers.*"

On Grandparents Day, we call on members of all generations to do something GRAND! More than 7.8 million children in the U.S. live with grandparents or other relatives. Future generations face challenges in areas of faith, finance, health, and education, but past generations faced these as well; how can the wisdom of experience be passed along? How many grandparent/grandchild Bible character pairs can you name? **The September 9 (Grandparents Day) Forum will touch on all these topics and more.** It will be a fun and informative time with attention given to how our spiritual lives are impacted by our family relationships. *New Classroom, 9:15 a.m.*

This Week at FPC --- August 27 – September 2, 2018

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Phyllis and John Lainson by family and friends.

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 Les & Joann Seiler

August 19, 2018:

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

Greeters: Mary Kay Lemaster, and Margaret Hermes

Acolytes: Hazel Zajack, Grace Brader

Nursery: Kim Bogan

Presbyterian Women September Luncheon @ 11:45a, September 4, 2018.

Join us for the Fall PW luncheon. Kili Wenburg will introduce the new PW Bible Study. Please RSVP to your telephone committee or to the church office by Friday, August 31st.

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
Lori & Bert Wright	Georgette Smidt (Ted Schroeder's sister)	Gayle Fandry
Dylon Coon	Connie Meyer (Daveta Brader's sister-in-law)	Gary & Carol Grummert

*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

❖ **Shirley McKenzie Hoffman**, Rich McKenzie's sister and former member of First Presbyterian, passed away last week in Overland Park, KS

This Week --- August 27 – September 2, 2018

Mon, Aug 27	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 28	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in Anderson Conference Room
Wed, Aug 29	1:00p	Quilters meet in Annex
	4:00p-8:15p	WNL
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bells
Thurs, Aug 30	6:30p-8:00p	Wood Carvers meet in Church Basement
	6:00p-7:00p	Spanish Class in NW Classroom, Annex
Fri, Aug 31	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
Sun, Sept 2	No Sunday School (This week only)	NO Sunday School due to <i>Labor Day holiday weekend. Classes will resume September 9th. See you then!</i>
	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Worship Service

You are invited to participate in a very exciting grant program offered by the First Presbyterian Church, Hastings. Several years ago, through the generosity of the late Luella Langenberg, the **LANGENBERG LESSON SCHOLARSHIP 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.
- 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.**

Questions regarding this program? Please call the church office, 402-462-5147.

It has been a challenging summer for our church. Over a three week period we held five funerals of beloved church members. Beyond our members, many of us also lost family members and friends. As a result, we will be starting a **Men's grief group** at the church. It will be co-facilitated by Pastor Greg and Dale Behrens. We will be using the book "*Praying Our Goodbyes*" by Joyce Rupp. We will meet eight times starting Monday, **Sept. 10** at 12:00-1:00 in the Kessler Conference Room.



- What does it really cost to go to college?
- Where do we find financial assistance?
- How do I know which school is best for me?
- What do we need to think about at each grade level?

Get answers to these questions and more!

College Planning Workshop
Thursday, September 13
6:30-8:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church, 7th and Lincoln
For Students (8th-12th grade) and Parents
FREE! PUBLIC WELCOME!

Presenter is Andrew Hunzeker with the **Education Quest Foundation**

Fall 2018: Self Care

SOUP GROUP

Information, Encouragement, Support.
Lunchtime conversations based on TED Talks.

Sep 6: Emotional First Aid

Sep 20: Your Body's Data

Oct 4: Ten Mindful Minutes

Oct 18: Happiness & Gratitude

Nov 1: Understanding Stress

Nov 15: Slowing Down

Dec 6: Movement and Meetings

Dec 20: Wrapapalooza!

Bring a friend!!
All women are welcome!

1st and 3rd Thursdays, Noon-1
First Presbyterian Library
Bring a sack lunch if you like.
FREE childcare provided!