

First Presbyterian Church Hastings



September 9, 2018

PRELUDE	Theme and Variations on "Jesus Loves Me" Organist Linda Vollweiler	J. Wayne Kerr
WELCOME		Greg Allen-Pickett
CHORAL INTROIT	"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" Chancel Choir, Directed by Robin Koozer	Arthur Messiter

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Proverbs 22:2, 9; Psalm 125:1-2, 4; James 2:5)

Those who trust in God are like the mountains, immovable and abiding.

God shelters God's people: today and for eternity.

Rich or poor, God creates us to pursue justice and to care for one another.

Bless us, O God, make us good and upright in heart.

God calls us to be rich in faith, to honor our heritage as heirs of the Kingdom.

We are blessed when we share our blessings, that peace may be upon the people. Come let us worship God!

*HYMN "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" (verses 1, 3 & 4) 757

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we come before you today knowing that we often fall short of your call to love one another well. Sometimes we get blinded by wealth and power and ignore those around us who suffer injustice, poverty, and rejection. We can tune out the cries of the poor and those on the edges of our communities. Help us to see your great generosity, hear your word of mercy, and feel your great love for all who need your redemptive grace. Strengthen us to reach out in service to those who are in need. Make us aware of those outside our own communities, that we may see them as your precious children and serve them in humility and joy. May we continue to grow in grace as we learn how to serve you in the name of the great Servant Jesus Christ. 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.

God's love 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”

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.)

BAPTISM

Maliya Grace Fitzgerald

Parents: Marcus and Ashley Fitzgerald

(While the family is coming up for the baptism and the children are coming to sit around the font, the congregation will sing, “Jesus Loves Me.”)

BAPTISM QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION

Through the act of baptism, this child will be received into Christ's church and this congregation has a role in her nurture. To that end, I ask the congregation, do you promise, with God's help, to support and pray for this child and her parents? And, do you promise to love this child and to assist her in becoming a faithful follower of Jesus Christ? If so, please respond by saying say, “We do.” **We Do.**

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Stephanie: May each of your baptism journeys continue as you receive the Word of God this morning. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all. They tell us who we are. Just like the promises made at your baptism, scripture reminds us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God.

Children and Youth: We receive these Bibles with our hands, our hearts, and our minds. Thank you. We will read and study the Bible together.

Congregation: **We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your church school classes, and in our worship. We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word as you continue in your baptismal journey and we continue to keep our promises to you.**

Children and Youth: The Word of God is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path. Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, may the hearing of your word remind us of the call you place on our lives to engage with our faith. May your word inspire us, equip us, and connect us together to serve you by serving others. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – James 2:1-10, 14-17

REFLECTION

Susan Meeske

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

SERMON Holistic Concern for Others: Body, Mind and Soul

ANTHEM

“All Are Welcome”

Marty Haugen

AFFIRMATION OF A LIVING FAITH AND THANKSGIVING FOR EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We believe in God, who made us in His image.

We live, we love, we laugh, because we are like Him.

God calls us to live in community, in fellowship with one another.

God calls us to engage our hearts and our minds as we grow in our faith.

We learn together as a community of faith; reformed and always reforming according to the Word of God.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who invited us into relationship with himself and one another.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, our counselor, our guide, our motivator, our teacher.

We believe in the church, the Body of Christ, which unifies us as followers of God and helps us in our discipleship and service. We give thanks to God for this church, the way it unifies us, and the opportunities it provides us to learn and grow together. Amen.

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

OFFERTORY

"Pastorale"

Gilbert M. Martin

*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	"We All Are One in Mission"	733
*CHARGE AND BLESSING		
*CHORAL AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE		
	"Go My Children, with My Blessing" (Verse 1)	547
*POSTLUDE	"Trumpet Tune"	Vivaldi/arr. Wolff

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

8:30 – Taize Contemplative-Style Worship
9:15 – Sunday School for all ages
10:30 – Traditional Worship with Choir

Join us for a 5 week sermon series based on the Book of James entitled:
"A Working Faith: How to live our faith in action!"

September 2: Just do it – Show the way! - James 1:17-27

September 9: Body and Soul - James 2:1-10

September 16: Taming the Tongue - James 3:1-12

September 23: The Good Life - James 3:13-4:3

September 30: Powerful Prayer - James 5:13-20

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

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Ministries: Stephanie Brader

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September 9, 2018:

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given by Dr. Robert McIntire by Marilyn McIntire

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 Dr. Robert McIntire by Marilyn McIntire

Ushers (Team #1): Chuck Hastings – Captain, Luke Brooks, LaVern Franzen, Roger Sunderman

Greeters: Brian & Laurie Johnson, and Jill Kramer

Acolytes: Campbell Schukei, Shannon Canady

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Abigail Shetler

September Communion Offering goes toward Revive Ministries

Revive Ministries: Horizon Recovery & Counseling, and the Unity House is an Outpatient Drug and Alcohol treatment facility. We also operate three sober living houses (2 for men and 1 for women). These houses offer people a sober living environment where they can learn skills to help them live a sober life. Donations received go into a sponsorship account that is used to give a hand-up not a hand-out to people who are struggling financially to pay for treatment.

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	Georgette Smidt (Ted Schroeder's sister)	Gary & Carol Grummert
Lori & Bert Wright	Connie Meyer (Daveta Brader's sister-in-law)	Beth Utley
Dylan Croon		

*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.*

Our church office administrator, Jean Matheny, lost her mother last week. Please hold Jean and her family in your prayers.

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 Begin THIS WEDNESDAY!

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).*

FYI Boy Scouts Troop 200 history is now on the FPC website...fpchastings.org under the Children & Youth menu tab. Check it out.

College Planning Workshop is for Parents and Students Grades 8-12

It's never too early to start planning for college nor too late to get the help you need! FPC is hosting a free, community-oriented workshop featuring expert facilitator Andrew Hunzeker with the Education Quest Foundation. Endorsed by local middle and high school guidance counselors, Education Quest offers free, unbiased info and assistance for all families, enabling them to navigate the many questions about college, such as *What does it really cost? Where do we find financial assistance? How do I know which school is best for me? What do I need to be thinking about at each grade level?*

Thursday, September 13, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

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.

Taize-style Contemplative Services Resume Next Sunday

Candlelit space. Beautiful, almost mesmerizing music. Silence and scripture to guide intimate communion with God.

It's a unique worship experience. Please join us on the first and third Sunday mornings of each month at 8:30.

United Harvest Distribution this Saturday, September 15

Your time and your prayers are needed as we continue this vital ministry in the heart of Hastings!

To volunteer, please check in between 9:15 and 9:30, or come for the cleanup shift around 11:30 or 12:00.

A Prayer for the Hungry

by Steve Hammond

O God, we pray now for the hungry— not the spiritually hungry, not the emotionally hungry, not the psychologically hungry (though they surely need our prayers)— we pray now simply for the hungry hungry. We know in the realm that Jesus showed us no one goes hungry, no one lacks daily bread.

In Your Realm, those with food remember the hungry, those with food share their food with the hungry, those with food work on behalf of the hungry, those with food weep for the hungry, even if it makes them feel guilty.

God, we are grateful you never forget about the hungry— that you long for the hungry to be fed. God, we are grateful you never forget about those who aren't hungry— that you long for them to feed the hungry.

God, the hungry and unhungry stand as one before you; loved with the same love, both in need of you and each other.

God of the Hungry, so many are hungry. Rescue your hungry children, fill their stomachs with food and their hearts with gladness, so that they, too, might experience the luxury of dealing only with their spiritual hunger, their emotional hunger, their psychological hunger.

Send your Spirit to the hungry hungry, and to the unhungry, until all feast with Jesus in the new age. In the name of Jesus and the hungry hungry we pray. Amen.

This Week at FPC --- September 10 – September 16, 2018

Mon, Sept 10	12:00p-1:00p	Men's Grief Group in Kessler Room
	5:00p-6:00p	Hastings Symphony Orchestra Board Meeting in Anderson Conference Room
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe Rehearsal in the FPC Annex NW Classroom
	7:00p-9:00p 7:30p-9:30p	Boy Scouts Troop 200 in Scout Room Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal in Choir Room
Tues, Sept 11	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office
	12:00p-1:00p 1:00p	Bible Study in Anderson Room Quilters meet in Annex
	5:30p-6:30p 5:30p-7:00p	Congregational Life Committee in Parlor Trustees in Anderson Conference Room
Wed, Sept 12	7:00a-8:00a	Bible at Breakfast in the Parlor
	4:30p-6:30p 4:00p-6:00p	New Members Class in the Adult Ed Room next to the church office Pre-K thru 5th Grade Bible Study, Recreation Time, Choir (WNL)
	6:00p-6:45p	Family Meal Time (WNL)
	6:30p-8:00p 6:45p-7:30p	Wood Carvers meet in Church Basement Chancel Choir
	6:45p-7:45p 7:30p-8:15p	Calvin/Westminster Middle School and High School Choir (WNL) Chancel Bells
	7:30p-8:15p	Middle School and High School Youth Group: Bible Study and Fellowship
	7:30p-8:15p	
Thurs, Sept 13	1:30p-2:30p	Memoir Writing Group
	4:15p-5:15p 6:00p-7:00p	Mission Committee in Kessler Room Spanish Class in NW Classroom, Annex
	6:30p-8:00p	College Planning Workshop for youth and parents in Fellowship Hall
Fri, Sept 14	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
Sat, Sept 15	9:00a-2:00p	United Harvest Food Distribution in Annex Gym
Sun, Sept 16	8:30a-9:15a 9:15a-10:15a	Taize Contemplative-Style Worship Sunday School for all ages!
	10:30a 12:00p-1:00p	Traditional Worship Service Open Strategic Planning Session in Fellowship Hall (lunch served)

