

First Presbyterian Church Hastings



September 16, 2018

PRELUDE “When in Our Music God is Glorified” Stanford/arr.Limbaugh
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT “Children of God” Colin Brunby
Chancel Choir, Directed by Robin Koozer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 116)

I love the LORD, because God hears my voice and my supplications.

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

The LORD protects us; when we are brought low, God saves us.

The LORD delivers our souls from death, our eyes from tears, and our feet from stumbling. Come let us worship God!

*HYMN “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun” (verses 1, 3, 5) 265

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God’s wisdom is all around us, but we do not always listen or understand. The words of your law are spoken, but we do not always obey. Sometimes our tongues engage before our brains do. We want so much to be a people who are faithful to your word and led by your guidance, but we are so easily distracted by the world around us. Forgive us when we are quick to speak and slow to understand. Forgive us when we do not hear your wisdom in all the ways you speak to us. Forgive us when we do not even try to truly understand what it means to be your disciples. Lead us back to the path of wisdom and life, that we may truly live. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Those who listen to the words of wisdom will be secure and live in ease.

We know that our God never ceases to reach out in love and forgiveness.

God guides us on the path of life and righteousness.

God calls us to claim our true identity as disciples and beloved sons and daughters of the living God.

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

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

BLESSING OF OUR CHURCH MUSICIANS

Pastor: Gracious God, in your love for your Church, you have given the gift of musical ability to these men and women of faith. Please bless our musicians that they might glorify your name. May the talent that you have bestowed upon them be used to serve you.

Musicians: Let our music be a witness to God’s majesty and love. May God’s presence and beauty be found in every note, and may the words that are sung and played reach the hearts of all who listen so they will draw closer to God. May God’s Spirit guide us so that we might be instruments of God’s peace, and proclaim God’s glory with glad voices.

Congregation: We give thanks for these musicians and their willingness to share their gifts. Bless them as they use their talents for God’s glory. Give them strength to continue their efforts to lead our church in song and music. Fill them with joy as they carry out their ministry of praise. Amen!

ANTHEM

“When We Worship God Through Music”

Eugene Butler

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 – Mark 8:27-38

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – James 3:1-12

SERMON

Taming the Tongue

HYMN

“Though I May Speak”

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, the maker of all things, source of all life. Our life is in God, and in God we are one with all beings. We follow Jesus, the Christ, the Revealer of God, who taught us to love, who gave us courage to trust God's grace, and who bid us to take up our cross and follow him. In his life and ministry and his death and resurrection, he has shown us that in losing our lives we find them.

We rely upon the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, the communion of saints, the unity of the church, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and the reality of eternal life.

Therefore we devote ourselves to disciplined practice of the Way of Jesus in our daily lives, so that we may grow in faithfulness, and serve God in humble, confident love for the sake of the healing of the world. Amen.

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

OFFERTORY

“Abide with Me”

arr. Michael Helmen

Chancel Bell Choir, Directed by Byron Jensen

*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

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak” (verses 1, 3, 5)

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*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Go My Children, with My Blessing” (Verse 2)

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*POSTLUDE

“Lift High the Cross”

Nicholson/arr.Shackley

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

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

8:30 – Contemporary Worship led by the Celebrate Band

9:15 – Sunday School for all ages

10:30 – Traditional Worship with Choir

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

5 week sermon series
**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



September 16, 2018:

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Marilyn Sachtleben by Clyde & Katherine Sachtleben, Kay & Kevin Chang and family, Tom & Camille Sachtleben and 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 Marilyn Sachtleben by Clyde & Katherine Sachtleben, Kay & Kevin Chang and family, Tom & Camille Sachtleben and family

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

Greeters: Anne Bohlke, Mary Fisk, and Justin & Stephanie Brader

Acolytes: Jonah Snell, Tethloach Duang

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Leah Ratzlaff

September Communion Offering goes toward Revive Ministries

FPC Prayers for:

Judy Brown	Elmer Heeren	Zelma Fobben
Celia & Wayne Ganow	Richard & Wanda Langer	Kathy (& Steve) Illingworth
Mary Kay LaMaster	Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in law)	Arlene Kort
Ramona Shetler	Georgette Smidt (Ted Schroeder's sister)	Carolyn Nowka & families
Audery Watson	Connie Meyer (Daveta Brader's sister-in-law)	Gary & Carol Grummert
Lori & Bert Wright	Brett & Dana Miller	Beth Utley
Dylan Croon		John Harrington

In Memory of

- ❖ LaNora Hester who passed away August 28, 2018. LaNora and her husband Lonnie were active in FPC for 20 years until their move to TN in 2003.
- ❖ Our church office administrator, Jean Matheny, lost her mother September 4th. Please hold Jean and her family in your prayers.

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. If you missed the first meeting, please feel free to join as you can.

This Week at FPC --- September 17 – September 23, 2018

Mon, Sept 17	12:00p-1:00p 6:00p-8:00p 7:00p-9:00p 7:30p-9:30p	Men's Grief Group in Kessler Room Mexican Dance Troupe Rehearsal in the FPC Annex NW Classroom Boy Scouts Troop 200 in Scout Room Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal in Choir Room
Tues, Sept 18	10:30a-11:30a 12:00p-1:00p 1:00p 6:45-7:45p	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office Bible Study in Anderson Room Quilters meet in Annex Deacons in Anderson Room
Wed, Sept 19	7:00a-8:00a 9:30-10:30a 9:30-10:30a 1:15-2:15p 4:30p-6:30p 4:00p-6:00p 6:00p-6:45p 6:30p-8:00p 6:45p-7:30p 6:45p-7:30p 7:30p-8:15p 7:30p-8:15p 7:30p-8:15p	Bible at Breakfast in the Parlor Circle I Hostess: Marilyn Nielsen Lesson: Bonnie Grams Circle II Hostess: Kathy Reimer Lesson: Flossie Sanderson Circle III in the Library, Hostess Nancy Grams, Lesson Marie Rasmussen New Members Class in the Adult Ed Room next to the church office Pre-K thru 5th Grade Bible Study, Recreation Time, Choir/Bells (WNL), Family Meal Time (WNL) All are welcome! Wood Carvers meet in Church Basement Chancel Choir Calvin/Westminster Middle School and High School Choir (WNL) 6th – 12th grades Chancel Bells Middle School (6th – 8th) Youth Group: WNL Bible Study and Fellowship High School (9th-12th) Youth Group: WNL Bible Study and Fellowship
Thurs, Sept 20	12:00p-1:00p 1:30p-2:30p 5:30-6:30p 6:00p-7:00p	Soup Group in the Library Memoir Writing Group Session meets in Anderson Room Spanish Class in NW Classroom, Annex
Fri, Sept 21	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
Sun, Sept 23	8:30a-9:15a 9:15a-10:15a 10:30a	Celebrate Worship Service Sunday School for all ages! Traditional Worship Service

Soup Group on Thursday: Your Body's Data

All women of the church are welcome to join in a casual lunchtime conversation on Thursday, September 20. Viewing of a TED talk will be followed by conversation around the topic of how measuring and recording simple data about our bodies might help facilitate self-care and lead to greater overall health.

Free childcare provided. Bring a sack lunch if you wish. Noon-1, Church library.

Memoir Writing Group

Find ideas, encouragement, and accountability as you join with others seeking to process and document their life story.

Thursdays, September 20 & 27, 1:30 p.m., Kessler Room

Blessing of the Pets Service: September 30

Bring your furry friends to our "blessing of the pets" service, which will be at Alexander Park on September 30 at 8:30 a.m.

This is a great service to which to invite a friend or neighbor (and their dog...or cat...or....).

Upcoming Forum Classes

❖ September 23: Hastings College Sunday.

FPC is proud to be the spiritual home of many HC faculty, staff, administrators, and students. Two of these will join us to describe the exciting, new things happening at HC, including changes in calendar, curriculum, and study abroad opportunities. Additionally, we will get a sneak peek at an important research project linking HC, FPC, and the United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry.

Presenters: Susan Meeske, Barbara Sunderman, Laura Logan

❖ September 30: Building Community Through Personal Spiritual Renewal.

Explore models of community, consider what makes communities thrive or fail, reclaim the biblical call to interdependence, and learn spiritual disciplines that enable the individual to contribute constructively to his/her communities.

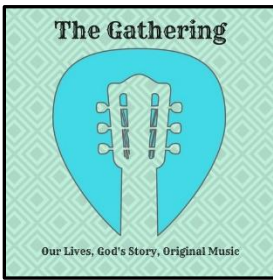
Presenter: Kili Wenburg

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 during the month of September.

- DEADLINE FOR THE FALL 2018 GRANT PROGRAM IS OCTOBER 1, 2018.
- **ALTHOUGH GRANTS ARE RENEWABLE, PARENTS MUST RE-APPLY EACH SEMESTER.**



“The Gathering”

Returns on October 28th, 7:00 p.m. at *Prairie Loft*. Our theme this time around shall be “Regret and Contentment: Missteps, Mistakes, and Learning to Live With it”.

If you have a story you’d like to share, please contact Pastor Damen at dheitmann@hastings.edu

Spirituality Lab:

Discover the right mix of prayer and meditation for your spiritual life.

This NEW morning group meets 7-7:45 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays for the fall semester. Participants learn a form of prayer or meditation, practice it together for a while, and then discuss an interesting spiritual "question of the day." The group provides an opportunity to expand one's understanding and comfort with prayer, find accountability and support in maintaining a prayer life, and find spiritual growth through community conversation.

Time for an updated photo directory!!

...and this time it's different! Instead of high-pressure sales from photography companies we've used in the past, this year the Congregational Life Committee has contracted with a local photographer who will take photos of our church families, provide rights to the digital version of these photos, and will create for us a pictorial directory app. There will be a printable version of the app, but the digital directory provides the church an easily-updatable format and offers readily accessible information for today's digital world. To offset the cost of the photographer's services, a small donation will be asked of each participating household.

Please sign up for a portrait sitting appointment in the Memorial Room before or after worship this Sunday and the next few weeks to come. (You can also call or stop in the church office.)



Sunday Suppers with Greg and Jessica

Breaking bread. Becoming friends.

- Series of potluck fellowship events at Greg & Jessica's house
- Sunday evenings this fall, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Six slots per night; adults only, please
- Sign up on poster in Memorial Room, or call the church office
- Please consider signing up with those you don't know well so that new relationships can be formed

WHEN WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH MUSIC

Congregational Refrain*

Words by
CARLTON BUCK**

Music by
EUGENE BUTLER
(ASCAP)

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, sing with joy, _____ and in - stru -
ment _____ and voice em - ploy. ; _____ ploy.

(Verse 1): When we worship God through music,
Choir only Praise and glorify His name,
And we lift His word through singing,
His redemption we proclaim,

Refrain: *Choir and Congregation*

(Verse 2): When we worship God through music,
Choir only Words of truth we contemplate,
Earth resounds with heaven's glory,
We rejoice and celebrate,

Refrain: *Choir and Congregation*

(Verse 3): When we worship God through music,
Choir only Magnify His name in praise,
We rejoice for He has blessed us,
And His love attends our ways,

Refrain: *Choir only*

(Verse 4): † When we worship God through music,
Choir only Using strings and pipe and voice,
We extol His grace and wonder,
Alleluia, we rejoice,

Refrain: *Choir and Congregation*

Refrain: *Choir only*

* Sung by congregation three times.

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† Verse 4 and subsequent refrains in E-flat major.

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before you speak:

THINK



T is it true?

H is it helpful?

I is it inspiring?

N is it necessary?

K is it kind?