

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In this place we take in the living water.

In God we are restored and revived.

God forgives and releases.

Let us offer our praise and thanksgiving.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory Be to the Father”

581

*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.)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

CROP Walk/Salvation Army

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

Stephanie Brader

(While the children come down, the congregation will sing, “Jesus Loves Me”)

CHORAL PRAYER

“Almighty Father”

Leonard Bernstein

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

As your word is read and proclaimed let us perceive it beyond hearing, understand it beyond knowing, and cherish it beyond loving. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Genesis 25:24-34

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

MESSAGE

ANTHEM

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

John Rutter

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the consistency of God; the one who was, who is, and who shall be. We believe that God calls us to live beyond ourselves. We are invited to overflow with grace, to share mercy with others, and live peaceably with others. God provides for us that which we need. We rest contented in the hope and challenge of Jesus’ birth, ministry, death, and resurrection. We are guided by the Holy Scriptures and the continued revelation of the Holy Spirit. We are bound up with one another in believing that the rock of the ages is our rock as well.

OFFERTORY "Bringing in The Sheaves"
John Coates, Jr.

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept these gifts, O God. We offer them in thanksgiving for the gift of grace you have given us. May they bring hope to the suffering, peace to the lost, and joy to all. May they be used to further your work in the world. Amen.

THE 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 "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit" 408

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*Benediction Response "Sevenfold Amen"
Sir John Stainer

*POSTLUDE Allegro
Handel

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

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

8:30 – Blessing of the Pets in Alexander Park
9:15 – Sunday School for all ages
10:30 – Traditional Worship with Choir & Bells

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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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
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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

September 23, 2018:

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Thelma and Lester D. Pedersen by their 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 William Jensen, Claudina Jensen, Emory and Emma Holloway from Byron, Deb, Hannah, and Nathan Jensen.

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

Greeters: Ted & Lori Schroeder, and Travis Feezell

Acolytes: Sehal Wenburg, Tristan Propp

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Andrea Franzen, Laura Peterson

FPC Prayers for:		John Harrington
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
Brett & Dana Miller	Connie Meyer (Daveta Brader's sister-in-law)	Beth Utley

Meal Train for a new baby!

We had a new baby born within the last couple weeks, Wes Mullen. Riley Mullen is the daddy and he grew up at FPC Hastings. (Riley's mom is Diane Mullen.) The mommy is Ashley, who is a middle school teacher and is in our New Members class this month.

If you are interested in joining the Meal Train by taking them a meal, just enter the following link in your browser to sign up for a day. Or, you can go to the church FaceBook page to sign up. <https://mealtrain.com/dwn78z>

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



This Week at FPC --- September 24 – September 30, 2018

Mon, Sept 24	12:00p-1:00p	Men's Grief Group in Kessler Room
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe Rehearsal in the FPC Annex NW Classroom
	7:00p-9:00p	Boy Scouts Troop 200 in Scout Room
	7:30p-9:30p	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal in Choir Room
Tues, Sept 25	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in Anderson Room
	1:00p	Quilters meet in Annex
Wed, Sept 26	7:00a-8:00a	Bible at Breakfast in the Parlor
	4:30p-6:30p	New Members Class in the Adult Ed Room next to the church office
	4:00p-6:00p	Pre-K thru 5th Grade Bible Study, Recreation Time, Choir/Bells (WNL)
	6:00p-6:45p	Family Meal Time (WNL) All are welcome!
	6:30p-8:00p	Wood Carvers meet in Church Basement
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir
	6:45p-7:30p	Calvin/Westminster Middle School and High School Choir (WNL) 6 th – 12 th grades
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bells
	7:30p-8:15p	Middle School (6th – 8th) Youth Group: WNL Bible Study and Fellowship
	7:30p-8:15p	High School (9th-12th) Youth Group: WNL Bible Study and Fellowship
Thurs, Sept 27	7:00a-7:45a	Spirituality Lab in the Upper Room
	1:30p-2:30p	Memoir Writing Group
	6:00p-7:00p	Spanish Class in NW Classroom, Annex
Fri, Sept 28	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
Sun, Sept 30	8:30a-9:15a	Blessing of the Pets in Alexander Park
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School for all ages!
	10:30a	Traditional Worship Service
	11:30a	New Member Reception Memorial Rm
	12:00p	Fifth Sunday Potluck Fellowship Hall
	1:30p-5:30p	6th-8th Grade Youth Group Country Harvest Pumpkin Patch (by reservation only, see Steph Brader for details)

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....).*

It has been a challenging summer for our church. Over a three week period we held five funerals of beloved church 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. Even if you missed the first several meetings, please feel free to join as you can.

Next Week: Fifth Sunday Potluck

Celebrate and welcome our new members with a soup and baked potato bar!

During 10:30 worship next Sunday, 14 new members will officially be joining our church family! *This is an event worth celebrating!!* Please help welcome them by gathering in the Fellowship Hall for lunch following worship. Baked potatoes and dessert will be provided. Please consider contributing to the meal according to the suggestions below (according to alphabetical listing of last names).

A-H: Toppings for baked potatoes (cheese, sour cream, bacon, etc.)

I-R: Soup

S-Z: Bread

Coming Soon: Kirkin of the Tartans (Nov. 11)

You may not have heard of "Kirkin of the Tartans" before, but it is a tradition in the Presbyterian Church that honors our Scottish heritage and will be a festive follow-up to last year's celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

"Tartan" is another word for "plaid," a specific pattern of which can be claimed by each Scottish family. During "Kirkin of the Tartans" services, the specific "tartan" or "plaid" flag of each family is blessed, signifying a blessing of the family as a whole.

While we have many non-Scottish families in our local Presbyterian church, we'll all still have a chance to participate and receive blessings upon our families or households during a fun and engaging worship service on November 11.

All families are encouraged to bring a swatch of tartan, which will be placed on the communion table; bring either the official tartan of your family (if you have one) or just bring a plaid pattern that you like. The service (and there will be only one worship service that day) will feature a bagpipe band and will be followed by a special meal.

Similar to last year's meal that featured German dishes, this year, we'll enjoy a meal featuring Scottish dishes. It will be a day in the life of First Presbyterian that you won't want to miss, so mark your calendar now!

Questions? Contact Jessica Meeske or another member of the Congregational Life Committee.

Presbyterian Women Annual Salad Luncheon October 3, 2018 at 11:45 a.m.

All women are welcome. The program will be "Nebraska Quilts" given by Jo Seiler. Please RSVP to Jean in the church office by October 1.

Upcoming Forum Classes

❖ 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

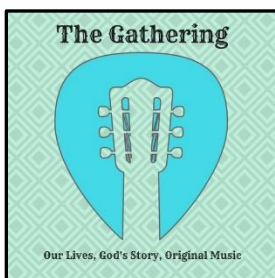
❖ October 7: *Following Our Faith in the Midst of Polarization*. Divisions are often drawn between the "right" and the "left," implying boxes into which religion and religious people should fit. However, these boxes often do not accurately reflect the nuanced convictions and allegiances of today's Christians.

Join us for a compelling forum discussion between three local pastors as they seek to break down divisions between liberal and conservative, evangelical and progressive, bringing focus to what unites us: our shared call to follow Jesus Christ.

Presenters: Greg Allen-Pickett of First Presbyterian Church, Greg Lindenberger of First United Methodist Church, and John Whitsett of Lakeside Community Church of the Nazarene (by video).

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. ***DEADLINE IS 10/1/2018.***
- **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.)

Ending Hunger One Step at a Time Hastings CROP Hunger Walk 2018



CROP Hunger walks began in 1947 under the wing of Church World Services and for many years has raised funds to help provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs both locally and globally.

Hastings CROP Hunger Walk is sponsored by the local church Women United with help from Hastings College. Twenty-five percent of the Hastings Walk fundraiser will be used locally to

benefit our local Hastings Salvation Army food Pantry.

The 2018 walk event will be Sunday, October 7, 2018, at Hastings College Hazelrigg Student Union at 1:30 to register and 2:00 to walk.

To join the First Presbyterian Church team, start your own team, register, or donate, go on-line at crophungerwalk.org and follow the simple step-by-step instructions.

A table will be in the Memorial Room each Sunday till October 7 with more information about the walk event and to take your donations. The church office will also take your donations if you are unable to participate in person.

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